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Department of Social Services

## BSWAT Payment Scheme: Application fact sheet



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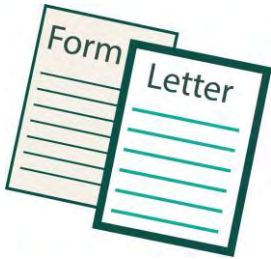


We received your registration for the BSWAT Payment Scheme.



You can now apply for a payment from the scheme.

There are 2 documents that go with this fact sheet:



- an Application Letter
- an Application Form.

This fact sheet helps to explain these 2 documents.



You can ask someone you trust to help you read this fact sheet.

# BSWAT



The Business Services Wage Assessment Tool is usually called the BSWAT.

This tool has been used to work out the wages of some supported employees.



The Australian Government is making a one-off payment to some employees who were paid using the BSWAT.

This is called the BSWAT Payment Scheme.



Not everyone can use the payment scheme.



Only some people who had their wages worked out using BSWAT will be able to receive money from the payment scheme.

## Who can use the BSWAT Payment Scheme?

The BSWAT Payment Scheme is for people with **intellectual impairment**.

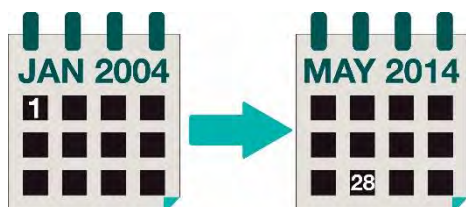


Intellectual impairment means:

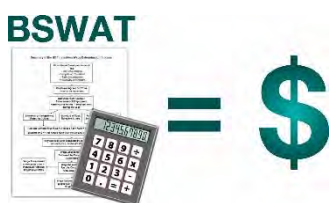
- intellectual disability
- autism
- dementia
- acquired brain injury.



To take part in the payment scheme, you must have worked for an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE).



You must have worked for an ADE for at least 1 day in the dates between 1 January 2004 and 28 May 2014.



You must have had your wages worked out using the BSWAT. You can ask your manager if the ADE you work for uses the BSWAT.



If your workplace used a different tool to work out your wages, you won't receive a payment.



And you must also have received support each day to stay in your job. This is when the staff in the ADE help you in your work every day.



If you have received any money from a court case or other legal action about the BSWAT, you won't be able to take part in the payment scheme.

## How do you apply?



You need to apply by 30 November 2016.



To apply you need to fill in the Application Form with this fact sheet and send it back to us.



You can ask a **nominee** or an **advocate** to help you fill in the Application Form.



A nominee is someone you trust.

They can be:

- a member of your family
- a friend.



Advocates are people who speak up for people with disability.

If you would like to use an advocate, you can ask someone you trust to help you find one. Or, you can search online.

You can send your application to us:



- In the mail  
Department of Social Services  
BSWAT Payment Scheme  
GPO Box 9820  
HOBART TAS 7001



- In an email  
**[BSWATPayments@dss.gov.au](mailto:BSWATPayments@dss.gov.au)**

## What will happen next?



Once we have your application we will work out if you are eligible for a payment.

We will then contact you to do 1 of these things:



- offer you a payment  
*or*



- let you know that you will not receive a payment  
*or*



- tell you that you cannot use the payment scheme.

## What about the BSWAT class action?



Some people are taking part in a class action about the use of the BSWAT.



Even if you are one of these people you can still apply.





You can find out more about the BSWAT class action on this website:

[www.mauriceblackburn.com.au](http://www.mauriceblackburn.com.au)



If you accept a payment through the scheme, you can't take part in any other legal proceedings about the BSWAT.

If we offer you a payment from the scheme you will need to speak to:



- a legal advisor
- a financial counsellor.

These people will help you to make the decision that is best for you.

They will talk to you about:



- the offer you may receive
- the BSWAT class action
- any other legal case you want to take part in about the BSWAT.



We will pay for these services – up to a set amount.

## Can you change your mind?



You can change your mind about applying for a payment from the scheme.



If you don't want to apply you don't need to fill in the application form.



You can also change your mind at a later time.



But you need to do this before 30 November 2016.

## Would you like more information?



You can ask us any questions you have:



- Phone **1800 880 052**



- Email **BSWATPayments@dss.gov.au**



- Visit our website at **[www.dss.gov.au/bswat-payment-scheme](http://www.dss.gov.au/bswat-payment-scheme)**