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Government Pensions and Payments

Acceptable Government Pensions and Payments are:

Government Pensions	Government Payments
Aged PensionsVeteran Affairs PensionsDisability PensionsWidows Pensions	 Family Tax Benefit Part A and B Carers Income (includes carer payment, carer allowance, carer supplement) Supplement Payments

There is no need to use Government pensions and payments when servicing can be satisfactorily demonstrated from the customers other income

Government payments should only be considered as a supplementary income source/s for the application where the main stream of income is derived from another source.

Comments:

- where Government payments are the only source/s of income, the application can be considered on a case by case basis (does not apply to pensions).
- > all other Centrelink payments, including rent assistance, are unacceptable forms of income;
- Newstart is an excluded income and will not be considered;
- borrowers must be entitled to receive family tax benefit (part A and B) for the next 3 years

NOTE: Rent assistance is not an ongoing payment or income source, therefore should not be used for calculating serviceability.

Verification	% Used for Servicing		
Use the following only Letter from Centrelink or relevant government body confirming benefit amount, less than 6 weeks old immediately preceding the date of application Letter must be downloaded by the customer from the My Gov website			
Comments			

- ▶ The **Government payments** must be entered into the 'tax free' field of the application.
- The **Pension income** should be entered into the 'pension' field of the application, unless it has been confirmed as 'tax free' (evidence of tax-free pension to be imaged).
- ▶ For information on Centrelink payments refer to the Centrelink Website

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