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Disaster Recovery Payment

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (DRP) is a one-off, non-means tested payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for eligible children who have been adversely affected by a major disaster either in Australia or overseas.

DRP is activated when the impact of a disaster on individuals and families requires Australian Government assistance, in addition to that provided under standard recovery assistance.

Each disaster is different and as a result the timing and nature of additional levels of assistance varies from disaster-to-disaster and community-to-community. DRP assists with the short-term recovery needs of the community.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for assistance if you meet all of the following criteria:

- you are at least 16 years of age
- you are an Australian resident or the holder of an eligible visa
- you have been adversely affected by a major disaster.

A person is generally considered adversely affected if, as a direct result of the disaster:

- the person is seriously injured, or
- the person is an immediate family member of an Australian who is killed, or
- the person's principal place of residence has been destroyed or has sustained major damage, or
- the person is the principal carer of a dependent child who has experienced any of the above.

How do I claim?

Once an event is declared a major disaster you will have six months to lodge your application. To lodge you can:

- call the Department of Human Services on 180 22 66
- complete, sign and take your claim form to your nearest Centrelink or Medicare Service Centre or any Centrelink Agent, or post to:

Emergency Processing Centre

Reply Paid 7815

Canberra BC ACT 2610

- fax your form to 1300 727 760.

For further information regarding DRP and eligibility requirements, please visit the [Department of Human Services](#) website.

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Disaster Assist Website

The Australian Government's [Disaster Assist](#) website provides a comprehensive overview of natural disasters that have recently impacted Australia.

Financial information for eligible disaster declared areas and individuals through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, DRP, Disaster Recovery Allowance, as well as Disaster Recovery payments for New Zealander Special Category Visa holders can be found on the [Disaster Assist](#) website.