

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

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### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



# Centrepay



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## What is Centrepay?

Centrepay—the easy way to pay your bills and expenses.

Centrepay is a free and voluntary service to pay bills and expenses as regular deductions from your Centrelink payments.

## What bills can I pay with Centrepay?

You'll need to give us permission to pay your bills using part of your payment.

You can pay bills and ongoing expenses such as rent, gas, electricity, water and phone, as well as other household costs.

You can only use Centrepay for goods and services provided by approved businesses.



## How do I find out if a business or person is approved to use Centrepay?

You can search for businesses in your area on our website.

'Find a business' is a search tool that lists businesses approved to use Centrepay. Find it under resources at [humanservices.gov.au/centrepay](https://humanservices.gov.au/centrepay)

You can also contact a business or person, to find out if they are approved to use Centrepay.

## How do I set up a Centrepay deduction?

You can start, change or stop deductions at any time:

- online using your Centrelink online account through myGov
- using the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app on your mobile device
- at a service centre with help from our staff
- by calling us on your regular payment number, or
- by asking the business you want to pay, to set it up for you.

## What do I need to set up a Centrepay deduction?

- Your Centrelink customer reference number (CRN)
- the bill details, such as the account or billing number
- the name of the business you're paying
- their address and phone number if you have them
- their CRN – to find this number use 'Find a business'; it will always start with 555
- how much you want us to deduct each fortnight
- which Centrelink payment you want it to come out of
- the date you want us to make the first deduction
- when you want deductions to end - you can choose to:
  - set an end date—no more than 52 weeks after the start date
  - set a target amount
  - leave it open for now.

# Using your Centrelink online account or your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app

To do your business online, you need a myGov account with your Centrelink online account linked. If you need a myGov account or a Centrelink online account go to

**[humanservices.gov.au/register](https://humanservices.gov.au/register)**



You can set up and check your Centrepay deduction online. Just use your Centrelink online account or Express Plus Centrelink mobile app. You can download the app for free from the App Store or Google Play.

If you need help, use our online guides. Go to **[humanservices.gov.au/centrepay](https://humanservices.gov.au/centrepay)** and look under the resources section, or go to **[humanservices.gov.au/onlineguides](https://humanservices.gov.au/onlineguides)**



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