



# COVID-19 Response Package – further economic support payments

Budget 2020-21

The Australian Government will provide \$2.6 billion in additional support to around five million payment recipients and cardholders in the lead up to Christmas and in the new year.

## What was announced in the Budget 2020-21?

As part of the Australian Government's support through the coronavirus pandemic, two additional Economic Support Payments of \$250 each will be provided to eligible Australians.

Recipients must live in Australia and receive or hold one of the following payments or concession cards on 27 November 2020 and/or 26 February 2021:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Carer Allowance\*
- Family Tax Benefit\* Parts A and B
- Double Orphan Pension\*
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

- Pensioner Concession Card\*
- Certain Department of Veterans' Affairs payments and cards.

\*Not in receipt of a primary income support payment.

## Key facts

- The payments will be made progressively from 30 November 2020 and 1 March 2021.
- The payments will assist households in the lead up to Christmas and in the new year.
- Recipients do not need to contact Services Australia to receive the payments.
- The payments will be non-taxable and will not count as income for social security purposes.

## More information

For more information about this measure and other 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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