



The Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme A Guide for the Relocation Assistance Grant for Properties Identified after Scheme Announcement

This Guide provides information about the Relocation Assistance Grant for owner occupiers and tenants of properties added to the Affected Residential Premises Register (the Register) after 29 June 2015.

The primary focus of the Relocation Assistance Grant is to assist residents to move out of their affected properties.

Who can apply for a Relocation Assistance Grant for Properties Identified after Scheme Announcement (the Grant)?

To apply for the Grant, you must be an Eligible Occupier.

In general, to be an Eligible Occupier you must be living in the affected property as at the date it was added to the Register either as:

- an owner occupier; or
- a tenant under a valid tenancy agreement.

Individual circumstances may be taken into consideration when assessing eligibility.

Landlords/Lessors are not eligible for this relocation assistance, but may be eligible for the Lessee Assistance Grant for Properties Identified after Scheme Announcement. Please refer to www.act.gov.au/asbestostaskforce.

How much is the Grant?

The Grant is a lump sum payment of up to \$10,000 per household plus \$2,000 per dependent child living in the affected property.

In special / emergency circumstances, assessed on a case by case basis, an early partial payment may be made available to an Eligible Occupier prior to the completion of the full application process. Where such financial assistance has already been provided to an Eligible Occupier or any other person who is or has previously lived in the affected property under an emergency response assistance package the amount of the Grant will be reduced by the amount already paid.

The lump sum payments will not be means-tested. Payments will be made by electronic bank transfer. Where possible applications will be processed within 21 days (15 working days) of receipt of an application and all supporting material.



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How do you apply for the Grant?

Eligible Occupiers will be required to lodge an application form following relocation from the affected property. In general, applications should not be lodged, and will not be able to be considered while residents remain in the affected property. In circumstances where this will cause hardship, Eligible Occupiers can apply to the Taskforce for a partial payment to be made available prior to vacation of the affected property.

Where the Eligible Occupiers are owner occupiers, all owners will need to sign the application.

Tenants will need to provide with their application a copy of their residential tenancy agreement and evidence of lodgement of their bond. Applications can only be made by those tenants named on the valid residential tenancy agreement. All tenants named on the residential tenancy agreement will be required to sign the application form.

Additional information

Additional information may be requested upon receipt of an application. Applicants will need to provide the requested information to enable the application to be assessed.

Grant criteria

To be eligible to receive the Grant, Eligible Occupiers must satisfy a number of criteria:

1. having permanently vacated the affected property
2. where the Eligible Occupier is an owner occupier, agreeing to maintain the external parts of the affected property (for example by mowing lawns and securing the property)
3. agreeing not to return to reside in the affected property
4. not knowingly allowing anyone else to reside at the affected property
5. acknowledging any reductions in the amount of the grant to reflect payments made under an emergency response assistance package.

Applicants who are owner occupiers are encouraged to maintain insurance on the affected property.

Review process

An applicant may request a review of a decision in relation to the Grant by written application to the Taskforce.

An initial review will be conducted by a senior Taskforce manager. Where the decision remains unacceptable to the applicant, a second review can be requested from the Head of the Asbestos Response Taskforce, whose decision will be final. Written notice of each decision will be provided to the applicant.

Each review process will be conducted within 14 days (10 working days) of a request being received subject to all information relevant to the review having been provided by the applicant.

Applicants will have an ultimate right of appeal through the ACT Ombudsman. Contact details and online forms are available at <http://ombudsman.act.gov.au/contact-us>.

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