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The AAT is independent

The AAT is not a part of Centrelink, or of the Department of Human Services. It is an independent tribunal with members who have expertise in law, welfare, accounting, medicine or public administration.

The AAT can change Centrelink decisions

The AAT has the power to change some Centrelink decisions regarding paid parental leave if the decision has been reviewed by either a Centrelink Authorised Review Officer (ARO), or in most circumstances a Centrelink Subject Matter Expert (SME), and the AAT finds that the decision does not accord with the law. The employer decisions which the AAT can review are:

- An employer determination decision
- An employer funding amount decision

Applying to the AAT is free

There is no cost to an employer who wishes to have the AAT review an employer decision made under the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010.

The AAT hearing

AAT hearings are conducted in an informal manner and legal representation is not necessary. If the employer wishes to be represented by a legal practitioner, the employer must arrange and pay for that representation. The AAT cannot make an order for costs. Centrelink is unlikely to be represented by anyone at the hearing.

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Officer or a Centrelink SME?
\square Yes \rightarrow Date of decision:
□ No → A Centrelink Authorised Review Officer or Subject Matter Expert must review the decision before you can apply to the AAT. Please contact Centrelink immediately as there is a time limit for making an application for internal review.
Time limits on an application to the AAT
IMPORTANT: An employer MUST make an application for review by the AAT within 14 days after the date of the Centrelink Authorised Review Officer or Subject Matter Expert decision.
Making an application
You MUST make your application for review of the decision made by a Centrelink Authorised Review Officer or Subject Matter Expert in writing. This form is available on the AAT's website (www. aat.gov.au). You can:
 post the completed form to the AAT (Reply Paid 9955 in your capital city. No stamp required if posted within Australia); or
- fax it to your nearest AAT office; or
- take it to your nearest AAT office.
Employer details
Name of firm, company or partnership:
AATID, if known:
This form should be completed and signed by a director or senior officer of a company or by a partner.
Title: Mr □ Ms □ Mrs □ Miss □ Other □
Last name:
First name:
Your position in the firm, company or partnership:
Contact address:
Postcode:
Telephone number:
Mobile telephone number:
Your Centrelink employer reference number, if known:

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Type of employer application
Please tick one of the following boxes to indicate the type of decision you want reviewed:
☐ An employer determination decision*
☐ An employer funding amount decision
* The Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 requires an employer applying to the AAT for review of an employer determination decision to specify the condition or conditions that the employer believes are not satisfied. If your application is about an employer determination decision you MUST indicate which of the following conditions you believe are NOT satisfied:
□ the instalments are likely to be payable for at least 40 consecutive PPL days that are weekdays; or
☐ the person has made the PPL claim before the birth of the child and the person will have been employed by the employer for at least 12 months immediately before the expected date of birth; or
☐ the person has made the PPL claim after the birth of the child and the person will have been employed by the employer for at least 12 months immediately before the expected date of birth or the actual date of birth of the child (whichever is later)
AND the employer has not elected (under section 109 of the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010) to voluntarily pay instalments to the person claiming the PPL payment; or
☐ the person claiming the PPL payment is an Australian-based employee for the person's PPL period or the period for which PPL is likely to be payable; or
☐ the employer has an ABN.
Reasons for application (optional)
The employer may set out briefly why it considers the decision of the Centrelink Authorised Review Officer or Subject Matter Expert is incorrect.

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Do you have a representative (other than a company officer or employee)?

Do you want letters from the AAT sent to a representative such as a lawyer or accountant? If so, please write that person's name and contact details here:
Representative's name:
Postal address:
Telephone number:
You MUST sign here to authorise the AAT to disclose information about you to your nominated representative.
Signature: Date:
Statutory declaration
This application must be accompanied by a statutory declaration (as required by paragraph 224(3) (b) of the Paid Parental Leave Act 2010) to verify the application. The attached statutory declaration must be made by a person authorised by the employer and witnessed by one of the persons before whom a statutory declaration may be made (see further below).
Other documents
The employer must attach a copy of any document relevant to the application for review.
Please sign here
To be signed by a person authorised to make the application on behalf of the employer.
Signature: Date:
(Director, Company Secretary, other Senior Officer, Partner, etc.)

What we do with information given to us

We collect information from you to process your application and carry out the review. We may disclose some or all of the information you give us to Centrelink and/or any other relevant person or body for the purpose of the review. We may also use information about you to improve our services. More information, including our <u>Privacy Policy</u>, is available on our website <u>www.aat.gov.au</u>, or by calling 1800 228 333.

Commonwealth of Australia STATUTORY DECLARATION

Statutory Declarations Act 1959

Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration	I,
	[occupation]
	ofaddress]
	in the State / Territory of
	make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:
2. Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs	The statements made in the attached Employer Application are true.
	I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.
3. Signature of person making the declaration	
4. Place	Declared at ⁴
5. Day	on ⁵ of ⁶
6. Month and year	011*
7. Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)	Before me ^{,7}
8. Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)	8name]
	qualification]
	ofaddress]
	Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.
	Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 — see section 5A of the Statutory

Declarations Act 1959.

A statutory declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 may be made before-

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

 Chiropractor
 Medical practitioner
 Patent attorney
 Psychologist

 Dentist
 Nurse
 Pharmacist
 Trade marks attorney

 Legal practitioner
 Optometrist
 Physiotherapist
 Veterinary surgeon

(2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however

escribed); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the Consular Fees Act 1955)

Bailiff

Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service

Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court

Clerk of a court Commissioner

for Affidavits Commissioner for

Declarations

Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
- (c) exercising his or her function in that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
- (c) exercising his or her function in that place

Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association

Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list

Judge of a court

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961

Master of a court

Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia

Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student

Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants

Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:

- (a) an officer; or
- (b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 with 5 or more years of continuous service; or
- (c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants

Member of:

- (a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) the Parliament of a State; or
- (c) a Territory legislature; or
- (d) a local government authority of a State or Territory

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961

Notary public

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public

Permanent employee of:

- (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
- (b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or
- (c) a local government authority;

with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

Police officer

Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

Senior Executive Service employee of:

- (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
- (b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution