

Remote Area Benefit

Additional benefits for employees working in eligible remote areas of Australia



What is Remote Area Benefit?

Remote Area Benefit is a tax concession from the Australian Federal Government which allows eligible employees to claim up to 50% of certain expenses associated with living and working in a remote location, as well as some travel costs. This benefit is on top of the standard salary packaging benefit that employees of Public Benevolent Institutions (PBIs) receive.

Remote Area Benefits available

Remote Area Housing Benefits: These benefits include rent or mortgage interest and household fuels (gas, wood, electricity and oil). They only apply if your accommodation is in a remote area for the entire tenancy period.

Remote Area Travel Benefits: These benefits relate to travel expenses to and from the remote area in which you work and live, whilst travelling for personal reasons for a minimum of three working days. Included is travel to the place where you lived before moving to your remote work location or travel to the capital city of the state/territory in which your remote workplace is located.

Eligibility for Remote Area Benefit

To be eligible for Remote Area Benefit you must:

- ▶ live in and work for an organisation defined as a remote area;
- ▶ be renting or paying the mortgage on the property in which you live in the remote area.

Remote definition

A remote area is defined by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as being over 40kms from a town with a population of more than 14,000 people, or over 100kms from a town with a population of more than 130,000 people. To check if your town is considered remote, please visit the ATO website. Please refer to the remote locations listed under 'List 1' only.

How to get started

To get started, simply contact our friendly team on **1300 763 505** or email customercare@cbb.com.au to request a Remote Area Benefit information pack.

*Remote Area Benefits are subject to your organisation's salary packaging policy.
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