

# Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

The Disaster Recovery Payment is a one-off payment to help you if a declared disaster significantly affects you. It's not for minor damage or inconvenience.

## How much you can get

If you're eligible you'll get:

- \$1,000 per adult
- \$400 for each child younger than 16.
- If you're a member of a couple, you can both get this payment. You and your partner will need to complete separate claims.

## Who can get it

To get the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment you must:

- be an Australian resident or hold an eligible visa
- be 16 years or older at the time of the disaster or getting a social security payment
- live in an eligible Local Government Area (LGA).

Go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/disaster](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/disaster) to check if your LGA is eligible.

You also need to have been adversely affected by a declared disaster. For example:

- you've been seriously injured
- you're the immediate family member of an Australian citizen or resident who died
- your principal place of residence has been destroyed or must be demolished

- the interior of your principal place of residence has sustained major damage
- damage from the disaster has exposed the interior of your principal place of residence to the elements
- your principal place of residence has been declared structurally unsound
- the interior of your residence has been affected by sewage contamination
- a major asset or assets you own at your principal place of residence has been destroyed or damaged as a direct result of the disaster
- you're the principal carer of a dependent child who has experienced any of the above.

For the purposes of this payment:

- Your principal place of residence is the main place where you have a right or license to normally live. It doesn't include holiday homes or investment properties.
- A major asset is an asset or assets with a combined market value of \$20,000 or more. For example, this includes buildings, vehicles, caravans, water tanks or large scale machinery.
- You're a principal carer of a child if the child is your dependent and hasn't turned 16. The principal carer must have legal responsibility for the day-to-day care, welfare and development of the child.

## How to claim

The fastest way to claim is online through myGov.

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