



Dear Client

The Federal Government has announced a new **“temporary COVID-19 disaster payment”** of up to \$500 for workers who meet the following criteria:

- 1) aged 17 or older;
- 2) Australian citizens, permanent residents and eligible working visa holders
- 3) live or work in a declared COVID-19 hotspots and are unable to work because of the lockdown;
- 4) have had your work hours and income significantly affected due to the state lockdown;
- 5) were employed prior to the lockdown;
- 6) are not receiving any other income support payments, pandemic leave disaster payment or business support payments;
- 7) have less than \$10,000 in liquid assets;
- 8) have exhausted any leave entitlements like sick leave or other special pandemic leave (other than annual leave); and
- 9) are locked down for longer than seven (7) days.

If all the above criteria are met you will be able to receive either:

- **\$500.00** if you would normally work more than 20 hours a week, or
- **\$325.00** for those working less than 20 hours a week.

**The program will open for applications on Tuesday 8th June 2021 and you will need to make a can claim using your [Centrelink online account](#) through myGov.**

If you don't have a myGov account or a Centrelink online account, you can get ready and set one up now. Additional information can be found on Services Australia website:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/news/covid-19-disaster-payment-people-affected-restrictions>

Should you have any question in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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