
RE: [EXT] Re: Connect: Work bonus win means more income

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To: "gregjarvis5@gmail.com" <gregjarvis5@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 25, 2024 at 11:08 AM

Dear Greg

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Work Bonus and our apologies for the confusion caused.

As we have all experienced, the Work Bonus is a complicated and confusing scheme.

Disappointingly, the government's permanent increase to the limit, effective 1 January 2024, isn't as straightforward as we understood and in the spirit of what we expected.

This being the case, last week's article contained information that wasn't correct. Thanks to your enquiry, this has now been corrected, and the updated article is here <https://nationalseniors.com.au/news/featured-news/work-bonus-win-means-more-income>

In summary:

- The \$4,000 Work Bonus is a one-off extra amount applied to a pensioners Work Bonus income bank – that means people who received the \$4,000 on their Work Bonus in 2023 will not get \$4,000 added on 1 Jan – this will only go to new pensioners.
- However, because the max Work Bonus income bank has been increased to \$11,800, theoretically you could stop working and then be able to earn \$11,800 (an extra \$4,000) without impacting your pension as you accrue into your income bank. Because you get \$300 every fortnight to your income bank you could build up to the \$11,800 over a period of approx. 18 months – but only if you don't work for a period of time!

We understand it's complex and apologise again for the confusion caused.

We will continue to fight for a fairer pension system and thank you for taking the time to write and bring this to our attention.

With best wishes,

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Subject: FW: [EXT] Re: Connect: Work bonus win means more income

From: Greg Jarvis <gregjarvis5@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:46 PM
To: National Seniors Australia <General@nationalseniors.com.au>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Connect: Work bonus win means more income

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I believe your recent article is misleading. My understanding is the Work Bonus CAP only is increasing, not the allowable wages earned, this still remains at \$300 after the initial \$4000 expires and not \$453 as stated in your article.

The increased cap only benefits those who don't work increasing the cap of potential allowable earnings and you can't pay a bill with that.

I sincerely hope I'm wrong, if not I would expect clarification in your next publication.

Regards

Greg

The decision to make the temporary increase in the Work Bonus permanent from 1 January 2024 means a person can earn \$453 per fortnight (on average) and not affect their pension. That might mean you can work an extra shift.

On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 4:22 PM National Seniors Australia <general@nationalseniors.com.au> wrote:

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