

Income support consent - Long

Important information

We are interested in whether you would be likely to consent to adding your Centrelink data to information collected as part of this study.

The data would include the type of benefit(s) you have received in the past, are currently receiving or may receive in the future, the payment amounts, payment periods and details of your personal circumstances provided to Centrelink to assess your qualification for Centrelink payments or benefits and/or your current contact details.

More details of Centrelink's benefits data is included below:

Centrelink benefits data under Social Security Law, Family Assistance Law, *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* or *Student Assistance Act 1973* or new Acts governing the provision of welfare payments

- Age Pension
- Special Benefit
- Wife Pension (Age)
- Wife Pension (DSP)
- Widow B Pension
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Newstart Allowance
- Parenting Payment Partnered
- Parenting Payment Single
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Austudy
- Youth Allowance
- ABSTUDY
- Health Care Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Low Income Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Bereavement Allowance
- Double Orphan Pension
- Carer Allowance
- Paid Parental Leave
- Baby Bonus
- Rent Assistance
- Family Tax Benefit and payments in the future with a similar purpose

If you consent, you are acknowledging that you have read and understood the information provided to you and how it will be used and disclosed.

Your consent to release the Centrelink information is voluntary and does not affect your participation in the study.

**Consent for release of Centrelink benefits and personal circumstances data
Information sheet**

I have agreed that my Centrelink benefits data of the kind listed previously, my personal circumstances data and/or my current contact details, be released to the study.

1. I understand that the personal information on this consent form will be sent to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services to allow them to release my Centrelink benefits data, my personal circumstances data and/or my current contact details, to the study.

2. I understand that the Centrelink benefits data provided by the Department of Human Services will include the type of benefit(s) I may have received in the past, I am currently receiving and I may receive in the future, the payment amounts and the payment periods.
3. I understand details of my personal circumstances that I originally provided to Centrelink to assess my eligibility for Centrelink benefits will also be released to the study.
4. I understand that my Centrelink benefits and my personal circumstances data will be confidentialised and stored securely by the Social Research Centre.
5. I understand that my Centrelink benefits and my personal circumstances data will be released to the study, until the end of the Study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.
6. I understand that my Centrelink benefits data including my personal circumstances data will be provided, stored and analysed only for the purposes of the study and will not affect my payments.
7. I understand that an electronic copy of this consent form will be retained by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services for the life of the study as a record of my consent.
8. I understand that I can, at any time, withdraw my consent to the release of my Centrelink benefits data, my personal circumstances data and/or my contact details by:
 - Calling 1800 023 040 between 9:00am to 8:30pm AEST Monday to Friday and 11:00am to 5:00pm AEST on weekends.
 - Emailing the researchers at: research@srcentre.com.au.

Authorisation

I have read and understood the information about the release of my Centrelink benefits and personal circumstances data and I authorise* the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services to provide:

- My current contact details (including my address and phone numbers)
- Centrelink benefits data (including personal circumstances data**)

to the study for the life of the study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.

*This authority is provided under the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999, the New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999, the Student Assistance Act 1973 or the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 as applicable

**Data about your personal circumstances is the information you have given to Centrelink so that they could determine whether you qualified for payment and how much you were entitled to (as well as information about concession cards). This may include information about you or your partner's income and assets, details of employment and study, disability status and details related to your use of childcare. It may also include information you gave about members of the household, or if you receive a carer payment, the person you care for. This information will be provided in a form which does not allow individuals to be identified.

Income support - Short

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We are interested in whether you would be likely to consent to adding your Centrelink data to information collected as part of the study.

Centrelink data includes:

- the type of benefit(s) you receive or may receive in the future
- the payment amounts, payment periods
- details of your personal circumstances provided to Centrelink to assess eligibility for payments.

Types of payments included are:

- Age Pension
- Care Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Newstart Allowance
- Parenting Payment (Partnered or Single)

Some information about the process

Your consent to release the Centrelink information is voluntary and does not affect your participation in the study.

- 1.** Personal information such as your name, address and date of birth will be sent to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services to allow them to release my Centrelink benefits data, your personal circumstances data and/or my current contact details, to the study.
- 2.** Any Centrelink benefits and personal circumstances data will be confidentialised and stored securely by the Social Research Centre.
- 3.** Centrelink benefits and your personal circumstances data will be released to the study, until the end of the study, or until you withdraw consent.
- 4.** Centrelink benefits data will only be used for the purposes of the study and will not affect your payments.
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Consent to add my Centrelink data to the study

I have read and understood the information about the release of my Centrelink benefits and personal circumstances data and I am willing to authorise* the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services to provide:

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Health – Medicare long form

Important information

We are interested in whether you would be likely to consent to adding your Medicare data to information collected as part of the study.

Medicare collects information on your medical visits and procedures, and the associated costs, while the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) collects information on the prescription medications you have filled at pharmacies.

A sample of the information that may be included in your Medicare claims history:

Date of service	Date of processing	Item number	Item description	Provider charge	Schedule fee	Benefit paid	Patient out of pocket	Bill type
20/04/09	03/05/09	00023	Level B consultation	\$38.30	\$34.30	\$34.30	\$4.00	Cash
22/06/09	23/06/09	11700	ECG	\$29.50	\$29.50	\$29.50	-	Bulk bill

Scrambled ordering Provider number*	Scrambled rendering Provider number*	Date of referral	Rendering Provider postcode	Ordering Provider postcode	Hospital indicator	Item category
-	999999A	-	2300	-	N	1
999999A	999999A	20/04/09	2300	2302	N	2

* Scrambled Provider number refers to a unique scrambled provider number identifying the doctor who provided/referred the service. Generally, each individual provider number will be scrambled and the identity of that provider will not be disclosed.

