



您的婚恋关系状况

在大部分情况下，澳大利亚政府向您支付的补助金及提供的服务，都会受您婚恋关系状况的影响。

将您和您伴侣之间的关系定义为配偶关系，可能会影响您享受我们的补助金及服务的资格或补助级别。

补助金

我们需要知道您是单身还是有配偶，因为您的婚恋关系状况可能会影响：

- 您领取的补助金类型；
- 您领取某种补助金的资格；以及
- 您领取的补助额。

在多数情况下，我们发放补助金也会将您的收入和资产考虑在内。如果您有伴侣，您伴侣的收入和资产也会被考虑在内。

配偶身份

如果您和另外一个人作为伴侣住在一起，或经常住在一起，并且属于以下情况，您将被视为属于配偶身份：

- 已婚；
- 注册婚恋关系（异性或同性）；或
- 同居关系（异性或同性）。

为确定您是否属于配偶身份，我们可能需要对您的婚恋关系进行评估。我们会考虑以下五个因素：

- 您婚恋关系的财务方面；
- 您家庭的性质；
- 您婚恋关系的社交方面；
- 是否存在性关系；以及
- 彼此的承诺性质。

如果您已经确定自己属于配偶身份，我们通常不会再根据这五个因素评估您的婚恋关系，除非您的情况有变化。

我们知道并非所有的配偶关系都相同。您的婚恋关系中可能并不存在上述某些因素。即便您的婚恋关系中不存在上述所有因素，我们仍可能会认定您属于配偶身份。

如果您被确定属于配偶身份，但您认为这会让处于不公平的财务困境，请联系我们。根据您的具体情况，我们可能会依据《**Social Security Act 1991**》（1991年社会保险法）中的特别条款，认定您是单身身份。我们将对每份申请进行逐一评估。



婚恋关系的类型

当我们评估您领取补助金的资格时，您和您的伴侣可能都要接受收入和资产测试。如果符合资格要求，您可能会获得伴侣级的补助金。

注册婚恋关系

注册婚恋关系是指依据澳大利亚各州或领地的法律注册的婚恋关系。注册婚恋关系还包括（但不限于）同居关系。当前承认注册婚恋关系的州和领地包括：

- 澳大利亚首都领地
- 塔斯马尼亚州
- 维多利亚州
- 新南威尔士州
- 昆士兰州。

澳大利亚各州和领地的法律不承认在其他国家或地区注册的婚恋关系。不过您仍然可以以此作为证据，证明您和您的伴侣属于同居关系。

同居关系

同居关系是指两个没有结婚或注册婚恋关系的人住在一起，或者通常以配偶身份住在一起。从您和您的伴侣作为配偶同居起，我们便将您视为同居关系。同居关系没有最低时限。

多重婚恋关系

多重婚恋关系是指您同时拥有多个伴侣。我们会对您与每个伴侣的关系进行单独评估，以确定您是否属于配偶身份。

当我们评估您的补助金申请时，会对您的每个伴侣的收入和资产进行评估，用于确定您的资格和补助级别。我们将会采用最低的级别。您的收入和资产可能会对您每个伴侣的补助级别产生同样的影响。

分居

我们理解配偶关系的居住安排可能各不相同。

在评估是不是分居状态时，我们需要确认：

- 您和您的伴侣属于永久或无限期分居；而且
- 您的关系有隔阂或已破裂。

一般而言，既要有身体分离，也要有感情隔阂。

如果您和您的伴侣被评估为分居，则仅根据您的收入和资产评估您领取补助金的资格。您的补助等级将为单身级。

告诉我们您的婚恋关系状况

一旦您的情况发生变化（包括您的婚恋关系变化），您需要告诉我们。如果您不告诉我们，您

可能会因收到的款额不正确而需要返还差额。同时还可能受到其他相应的处罚。

如果您是Centrelink的客户，当您开始一个婚恋关系，或者当这个关系发生变化或终止时，您需要告诉我们，方法是填写并寄回以下表格：

- **Confirmation of Relationship**表 - 当您开始一个婚恋关系而且您的伴侣是Centrelink客户时；或者
- **Partner Details**表 - 当您开始一个婚恋关系，而您的伴侣不是Centrelink客户时。
- **Separation details**表 - 如果您与您的伴侣分手，而且住在不同的地方。如果属于以下情况，您就不需要填写此表：
 - 您在领取Parenting Payment Partnered，而想要申领Parenting Payment Single；或
 - 您在申领另一项新的补助金时，已经告诉我们您分居了。
- **Relationship details — separated under one roof**表 - 如果您已经分居，但仍然与您的前任伴侣住在同一所房子里。

下载表格，请登入humanservices.gov.au/forms

隐私

我们非常重视您的隐私。我们受过保密培训的员工会确保您的婚恋关系信息不会被未经授权的人获取或被滥用。

查询更多信息，请登入humanservices.gov.au/privacy

复审及上诉

如果您对我们所作出的决定不满意，您有权提出质疑。此外，您还有权要求由一位Authorised Review Officer进行复审。

如果我们确定您属于配偶身份的决定减少或取消了您的补助金，您可以要求我们考虑在复审期间给您发放单身级别的补助。

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- 致电 **131 202** 用普通话与我们讨论 Centrelink 补助金及服务
- 拨打 Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) 的电话 **131 450** 用普通话与我们讨论 Medicare 和 Child Support 补助金及服务
- 亲往我们的服务中心咨询。

注意：在澳大利亚的任何地方使用家庭座机拨打“13”开头的号码仅需支付固定的收费。该收费与本地电话费可能有所不同，具体视电话服务提供商而定。使用家庭座机拨打“1800”开头的号码免费。公共电话和手机可能会计时收费时计算，并且费率较高。

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Your relationship status

In most cases, Australian Government payments and services you receive are affected by your relationship status.

