Energy Assistance Payment

2019 Budget

Around 5 million Australians will benefit from a one-off payment aimed at helping them with the cost of their energy bills.

# What was announced in the 2019 Budget?

From June 2019, the Australian Government will pay pension, allowance and veterans’ payments recipients a one-off Energy Assistance Payment. To be eligible, you must be residing in Australia and be receiving of the following payments on 2 April 2019:

* Age Pension
* Disability Support Pension
* Newstart Allowance
* Parenting Payment Single
* Parenting Payment Partnered
* Carer Payment
* Youth Allowance
* Austudy Payment
* Sickness Allowance
* ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)
* Wife Pension
* Widow Allowance
* Widow B Pension
* Partner Allowance
* Special Benefit
* Double Orphan Pension
* Farm Household Allowance.

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs will pay the Energy Assistance Payment to eligible veterans and their partners.

The amount of the one-off payment will be:

* $75.00 for singles, and
* $62.50 for each eligible member of a couple.

# Key facts

* The Australian Government is investing around $365 million into the Energy Assistance Payment.
* The one-off payment aims to support   
  around 5 million Australian residents with their winter energy bills.
* People who had lodged a claim for one of the eligible payments by 2 April 2019, and the claim is subsequently granted will also receive the one-off payment.
* The payment is not taxable and will not be counted as income.
* The payment will automatically be paid to recipients by the Department of Human Services from June 2019.

## More information

For more information about Department of Social Services’ Budget measures, visit the [Department of Social Services](http://www.dss.gov.au/) website ([dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au/)).

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