

August 2018 Update DHSTV transcript

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This month: changes for jobseekers, Farm Household Allowance and the Australian Organ Donor Register.

G'day, I'm Hank Jongen, here to tell you what's happening with the department in August.

Starting off, if you're a job seeker, there are a number of changes coming up that you'll need to know about. Mutual Obligation requirements are changing for job seekers from 20 September this year. The changes will support you in a range of areas to increase your chances of getting a job.

If you're a job seeker 55 to 59 years of age doing voluntary work, there are also changes that might affect you. We'll send you a letter with more information.

If you're aged between 30 years and Age Pension age, and working with a jobactive provider, your annual activity requirements may change. Your provider should discuss this with you in more detail.

The department has always been committed to providing assistance for farmers in a number of ways, including delivering Farm Household Allowance. In what I'm sure will be good news for farmers, the time frame farmers and their partners can receive Farm Household Allowance has been extended - from three to four years.

This gives farmers facing hardship more time to become self-sufficient, so they're better placed to sustain their farming business.

If you previously received Farm Household Allowance for the full three years and had it cancelled, you'll be able to claim a fourth year from the first of August 2018.

For people currently receiving Farm Household Allowance, you don't need to do anything. You'll automatically receive an additional year of assistance. To find out more, visit our website at the link below or call the Farmer Assistance Hotline on 132 316.

Finally, I wanted to let you know about the Australian Organ Donor Register. Around fourteen hundred Australians are on organ transplant waiting lists. Just one donor can save many lives.

DonateLife Week is held in the first week of August, and I can't think of a better time to register your decision to be an organ or tissue donor, or both.

Registering to be a donor is important. When a person registers, nine out of ten families agree to organ or tissue donation when the time comes. However, this drops to just four out of ten if the person isn't registered.

Register or update your decision to be a donor at the Australian Organ Donor Register at donatelife.gov.au

You can also use your Medicare online account through myGov or the Express Plus Medicare app.

Thanks for tuning in, and don't forget to like or follow us on social media and subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up to date.

See you next month!

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