Defining you and your partner as a couple can affect your eligibility or payment rate for our payments and services.

Payments

We need to know if you're single or a member of a couple as your relationship status can affect:

- the type of payment you get
- your eligibility for a payment, and
- the amount you get.

Most of our payments also take into account your income and assets. If you're partnered, your partner's income and assets will also be taken into account.

Member of a couple

You're considered as a member of a couple if you live with or usually live with another person as your partner and you're:

- married
- in a registered relationship (opposite sex or same sex), or
- in a de facto relationship (opposite sex or same sex).

To determine if you're a member of a couple, we may need to assess your relationship. We'll consider the following five factors:

- financial aspects of your relationship
- nature of your household
- social aspects of your relationship
- presence or absence of a sexual relationship, and
- nature of your commitment to each other.

If you already identify as a member of a couple we don't usually assess your relationship against the five factors, unless your circumstances change.

We understand not all couples are the same. Some of these factors may not be present in your relationship. A decision can still be made that you're a member of a couple even if all of these factors aren't present in your relationship.

If it's decided you're a member of a couple but you believe this will result in unfair hardship, contact us. Depending on your circumstances, you may be considered as single under special provisions in the *Social Security Act 1991*. Each request is assessed on a case by case basis.



Relationship types

When we assess your payment eligibility the income and assets tests may apply to you and your partner. If eligible, you may get the partnered rate of payment.

Registered relationship

A **registered relationship** is one that is registered under Australian state or territory law. Registered relationships also include, but are not limited to, civil unions. Registered relationships are currently recognised in:

- the Australian Capital Territory
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- New South Wales
- Queensland.

Relationships registered in other countries aren't recognised under Australian state or territory law. However, you can still use this evidence to show you and your partner are a couple in a de facto relationship.

De facto relationship

A **de facto relationship** is where two people who aren't married or in a registered relationship live together, or usually live together as a couple. We consider you and your partner are in a de facto relationship from the time you start living together as a couple. There is no minimum time period applied for a relationship to be seen as de facto.

Multiple relationships

A **multiple relationship** is when you have more than one partner at the same time. Your relationship with each partner will be assessed separately to determine if you're a member of a couple.

When we assess your claim for a payment, the income and assets of each of your partners will be used to determine your eligibility and payment rate. The lowest payable rate will be applied. Your income and assets may equally affect the rate of payment of each of your partners.

Living separately and apart

We understand that living arrangements aren't the same for all couples.

To be assessed as living separately and apart we need to confirm:

- you and your partner are living apart either permanently or indefinitely, and
- there's been an estrangement or breakdown in your relationship.

Generally, a physical separation as well as an emotional separation is required.

If you and your partner are assessed as living separately and apart, your payment eligibility will be assessed on only your income and assets. Your payment rate will be at the single payment rate.

Tell us about your relationships

You need to tell us when your circumstances change, including changes to your relationships. If you don't you may be paid the wrong amount and have to repay the money. Other penalties may also apply.

If you're a Centrelink customer, you need to tell us when you start a relationship, or when it changes or ends by completing and returning the:

- *Confirmation of Relationship* form when you start a relationship and your partner is a Centrelink customer, or
- *Partner Details* form when you start a relationship and your partner isn't a Centrelink customer.
- *Separation details* form if you have separated from your partner and live at a different address. You don't need to complete this form if you:
 - are receiving Parenting Payment Partnered and want to claim Parenting Payment Single, or
 - have already told us you're separated as part of a new claim for another payment.
- *Relationship details —separated under one roof* form if you're separated but still live in the same house as your previous partner.

To download forms go to humanservices.gov.au/forms

Privacy

We take your privacy very seriously. Our staff are trained to ensure information about your relationship is protected from unauthorised access or misuse.

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Reviews and appeals

If you're not happy with a decision made by us, you have the right to question it. You also have the right to ask for a review by an Authorised Review Officer.

If our decision to treat you as a member of a couple has resulted in a reduction or cancellation of your payment, you may ask us to consider paying you at the single rate during the review.

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For more information

- go to humanservices.gov.au/moc for more information in English
- go to humanservices.gov.au/yourlanguage where you can read, listen to or watch videos with information in your language

- call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services
- call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** to speak with us in your language about Medicare and Child Support payments and services
- visit a service centre.

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Disclaimer

The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It's your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application with regard to your particular circumstances.