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Enhanced Residency Requirements for Pensioners

This measure enhances residency requirements for pensioners.

Information update: This Budget measure is subject to the passage of legislation.

Description of the measure

From 1 July 2018, to receive [Age Pension](#) or [Disability Support Pension \(DSP\)](#), a person will need to have:

- 10 continuous years of Australian residence including at least five years during their Australian working life, or
- 10 continuous years of Australian residence and proof they have not received activity tested income support for cumulative periods of five years or more, or
- 15 years of continuous Australian residence.

Residence during a person's working life is the number of years a person has resided (lived permanently) in Australia between age 16 and age pension age.

Existing exemptions to the residence requirements for Age Pension and DSP will stay the same.

Questions and answers

Whom does this measure affect?

From 1 July 2018, to qualify for Age Pension or DSP, a person will need to meet the changed residence rules.

People already receiving Age Pension or DSP will not be affected unless their payment is cancelled on or after 1 July 2018. Anyone attempting to re-claim after this date will be subject to the new rules.

What date will this measure start and finish?

This measure will start on 1 July 2018 and is ongoing.



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