



Australian Government

Department of Social Services

Disability Support Pension

2014 Budget measure: Review recipients under 35

DSP is an income support payment for people with a permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment who are unable to fully support themselves through paid work.

The Australian Government supports DSP for those who need it, while recognising many people with disability want to work, and benefit from the independence, purpose, dignity and sense of achievement work brings.

What was announced in the 2014-15 Budget?

The 2014-15 Budget measures focus on supporting young people on DSP under 35 to gain and retain employment, where they have capacity.

Review of DSP recipients under 35

From 1 July 2014 the eligibility of DSP recipients under 35 who were granted DSP between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2011 will be reviewed.

DSP recipients in this group will have a comprehensive review of their qualification for DSP. Reviews will be conducted by health professionals from the Department of Human Services, who will use the revised Impairment Tables¹ and reassess work capacity.

The revised Impairment Tables were introduced on 1 January 2012 and apply to all new applicants for DSP and existing DSP recipients selected for a medical review. The tables were reviewed to bring them up to date with current medical and rehabilitation practice.

What do DSP recipients have to do?

Human Services will contact DSP recipients affected by this measure with information about the review.

DSP recipients selected for review need to provide current evidence about their medical conditions.

They may also need to attend a Job Capacity Assessment carried out by appropriately qualified allied health professionals.

The reviews will be carried out over 18 months from 1 July 2014.

Exemptions

DSP recipients granted on manifest grounds and those assessed as having work capacity of less than eight hours a week will not be reviewed under this measure.

¹ Impairment tables (DSP) - <http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/1/1/i/10>

What happens after the review?

People who continue to be eligible for DSP following their review may have ongoing participation requirements.

This includes continuing to attend participation interviews and ensuring participation plans are updated.

The Participation Plan will have at least one work focused compulsory activity. Read the **compulsory participation fact sheet** for more information.

Those who no longer qualify for DSP following their review will be given information on employment services such as Disability Employment Services, Job Services Australia, or the Remote Jobs and Communities Program. These organisations can help people prepare for and find work.

Former DSP recipients may be eligible for another income support payment, such as Newstart Allowance.

Key facts

- DSP recipients under 35 who were granted DSP between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2011 will be reviewed.
- DSP recipients will be assessed using the revised Impairment Tables and have an assessment of their work capacity.

Assistance

DSP recipients can call Human Services on **132 717** for more information. Calls can be made from 8.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday, for the cost of a local call. Calls made from mobile phones may incur additional costs.

Budget information

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