

Coronavirus Supplement

On 22 March 2020, the Government announced it will provide a temporary Coronavirus Supplement of \$550 a fortnight to new and existing income support recipients from 27 April 2020 for six months. People will receive their usual payment plus \$550 each fortnight for the six month period.

The Coronavirus Supplement will be provided to people receiving:

- JobSeeker Payment
- Sickness Allowance
- Youth Allowance for jobseekers
- Parenting Payment Partnered
- Parenting Payment Single
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Farm Household Allowance.

Expanding Eligibility and Qualification for Payments

From 27 April 2020, the Government has also put expanded eligibility and qualification criteria in place for six months.

Eligibility for JobSeeker Payment and Youth Allowance for jobseekers will also be expanded to assist:

- **sole traders and self-employed people. They will be able to meet mutual obligation requirements by continuing to operate their businesses.**
- people caring for someone infected or in isolation as a result of contact with Coronavirus.

The Government will temporarily waive, for certain payments:

- the assets test
- the Ordinary Waiting Period (already waived until 12 June 2020)
- the Liquid Assets Waiting Period
- the Seasonal Workers Preclusion Period
- the Newly Arrived Residents Waiting Period.

Also from 27 April 2020, access to payments will become easier with a temporary removal of the requirement for an Employment Separation Certificate, proof of rental arrangements and verification of relationship status.

You can register via your MyGov. account. It is suggested that if you can't access it because it's broken☹ take a screen shoot to prove that you have tried to register as that cements the start date for payments.