

## Title: July 2017 Update DHSTV transcript

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This month: Pensioner Concession card changes, Energy assistance payment, balancing family payments and Student Start-up Scholarship changes.

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

If you were no longer eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card due to the pension asset test changes on 1<sup>st</sup> January this year, it will be reinstated from the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. The card will help you regain access to discounts and concessions offered by states, territories and private businesses. There's nothing you need to do to receive the card. This change will happen automatically.

If you were residing in Australia on 20 June 2017 and got Age Pension, Parenting Payment Single or Disability Support Pension for this date you would've recently been paid the one-off Energy Assistance Payment. It's paid automatically if you're eligible.

This month, I'd also like to talk to you about the balancing process for family assistance payments.

If you're unsure about what you need to do so that your payments can be balanced, use the Tax Time Checker.

You can find it and information about how your payments are balanced on the website at [human services dot gov dot AU forward slash balancing](http://human.services.gov.au/balancing).

There's also information about when you can expect this to happen.

The Student Start-up Scholarship has ended. From the first of July it was replaced by the Student Start-up Loan for eligible students. Your institute of study is the best place to find out about the upfront costs of study and information on how to access materials. If you need financial help, you can apply for the Student Start-up Loan, a voluntary payment of \$1035 that, unlike the Scholarship, must be repaid.

Thanks for watching, and as always, don't forget to like or follow us on social media and subscribe to our channel to keep up to date.

I'll see you next month, goodbye for now.

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