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Topic: Newstart Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

Does the waiting period apply to people under 30 years who are transferring from a Carer Payment onto Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (Other) because the care recipient has died or moved into institutional or other care, and the former carer has not been in a position to gain work experience because of their caring responsibilities?

Answer:

Exemptions from the new waiting period will be available for people who have a partial capacity to work less than 30 hours a week, parents receiving Family Tax Benefit for a child, part time apprentices, principal carer parents, a job seeker with significant barriers to employment under the current employment services arrangements (or the Remote Jobs and Communities Programme equivalent) and Disability Employment participants.

Any further exemptions would be a decision for Government and be dealt with through a disallowable instrument.