



Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment

Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is a lump sum payment of up to \$750 to help people during the time they can't work due to self-isolation, quarantine, or caring for someone having to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19.

South Australian taxi drivers are able to claim this payment provided they meet the eligibility criteria for the time period they weren't able to work due to self-isolation, quarantine, or care.

The Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is taxable income. This means you'll need to include it in your income tax return for the relevant financial year.

Claiming for periods starting from 18 January 2022 onwards

To be eligible, you must self-isolate or quarantine for one of the following reasons:

- you have coronavirus (COVID-19)
- you're a close contact of a person who has COVID-19
- a child you care for who is 16 years or under, is a close contact of a person who has COVID-19
- you're caring for someone who has COVID-19
- you're caring for someone with disability or a severe medical condition who is a close contact of a person with COVID-19.

You're a close contact if you usually live with the person who has tested positive with COVID-19, or have stayed in the same household for more than 4 hours with a person who has tested positive during their infectious period.

You must also meet all the following requirements to be eligible:

- you're at least 17 years old and live in Australia
- you're an Australian resident or hold a visa that gives you the right to work in Australia
- you're living in Australia during your self-isolation, quarantine, or caring period and at the time of your claim
- you're unable to work and lost at least 8 hours or a full day's work
- you have no sick leave entitlements, including pandemic sick leave, personal leave or leave to care for another person

- you have liquid assets of less than \$10,000 on the first day of the period you're claiming for (any funds readily available to you in cash or savings, or assets that can easily be changed into cash. For example, money loaned to other people).

You must submit a claim within 14 days of the start of your isolation or caring period. Your isolation or caring period must begin on or before 30 June 2022.

You won't be eligible if, during your isolation or caring period, you received or will receive:

- any income, earnings or salary from paid work
- any income support payments, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Parental Leave Pay or Dad and Partner Pay
- the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, or any other Isolation Payment from another Australian state or territory.

Australian residents must claim online. If you're a protected visa holder, you're considered to be an Australian resident and can claim online. To claim online, you need a myGov account linked to Centrelink. If you don't have a myGov account, you'll need to create it online.

Claiming for periods on or before 17 January 2022

To be eligible, you have been directed by a health official to self-isolate or quarantine for one of the following reasons before Monday 10 January 2022:

- you have COVID-19
- you're a close contact of a person who has COVID-19
- a child you care for who is 16 years or under, is a close contact of a person who has COVID-19
- you're caring for someone who has COVID-19
- you're caring for someone with disability or a severe medical condition who is a close contact of a person with COVID-19 (you must be living in the same household as this person).

From Monday 10 January 2022, both Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) results are accepted. You'll need to have either:

- advice of a positive PCR test from a testing clinic or health professional
- evidence you've registered a positive result from a home-administered RAT with your state health authority.

You must also meet all the following requirements to be eligible:

- you're at least 17 years old and live in South Australia
- you're an Australian resident or hold a visa that gives you the right to work in Australia
- you're living in Australia during your self-isolation, quarantine, or caring period
- you're living in Australia at the time of your claim

- you're unable to go to work and earn an income because you have to self-isolate, quarantine or care for someone who has to self-isolate or quarantine
- you have no sick leave entitlements, including pandemic sick leave, personal leave or leave to care for another person.

You won't be eligible if, during your isolation period, you received or will receive:

- any income, earnings or salary from paid work
- any income support payments, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Parental Leave Pay or Dad and Partner Pay
- the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

If you're a confirmed close contact of a COVID-19 case, a health official must direct you by a letter, email, phone or SMS to self-isolate or quarantine.

You can't get this payment if you decide to self-isolate without a health official directing you to. For example, if you were in the same location as a confirmed COVID-19 case, but haven't been officially directed to self-isolate or quarantine.

If your claim is for a period which begins on any day from 9 December 2021 until 17 January 2022, claim using the Claim for Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment form. The whole claim form must be completed before submission, incomplete forms will be rejected.

You can complete the claim form using your computer and either:

- return the form online, using your Centrelink online account

If your claim is for a period 8 December 2021 or earlier, call Centrelink on 1800 050 004

For more information, go to this website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pandemic-leave-disaster-payment