

## May 2018 Update DHSTV transcript

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This month: managing money, travelling over the semester break and the PBS Safety Net.

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

Managing money can be difficult but there's some things you can do to make it a little easier. To help people, we've put together some financial information and tips on our website.

You can find out about:

Managing your money by putting together a budget

Thinking about basic bank accounts, which don't charge fees and have a number of other benefits, and

What to consider before taking a loan, including information about types of loans as well as

What to do if you have a debt or an overdrawn bank account.

You'll also be able to find tools including the Simple Money Manager, which helps you create a budget and the Rent vs buy calculator, which helps you find out the costs of renting or buying household items.

Visit our website today and search managing money.

If you're getting a student payment and you're going on semester break soon, there are a few things you need to tell us so we can pay you the right amount.

Firstly, if you're moving back home for the break and not keeping your term address you need to update your address using your Centrelink online account through myGov.

Secondly, picking up work over the break is a great way to make extra money. Just make sure you report your income to us. The easiest way to do this is using your Express Plus app.

And thirdly, make sure you tell us if you're going overseas. The easiest way to do this is using your Centrelink online account through myGov.

Finally I'd like to talk about the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Safety Net, or PBS Safety Net. This may help with the cost of your medicines. It can get you certain medicines cheaper or free if you reach the threshold during the year.

You may be able to combine your family's PBS medicine costs to reach the PBS Safety Net sooner.

The 2018 PBS Safety Net threshold is \$1,521.80 for general patients, or \$384 for concession card holders. It's calculated on a calendar year and resets at the beginning of each year.

Ask your pharmacist about qualifying for a PBS Safety Net Card.

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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