

Title: DHSTV December 2015 update

About the video

Department of Human Services General Manager Hank Jongen highlights important updates for December 2015.

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This month, we celebrate International Day for People with Disability, share the gift of giving, and explain what you need to know if your payment dates fall on a public holiday.

G'day, I'm Hank Jongen, General Manager, Department of Human Services here to tell you what's happening with the department this December.

December begins with International Day for People with Disability. This year's theme is 'Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities.'

This month, we'll be celebrating their achievements, and some of the assistance available from our department.

It's an important day that not only aims to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability, but also their contributions and achievements.

You can find out more by following our social media accounts and checking out our Disability Champions videos on YouTube.

I'm really proud when I see our staff going above and beyond to help others, particularly at this time of year.

We have staff doing extraordinary things in their spare time, like walking for brain cancer research, mentoring young people with complex issues, and offering selfless and life-altering support to other staff through the gift of organ donation. It's wonderful to see.

I'll be using the hashtag '#GiftOfGiving' on my Facebook and Twitter accounts throughout the month, so make sure you follow me to share the Gift of Giving with us, and tag your friends and family so they can join in too!

Finally, to make sure you're not put out by our office closures over the holiday period, we have special arrangements in place.

During the holidays we'll be closed, Christmas Day, Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th of December, and on New Year's day.

During this time you'll still be able to use your myGov online account, Express Plus mobile apps and phone self-service.

You can use these services to report your employment. However, if you do this on a public holiday you will not be paid until after the public holiday.

Thanks for watching, on behalf of the team here at the Department of Human Services, I'd like you wish you and your loved ones a Happy Christmas.

Don't forget to like or follow us on social media and subscribe to our channel to keep up to date.

I'll see you in the New Year, bye for now.

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