

Return to Work Grant Application Form 2026-27

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Return to Work Grant

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Before commencing an application, please read the [Return to Work Grant Guidelines](#) on our website.

ACT Women's Return to Work Grants can help you find a stable job and work towards financial independence by assisting with some of the financial challenges you face. Please note, you can only get the Return to Work Grant once per person. If you have any questions about the application process or require assistance in filling out the form please contact the Office for Women via email hcsdrtw@act.gov.au.

Have you received a Return to Work grant before? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

The Return to Work Grant can only be approved once per person, if you're unsure please email hcsdrtw@act.gov.au to check.

Previous Return to Work Grant Recipient

Unfortunately you cannot proceed with your application if you have already received a Return to Work Grant.

Information about employment supports can be found [here](#).

Information about support services can be found [here](#).

Contact details

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What gender do you identify as? *

- ☐ Woman
☐ Non-binary
☐ Man

You must identify as a woman or a non-binary person to receive a RTW Grant

Applicant *

Title First Name Last Name

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Home Address *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

Please tell us your age range *

- ☐ 19-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55+

Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Personal Email *

Must be an email address.

Please upload a copy of your ACT Driver's Licence or Proof of Identity Card. *

Attach a file:

Please upload evidence of your ACT residency. *

Attach a file:

Evidence of residency must state your current address, have the date of issue displayed and must not be older than 6 months. For example a copy of a recent rent or utility statement or drivers licence.

Do you identify as *

- ☐ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ A person from a culturally and linguistically diverse background
- ☐ A person with disability
- ☐ A member of the LGBTQIA+ community
- ☐ None of the above

Select all that apply

Do any of the following circumstances apply to you? *

- ☐ Have been in prison for 14 days or more
- ☐ Have been in psychiatric confinement for 14 days or more
- ☐ Are a humanitarian entrant in Australia for the first time
- ☐ Had to leave your home because of an extreme circumstance
- ☐ None of the above

Select all that apply - You may be eligible for a crisis payment

Have you been affected by domestic and family violence? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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You may be eligible for a crisis payment

Crisis support

Services Australia can help if you're in severe financial hardship, recovering from a disaster or need special assistance. Please see more information [here](#).

See if you're eligible for a crisis payment [here](#).

Domestic and family violence crisis support

[*ACT Government Information, Support and Financial Assistance for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence*](#)

[*Services Australia, Information, Support and Financial Assistance for Domestic and Family Violence*](#)

Services Australia can help if you're in severe financial hardship, recovering from a disaster or need special assistance. Please see more information [here](#).

See if you're eligible for a crisis payment [here](#).

Education and working rights

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What is your highest level of education? *

- ☐ No formal education
- ☐ Primary School (Year 6 or below)
- ☐ Secondary School (Year 10 Certificate)
- ☐ Senior Secondary School (Year 12 Certificate)
- ☐ Certificate I-V (Vocational Education/Training such as CIT or TAFE)
- ☐ Diploma or Advanced Diploma
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Graduate Certificate or Diploma
- ☐ Master's Degree
- ☐ Doctoral Degree

Is your qualification recognised in Australia? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

You can get your overseas higher education qualifications assessed to show what the equivalent of your qualification is in Australia. This may help you enrol in study or to find a job. Learn more on the [Overseas Qualification Assessment](#) website.

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In which country were you born? *

- ☐ Australia
☐ Other:

Are you an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia? *

- ☐ Australian Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident of Australia ☐ Neither

Do you have the legal right to work in Australia? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

You must have the legal right to work in Australia to receive the Return to Work Grant.

You are not eligible for the Return to Work Grant

You must have the legal right to work in Australia to receive the Return to Work Grant. If your situation changes later, you can apply again. See these documents for other options and supports.

- **Information about Employment Resources can be found [here](#).**
- **Information about Support Resources can be found [here](#).**

Financial eligibility

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Do you have a Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

A Health Care Card is a type of concession card <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/health-care-card>. Please note we do not accept Pensioner Concession Cards

Upload a copy of your Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card *

Attach a file:

Do you have an ACT Services Access Card? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

An ACT Services Access Card can help you with the cost of living for you and your family while you're waiting to get a protection visa <https://www.act.gov.au/community/multicultural-communities/free-and-discounted-services-for-asylum-seekers>

Upload a copy of your ACT Services Access Card *

Attach a file:

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Why don't you have a Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card or an ACT Services Access Card? *

Upload a relevant supporting document for your application *

Attach a file:

For example, a letter from a support worker or case worker explaining your financial position. If you do not have a support worker, you may find the Support Services for Women in Canberra document helpful. <https://dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/d/files/dlm/f7194ac2ef943c27b24885d7efbcceb3943c94d4>

What type of income do you receive? *

- ☐ Employment income such as wages, salary and self-employment income
- ☐ Centrelink benefits and/or pensions
- ☐ Rental income
- ☐ Other:

Select all that apply

What is your average income (before tax) from all the sources in the last questions? *

- ☐ Less than \$1,400 per week
- ☐ More than \$1,400 per week

You are not eligible for the Return to Work Grant

To receive the Return to Work Grant, you must have a low income. If your situation changes later, you can apply again. See these documents for other options and supports.

- **More information about Employment Resources can be found [here](#).**
- **More information about Support Resources can be found [here](#).**

How many dependent children do you have? *

Must be a number.
If none enter 0

Which of the following best describes your current employment situation? *

- ☐ Employed full time
- ☐ Employed part time
- ☐ Employed casual

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- ☐ Self employed
- ☐ Apprentice/Trainee
- ☐ Unemployed

What is your current job/role? *

Upload a copy of your most recent payslip *

Attach a file:

Next Steps, Certification and Privacy Notice

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What Happens After You Apply

After you submit your application, the Office for Women will review your eligibility and documents. If you meet the criteria, you'll be contacted by email and asked to complete a Work Plan Form. This form helps us understand your employment goals and how the grant will support your return to work.

We aim to contact applicants within 2 weeks of submission.

Certification

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application and the information provided is true and correct.

I understand that if the Health and Community Services Directorate approves the grant, I will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the grant guidelines, application form and Letter of Offer.

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Date *

Must be a date.

Privacy Notice

In compliance with the *Information Privacy Act 2014* (the Act) personal information on this form may be stored in the Health and Community Services Directorate records and may also be used for statistical research, information provision and evaluation of services. Your

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personal information may be disclosed to other agencies and third parties for purposes related to this application and/or monitoring compliance with the Act. Except in these circumstances, personal information will only be disclosed to third parties with your consent unless otherwise required or authorised by law.