









# Information about the COVID-19 Disaster Payment for New South Wales

If you've been in a COVID-19 hotspot or are subject to a period of restricted movement you may be able to get the COVID-19 Disaster Payment if all of these apply:

- you live, work in or visited\* a Commonwealth declared COVID-19 hotspot subject to a state or territory restricted movement order
- you had paid employment and because you were in the COVID-19 hotspot or are subject to restricted movement, you can't attend work on or after day 8 the lockdown
- you've lost income on or after day 8 the lockdown and don't have any appropriate paid leave entitlements
- you aren't getting an income support payment, Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, or a state based pandemic payment
- you meet the liquid assets rule for your location.

\*If you visited parts of Sydney or Greater Sydney during the relevant period and were subject to a second public health order that results in your restricted movement, you may also be eligible.

## Parts of Sydney

Day 8 of the lockdown for parts of Sydney is 1 July 2021. You can claim up to 5 payments of COVID-19 Disaster Payment for the period Thursday 1 to Friday 30 July 2021.

You can apply for a payment from:

- 1 July 2021 for the period 1 to 7 July 2021
- 8 July 2021 for the period 8 to 14 July 2021
- 15 July 2021 for the period 15 to 21 July 2021
- 22 July 2021 for the period 22 to 28 July 2021
- 29 July 2021 for the period 29 July to 30 July 2021.

This payment is for eligible people who live, work in or visited one of the following Local Government Areas (LGAs):

- Bayside
- City of Sydney
- Canada Bay
- Inner West
- Randwick
- Waverley
- Woollahra.

## Greater Sydney

Day 8 of the lockdown for Greater Sydney is 4 July 2021. You can claim up to 4 payments of COVID-19 Disaster Payment for the period Sunday 4 to Friday 30 July 2021.

You can apply for a payment from:

- 4 July 2021 for the period 4 to 10 July 2021
- 11 July 2021 for the period 11 to 17 July 2021
- 18 July 2021 for the period 18 to 24 July 2021
- 25 July 2021 for the period 25 to 30 July 2021.

This payment is for eligible people who live, work in or visited Greater Sydney, the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast, Shellharbour or Wollongong.

You'll need to submit separate claims for each of the first 3 periods of lockdown or restricted movement for parts of Sydney and Greater Sydney.

When you claim for the third period onwards, we'll ask you if we can make automatic payments for future periods. If you agree to this, you'll get a payment each time a new period becomes available without making a claim.

If you have a change in circumstances, you'll need to let us know. This is so we know you remain eligible and pay you the right amount.

You can claim a payment for either parts of Sydney or Greater Sydney, not both. If you think you're eligible for both, you need to decide which is best for you.

## All other areas of NSW

For the period starting 18 July 2021, you'll be eligible for COVID-19 Disaster Payment if all of these apply:

- you live or work in any area of New South Wales
- you were unable to earn your usual income of 8 hours or more or a full day's work because of the restricted movement order in parts of Sydney and Greater Sydney
- you meet the general eligibility rules but don't meet the live in, work in or visited a Commonwealth-declared hotspot rule.

There are no liquid assets rules for this event.

You can claim for this period from 18 July 2021.

## More information in your language

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