A sample of the information that may be included in your PBS claims history:

Date of supply	Date of prescribing	PBS item code	Item description	Patient category	Patient contribution (this includes under co-payment amount s**)	Net Benefit (this includes under co-payment amount s**)	Scrambled Prescriber number*	Pharmacy postcode
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06/03/09	01/03/09	03133 X	Oxazepam Tablet 30 mg	Concessi onal Ordinary	\$5.30	\$25.55	999999 9	2560
04/07/09	28/05/09	03161 J	Diazepam Tablet 2 mg	General Ordinary	\$30.85	-	999999 9	2530

Form category	ATC Code	ATC Name
Original	N05 B A 04	Oxazepam
Repeat	N05 B A 01	Diazepam

*Scrambled Prescriber number refers to a unique scrambled prescriber number identifying the doctor who prescribed the prescription. Generally, each individual prescriber number will be scrambled and the identity of that prescriber will not be disclosed.

** Under co-payments can now be provided for data after 1 June 2012.

Information about consent for release of Medicare data

Your consent to release the Medicare data is voluntary and does not affect your participation in the study.

In agreeing that my Medicare and/or PBS claims information and/or my address details be released to the study I understand that:

1. Personal information such as my name, address, postcode, Medicare number will be sent to the Department of Human Services to allow them to release my Medicare and/or PBS claims information and/or my address details, to the study.
2. An electronic copy of this consent form will be retained by the Department of Human Services for the life of the study as a record of my consent.
3. My Medicare and/or PBS claims information will be released to the study, until the end of the study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.
4. My PBS under co-payment data will be released to the study, until the end of the study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.
5. My Medicare and/or PBS claims information will be collected, stored, and analysed only for the purposes of the study.
6. My Medicare and/or PBS claims information will be confidentialised and stored securely by the Social Research Centre without a specified date for the destruction of the data as this is an ongoing study.
7. I can, at any time, withdraw my consent to the release of my Medicare and/or PBS claims information and/or my address details by:

Consent

I would be willing to authorise the Department of Human Services to provide my:

- Medicare claims information backdated to 1 January 1996
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) claims information claims information
- Address details

to the study for the life of the study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.

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Education consent

We would like to add information from your education record to your study answers. This will create a more accurate picture of your life and experiences, and will be used for research and statistical purposes only. Your information is confidential and names and addresses will never be included in the results. You can withdraw your consent at any time.

We would like to link in information about your education to your survey responses on a yearly basis. If you decide that you no longer wish to take part in the study, we will remove your education information. After this point we will make no further links.

Please take some time to read the further information we will provide you with on adding education records.

Information on adding school records

Government departments and agencies collect a range of information about all of us for administrative purposes. This is so they can provide education and other services to us when we need them. While we can learn about people's lives, economic circumstances, experiences, behaviour and beliefs by asking direct questions, it can sometimes be easier to obtain some of this information from government departments. Doing this means that we don't have to ask you about these and the survey can be much shorter.

What information would be added?

Education records such as:

- Highest level of schooling
- Certificate of Year 12 completion
- Year 12 final results by subject and overall score

This information will be added from Departments of Education in the state and territory in which you completed your schooling.

Who will use it?

Researchers in government and academic institutions will use the research information. However only the Social Research Centre will have access to your personally identifying information.

Your consent – what does it cover?

Information can only be released with your consent. To make the link between education records and your survey responses we would need to pass on personal information to the government departments holding the records. The necessary personal details include full name, full address, gender, date of birth and school name, where applicable. These details will only be used to link your information. Before the departments and agencies send any information you have authorised back to us, your name and other details will be removed.

Like the answers you have given us in the survey, the information from other sources will be treated in confidence. Your current or future dealings with any of the departments or agencies will not be affected.

How long does your consent last?

We would like to add information relating to your present, past and future circumstances. We would like to continue to link in your data until you complete your school and further education. We will remind you regularly of the permissions you have given, and you are free to withdraw your consent at any time. If you do chose to withdraw your consent we will no longer link your records to your survey responses and will delete data which has been previously linked if requested.

What about data security?

Your survey answers and education records will be anonymised and will only be used for research and statistics. We are very security conscious and all of our systems are password protected and accessed by a small number of authorised staff. The information we need to exchange with the government departments and agencies will be sent via secure transfer systems. We implement the most up to date data security protocols and procedures. Your personal details will be secure at all times.

How the information will be stored?

All information will be securely stored and transferred via secure transfer systems.

How can you withdraw consent to link education data?

You may withdraw permission for your education data to be linked at any time, in which case no further links between your answers and education records would be made. The education records that had already been linked in up to that date will also be deleted if requested.

Willingness to consent to add your education records to the study

We are interested in whether you would be likely to consent to adding your education records to information collected as part of the study.

In order to locate your education records we need to send the data holder some personal information. Once your education records have been added to your survey responses, we will remove all your personal information so that your answers are anonymous.

Do you give permission to pass your name, address, sex, date of birth and last school attended to the Department of Education as applicable or a contractor conducting the linkage?

- I have read information about adding data and I am happy to give consent
- I do not want to give consent
- Not applicable, I did not go to school in Australia