



Compensation Grant Program

Disability Support Pension

Purpose

The purpose of the Compensation Grant program is to provide financial support to Paralympians whose Disability Support Pension (DSP) payments have been affected due to travelling outside Australia for training and/or competitions exceeding the general travel allowance of 28 days in a financial year.

The AIS has committed \$320,000 over four financial years to support Paralympians whose payments in any of the four financial years from 2018/19 to 2021/22 have been impacted.

Important Dates

There is only one round of applications for the DSP Compensation Grant per financial year. For the application round in 2019/20, applicants can apply for compensation for the financial year of 2018/19. The key dates are:

Activity	Timeframe
Applications Open	6 th March 2020
Applications Close	31 st April 2020
Advise successful & unsuccessful applicants	Early May 2020

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a DSP Compensation grant in this funding round, an individual athlete must:

- i. Have been categorised within the AIS Athlete Categorisation Framework at any time during 2018/19;
- ii. Have had their 2018/19 DSP payments affected as a result of travelling outside Australia (in excess of the general travel allowance of 28 days) for training and/or competitions in preparation for the Summer or Winter Paralympic Games; and
- iii. Have the training and/or competitions mentioned in ii) sanctioned by their National Sporting Organisation ("NSO").

Assessment and Grant Approval Process

Applications will be considered through a demand driven grant process.

All applications will initially be assessed by the AIS against the eligibility criteria. Only one application will be considered per athlete in a given financial year.

As part of the assessment process, the AIS will contact the relevant NSO to confirm that the training and/or competitions stated in the application were sanctioned. If the AIS identifies errors in an application, the applicant may be contacted to correct or explain the information.

Eligible applications will be considered successful provided sufficient grant funding is available.

If the total amount applied for from all eligible applications exceeds available funds, the AIS will award grants to successful applications on a pro rata basis.

The final grant amount offered to a successful applicant is at the discretion of the AIS. The AIS CEO will provide final approval of grant recipients and the final grant amount offered taking into account the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant program.



How to Apply

Before applying you will need to read and understand these guidelines including the Terms & Conditions in Appendix 1.

Only one application should be submitted per athlete for a given financial year.

Applications for a DSP Compensation Grant should be completed online at www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/dsp.

You will receive an automated email receipt from the grants system if your application has been submitted successfully. If you do not receive such an email, please assume your application has not been submitted and please contact paradsp@ausport.gov.au.

If you need another format to submit the application, or are unable to submit the application online, please contact paradsp@ausport.gov.au prior to the closing date.

To complete the application form, you will need to have the following information available:

- The applicant's personal details
- The applicant's bank account details
- The applicant's Services Australia Customer Reference Number (CRN)*
- The details of the trip(s) that affected DSP payments in 2018/19:
 - start date
 - end date
 - destination, and
 - purpose of the trip (training or competitions)

*If you do not provide AIS with permission to access your Services Australia records for the purpose of confirming your international travel and the suspended DSP, you will need to provide evidence from Services Australia that your DSP had been suspended and for the compensation grant amount applied for.


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22 August 2019

Suspension of your Disability Support Pension

Payment from 04/06/2019 — 20/06/2019 due on 26/08/2019 **\$421.59**

INFORMATION USED FOR CALCULATING YOUR PAYMENT

Annual Income **\$0.17**

► Important Information

- Your Disability Support Pension has been stopped because our records show you are still overseas.

You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate.

Late applications will not be accepted, unless specifically agreed by the AIS. If a prospective applicant believes they may miss the deadline, they should contact the AIS as soon as possible. The AIS reserves the right to refuse late application requests.

If you need further guidance on the application process, wish to request for an extension to submit application or wish to withdraw a submitted application, please contact:

Email: paradsp@ausport.gov.au

Phone: +61 2 6214 1195



Notification and Agreement

All applicants will be notified by email of the outcome of their application including:

- any funding amount to be awarded
- the terms and conditions of any funding.

There is no review or appeal process after the final decision is made by AIS.

Disclosure of Information

The AIS must treat any personal information according to the Privacy Act 1988 and the Australian Privacy Principles.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption applies.

Personal information submitted via the online application is collected by the AIS for the purpose of considering applications for and administering the program. The information collected may be disclosed to other government agencies for this purpose.

The personal details of successful applicants or participants (including name, home state, sport, supporting organisation, the value of the grant awarded and a brief description of the purpose for the grant) may be released by the AIS to the public and the media and may be placed on the ASC website, including for the use of promotional purposes.

To view the AIS Privacy Policy visit: https://www.sportaus.gov.au/legal_information/privacy_policy

Enquiries and feedback

If you have any questions regarding the Compensation Grant Program, please contact email: paradsp@ausport.gov.au or phone: +61 2 6214 1195.

If you wish to lodge a complaint regarding the grant opportunity this can be done using the AIS complaints form at www.sportaus.gov.au/complaints.



Appendix 1 – Terms and Conditions

1. The Australian Institute of Sport (**AIS**) may accept or reject any application to the Disability Support Pension Compensation Grant Program (**Program**) in its absolute discretion.
2. If the AIS decides to make a grant to the applicant (**Grant**) the Grant will be made subject to these terms and conditions, and the Program Guidelines (as updated from time to time).
3. The AIS will make a single payment to the successful applicant (**Applicant**).
4. The Applicant declares and warrants, at the date of agreeing to these terms and conditions, that he or she:
 - a. fulfils the Eligibility Criteria (as set out in the Program Guidelines) for receipt of the Grant, and must promptly notify the AIS if Applicant becomes aware that he or she no longer fulfils the Eligibility Criteria;
 - b. has not at any time been found to have breached any anti-doping rule or policy applicable to the Applicant, and has not engaged at any time in any conduct that constituted a breach of any anti-doping rule or policy applicable to the Applicant;
 - c. since the commencement of the 2018-2019 financial year, has been eligible to represent Australia under the international rules of his or her sport;
 - d. since the commencement of the 2018-2019 financial year, has maintained a high standard of personal behaviour expected of an athlete representing Australia; and
 - e. has not, at any time since the commencement of the 2018-2019 financial year, done anything to bring the Applicant, the AIS, or the Applicant's National Sporting Organisation into disrepute.
5. Without limitation to any other rights of the AIS, if the AIS reasonably believes, at any time following the award of the Grant, that the Applicant:
 - a. has provided false or misleading information in the application process; or
 - b. has otherwise breached any of its obligations set out in these terms or conditions, then the AIS may by written notice, require the Applicant to repay to the AIS, at the AIS's absolute discretion, all or part of the Grant. The amount notified must be repaid within 30 days of any such notice.
6. Any personal information that is submitted via the application process is collected by the AIS for the purpose of considering applications, assessing eligibility and otherwise administering the Program. The information collected may be disclosed to other government agencies, including Services Australia, for this purpose. With the Applicant's consent, via the online application form, the AIS may also obtain information from Services Australia to enable the AIS to assess the Applicant's eligibility for the Program.
7. Details of successful Applicants (including their name, home state, sport, supporting organisation, the value of the Grant awarded, and a brief description of the purpose of the Grant) may be released by the AIS to the public and the media, and may be placed on the AIS website, including for promotional purposes.
8. If the Applicant is under 18 years of age he or she must also obtain agreement of their parent or guardian to these terms and conditions and the Program Guidelines.





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