

Replacement of Household Items Grant

Information for applicants

January 2013

Purpose of this grant

This grant is to assist with the replacement of essential household items damaged or destroyed in the January 2013 bushfires.

Grants are made available on the basis of need and are not a replacement for insurance or compensation for losses.

Who is eligible to apply?

Those individuals or households whose principal place of residence is uninhabitable or severely damaged as a result of the bushfires and have suffered loss or damage to household items are eligible to apply.

How do I lodge my claim?

In order to lodge your claim form, you will need to make an appointment with an assessor.

Please phone Housing Tasmania on 1800 808 340

Is there an income or assets test?

Yes. All applications will be assessed according to an income and asset test in the table below. If you do not satisfy the income and asset test, you will not be eligible for the grant. The asset test excludes a principal place of residence and any superannuation that is inaccessible.

Am I still eligible for assistance if I have insurance?

Yes. However, grants will only be considered in cases where insurance does not cover costs of up to \$8 875 or where there is no insurance.

If you have insurance for your home or household contents, you must lodge a claim against your policy with respect to any loss or damage you have suffered. When submitting your application for this grant, you must provide full insurance details, including policy numbers.

You must also certify if you are ineligible to claim insurance, that insurance has been refused or that the insurance will not cover all of the costs.

Note: Claims can be lodged before the outcome of insurance claims are known. You must, however, advise the Department of Health and Human Services as soon as the outcome of your insurance claim has been decided.

How much can be paid?

\$5800 (plus \$950 per household member up to \$8875) can be paid for the replacement of household items.

Status	Weekly Income	Asset Test
Single/Sole Resident	\$583	\$35 000
Two principal residents (either couple or shared housing)	\$1010	\$35 000
Single with one Dependant Child	\$1010	\$35 000
Each Additional Child Add	\$34	N/A



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How will payments be made?

Payments will be made where possible via electronic funds transfer.

What documents must I provide?

In order to submit your claim form, you will need to provide evidence of your identity, income, assets and insurance arrangements.

Make sure you keep a photocopy of all documents submitted.

Note: The Department of Health and Human Services will verify with the appropriate Government Departments or other relevant authorities that the claimant meets the eligibility criteria.

What if I am unable to provide information relating to my income?

Grants can only be paid where an applicant's income can be verified. However, in circumstances where an applicant is unable to verify their income, some assistance may still be provided (such as in circumstances where the applicant is suffering unnecessary hardship). All relevant documentation must be provided within one week of the grant being paid. If you are subsequently found to be ineligible, you will be required to repay the grant.

Do I need quotes or receipts?

Yes. You are required to keep evidence of what the grant is spent on and you should also be aware that you may be audited after the grant has been paid.

What if I have already spent the money and need reimbursement?

If you are applying for reimbursement, you will need to provide the receipts/tax invoices with your application. Receipts should include the providers name, address and ABN and should be itemised.

Make sure you keep a photocopy of all documents submitted.

Note: Only reasonable costs will be paid or reimbursed. The Department of Health and Human Services has discretion to limit the amount paid if claims do not reflect current market prices.

On what conditions is the grant provided?

The payment of the grant is made on the basis of a number of conditions. You may be required to repay the grant if you receive assistance, an insurance payment or compensation related to expenses for which a grant was paid.

Will the information supplied be treated confidentially?

Your personal information is protected by law.

The Department of Health and Human Services will collect and use the information you provide on this form to assess your entitlement. Certain information may be used to detect or prevent fraud.

The Department of Health and Human Services will give your information to relevant Tasmanian and Australian Government agencies for the purpose of the joint administration of this program.

Government agencies may, where necessary, give this information (including information that you have received assistance) to State and Commonwealth Agencies, humanitarian, welfare and charitable organisations for the purposes of providing assistance to persons affected.

For more information

Phone 1800 808 340 or

Visit www.dpac.tas.gov.au/bushfires



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