



## Stolen Wages Settlement

### Update 21, 4 December 2020

Welcome to our final Stolen Wages Settlement email update to claimants (workers under the Stolen Wages practices) and registered representatives (for deceased claimants).

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### Payments are being made

The Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution Scheme requires payments to eligible claimants and registered representatives to be made prior to 6 December 2020. We have been able to commence payments early and these are being staggered to reduce the impact in communities on stores, banks and social services.

The scheduled date of Stolen Wages payments are set out below:

- Claimants and registered representatives with **surnames S - Z**:  
Monday, 30 November 2020
- Claimants and registered representatives with **surnames N - R**:  
Tuesday, 1 December 2020
- Claimants and registered representatives with **surnames H - M**:  
Wednesday, 2 December 2020

- Claimants and registered representatives with **surnames C - G**:  
Thursday, 3 December 2020
- Claimants and registered representatives with **surnames A – B**:  
Friday, 4 December 2020
- Non-resident claimants and registered representatives (**foreign residents**):  
Saturday, 5 December 2020
- Claimants and registered representatives without a registered bank account:  
Monday, 7 December 2020

The distribution statement sent to you in October 2020 sets out your nominated bank account and the amount of your payment. Please refer to your distribution statement to confirm the details of your payment. How your payment was calculated is explained at the *FAQ* tab on the Stolen Wages website, [www.stolenwages.com.au](http://www.stolenwages.com.au).

When your payment appears in your bank account will depend on the payment processing times of your bank. The Stolen Wages Information Centre has no control over when your bank deposits the payment into your bank account and you should direct any such questions to your bank.

The Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution Scheme will be concluded in January 2020, following the lodgement of tax returns for the scheme. If there are any surplus funds after the finalisation of the scheme, the administrators may make a further very small payment to claimants and registered representatives, or seek directions from the Federal Court regarding the distribution of the surplus funds. Information will be published on the Stolen Wages website after the finalisation of the scheme.

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## Other information

Claimants and registered representatives requiring help with budgeting, saving, dealing with debts, Centrelink payments and basic tax questions can call Cape York Partnership on 0497 473 589 or The National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007.

Registrations closed on 21 November 2019 and no new registrations can be accepted. The Federal Court has ordered that there will not be any further Stolen Wages claims in Queensland.

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## Questions about your payment

The Stolen Wages Information Centre continues to receive a very high volume of telephone calls and our staff will be unable to answer specific questions about the amount and date of payments. If you have questions in relation to these matters please refer to your distribution statement and visit our website, [www.stolenwages.com.au](http://www.stolenwages.com.au), which contains all of the most current and up to date information.

If you have a question that you cannot find an answer to on our website, we encourage you to email your question to [stolenwages@au.gt.com](mailto:stolenwages@au.gt.com) and we will respond to you in writing as quickly as possible.

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## Office closure

As Stolen Wages Settlement payments will be finalised shortly, our regular email updates will cease. Any relevant new information regarding the Stolen Wages Settlement will be advised via updates on our website and one-off emails.

The Stolen Wages Information Centre will close its doors permanently on 23 December 2020 and the Stolen Wages telephone number will cease on that date. The Stolen Wages email address will however continue to be monitored for a number of months.

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## Thank you

We thank all claimants and registered representatives, and the people and organisations that supported them, for their patience during the administration of the Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution Scheme and the processing of payments. We also acknowledge Mr Hans Pearson and his wife, and Bottoms English Lawyers for the work they undertook over many years that resulted in payments to over 11,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by the Stolen Wages practices.

It has been a privilege to work with so many remarkable people in administering the Stolen Wages Settlement.

The team at the Stolen Wages Information Centre wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a bright 2021.



**Our website - [www.stolenwages.com.au](http://www.stolenwages.com.au) - is the place to go to for accurate and up to date information.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Stolen Wages Information Centre**

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