March 2019 Update DHSTV transcript

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This month: the census date for students, lodging your lump sum claim for Family Tax Benefit and World Oral Health Day.

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

If you're a student, it's important to know the census date for many university courses is quickly approaching.

This is usually the 31st of March, but can vary depending on your institution.

The census date is the last day you can change your study without incurring financial costs from your institution.

Remember – if your study details change, you also need to let us know, as it can affect your payment eligibility.

You can do this online using your Centrelink account via myGov.

If you want to lodge a lump sum claim for Family Tax Benefit for the 2017-18 financial year – you only have until the 30th of June this year.

Lodge your online claim using your Centrelink account via myGov.

You'll also need to confirm income details for you and your partner for the 2017-18 financial year by the same date.

You can do this by either lodging a tax return with the Australian Taxation Office – or telling us you don't need to lodge one.

If you don't let us know, you might miss out on payments including Family Tax Benefit supplements.

Oral Heath Day is marked around the world on the 20th of March – and it's a good opportunity to remind you about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

For eligible children, it lets you access up to $1000 to help with the cost of a range of basic dental services.

When speaking with a private or public dentist – you can let them know if you're eligible.

If your dentist bulk bills, you don't need to submit a claim. Otherwise, you'll need to pay the bill and claim your benefits from us.

You can use your Medicare account through myGov to check your child's eligibility, and to lodge claims.

Thanks for watching, and don't forget to like or follow us on social media and subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up to date. I'll see you next month!

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