



# 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](https://www.dss.gov.au) website ([dss.gov.au](https://www.dss.gov.au)).

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