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This month: Skills for Education and Employment, changes to the qualifying age for Age Pension and changing your payment option for Child Care Rebate.

G'day, I'm Hank Jongen, here to tell you what's happening with the department in June.

This month, I'd like to talk to you about Skills for Education and Employment, also known as the SEE program.

It provides free training to help you improve your English, reading, writing and basic math skills. You may be eligible for the SEE program if you're 15 to 64 years of age, looking for full-time work, registered as an active job seeker and meet certain other requirements. To find out if you're eligible read the information on the department's website at humanservices.gov.au/see.

From the first of July this year there will be an increase to the Age Pension eligibility age. If you are born on, or after, the first of July 1952, you will need to be aged 65 years and six months to be eligible. The Age Pension age will then go up by six months every two years until the first of July 2023, when the Age Pension eligibility age will be 67.

If you would like to change your Child Care Rebate payment option for the 2017-18 financial year you have until the 30th of June to do this. There are four ways you can choose to receive Child Care Rebate. It could be paid directly to your child care service to reduce your fees or paid to you fortnightly, paid to you quarterly, or paid to you annually. You won't be able to change the payment method once the financial year starts, so it's important to think carefully about the best option for your family.

Thanks for watching and as always don't forget to like or follow us on social media and subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up to date. I'll see you next month, goodbye for now.

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