

October 2018 Update DHSTV transcript

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This month: Claiming ABSTUDY early, pre-birth claims and letting us know if you're travelling overseas.

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

If you're expecting a baby, I'm sure you'll be busy preparing for their arrival.

To help get you organised – it's good to know that you can submit a pre-birth claim for payments – up to three months before your baby's due.

You can pre-claim for Parental Leave Pay, Dad and Partner Pay and Family Tax Benefit.

You can claim online using your Centrelink online account through myGov.

Once your baby arrives, you'll be given their proof of birth in your parent pack at the hospital.

You'll need to upload this onto your Centrelink Online account to complete the claim process.

If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian wanting to study or do an Australian Apprenticeship in 2019, you may be eligible for ABSTUDY.

Did you know you can submit your claim before you start your course or Apprenticeship?

Claiming early will help us finalise your payments and if required, provide you with travel assistance as early as possible. This is especially important for students moving away from home to study.

Claim now by calling our ABSTUDY students line on 1800 132 317.

When you call, we'll tell you what information we'll need to help you complete your claim.

Parents are able to make a claim on behalf of their child.

And finally. If you get a Centrelink payment and you're planning to travel overseas temporarily – it's important to check how this might affect your payments or concession cards.

You don't need to call us to check.

Simply provide the information via your Centrelink online account through myGov – we'll be able to tell you how your payments might be affected or if you need to give us more information.

If you're living overseas, or returning to live in Australia, there may be rules that impact your payment. You can find out more at the human services website.

Remember – if you have general questions before travelling or want the latest department news while overseas, you can stay connected with us on social media.

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

See you next month!

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