

Payment Assistance Policy Program

Are you finding it hard to pay your bill? We're here to help.

We understand that telecommunication is an essential service, and our goal is to support and help our customers stay connected, with disconnection being the absolute last resort.



1300 907 283 Monday - Friday 9.00 am – 6.00 pm AEST financialhardship@dodo.com.au

What is the Dodo Payment Assistance Program

The Dodo Payment Assistance Program helps support customers who have fallen behind with paying their bills and are facing financial difficulties. We will work with you to support you in catching up and getting back on track with your bills.

This assistance is free and made available to anyone experiencing short or long-term financial stress.

Who is eligible?

The Dodo Payment Assistance Program is here to support customers who could be facing the following situations:

- Serious illness, injury, death or change in personal or family circumstances;
- Unemployment or reduction of income;
- Family or domestic violence; Natural disasters;
- Unexpected events or unforeseen changes impacting your income or expenditure; or
- Other reasonable causes beyond your control that would impact your ability to pay your bill.

How can we help?

We have a variety of options to help you get back on track with your bills. This assistance can include:

- Short or Long-term payment arrangements;
- Payment extensions;
- Discounts;
- Spend controls;
- Restriction of services to reduce financial over commitment;
- Low-cost interim options until you can continue with original payments;
- Waiver of late payment fees or cancellation fees; and
- External support to financial counsellors or other services depending on your situation.

What is difference between Short-Term vs Long-Term Assistance?

Our specialist will look at the best options to assist you and your situation, including having a discussion with you about payment options to get back on track. This includes a short-term option where we can set up a 12-week payment plan to pay off your debt or if you need more time we can enter you onto a long-term payment plan.

Will I still receive collection notices when under the Dodo Payment Assistance Program?

No, once you enter onto the Dodo Payment Assistance Program you will no longer be at risk of suspension or disconnection of your service and will not receive any collection notices from us.

How can you receive support under the Payment Assistance Program?

You don't need to provide us any evidence about your current situation and it's easy to get in contact with us.

Simply complete the webform with your account information and the reason for assistance and we will get back to you within 5 business days with the outcome of your request.

https://www.dodo.com/financial-hardship-support-request

If you would prefer to contact us via phone, you can call our team on 1300 907 283 Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 6.00 pm AEST

or you can contact us via email: financialhardship@dodo.com.au

Can you be declined from receiving support under Dodo Payment Assistance Program?

Yes, if you have had 2 or more unsuccessful arrangements with us under the Dodo Payment Assistance Program, you may be declined from re-entering onto the program. You will be notified within 5 business days if your request has been declined.

Support from registered financial counsellors

If you are facing financial difficulty, you may wish to obtain advice from a community financial counsellor.

You can talk to a financial counsellor from anywhere in Australia by calling <u>1800 007 007</u> (Monday to Friday, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm). This number will automatically switch through to the service in the State or Territory closest to you, or you can visit the National Debt Helpline <u>www.ndh.org.au</u>

If you would like a Financial Counsellor to work with us on your behalf, you'll need to contact us to provide authority for this.

Need more help?

Here are some links and information to services that could assist you.

Organisation	Description
Services Australia	Information about contacting Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support, and the Department of Human Services. Visit: <u>www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</u>
Money smart	MoneySmart offer free, independent guidance so you can make most of your money. Visit: www.moneysmart.gov.au
Kids Helpline	Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Phone: <u>1800 551 800</u> Website: <u>kidshelpline.com.au</u>
1800 Respect	If you're suffering from sexual assault or domestic/family violence, 1800 RESPECT is open 24 hours a day. Phone: <u>1800 737 732</u> Website: <u>1800respect.org.au</u>
MensLine Australia	MensLine Australia is a free telephone and online counselling service offering support for Australian men anywhere, anytime. Phone: <u>1300 789 978</u> Website: <u>mensline.org.au</u>
Woman Resource Information and Support Centre (WRISC) Aboriginal Family Violence Program	WRISC strongly believes in understanding and respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and our shared history as Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians. Phone: <u>(03) 5333 3666</u> Website: <u>wrisc.org.au/aboriginal-family-violence-program.php</u>
Dodo Complaints Team & Dodo Complaints & The Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO)	If you would like to speak to someone in regards to a complaint or dispute, our <u>complaints policy can be found here</u> and you can contact the team on 1300 104 758 Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 6:00PM AEST
	The Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman can be contacted in the event that we have been unable to resolve your complaint, they will provide a fair, independent, and accessible external dispute resolution service.
	Phone: 1800 062 058 Monday to Friday 8:0am – 8:00pm (AEST) Website: <u>https://www.tio.com.au/</u>
	Please note that making complaint will not prevent you from agreeing to an arrangement for payment assistance.

INTERPRETER SERVICES

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** and ask to be connected to Dodo on **(03) 8256 6717** during normal business hours 8am-7pm EST Mon-Fri

Sí usted necesita un intérprete, por favor llame al Servicio de Interpretación y Traducción (TIS National) al 131 450 y pida que le conecten con Dodo al (03) 8256 6717 durante el horario comercial normal 8am-7pm EST Mon-Fri.

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα, καλέστε την TIS National στο 131 450 και ζητήστε να καλέσουν το Dodo στον αριθμό (03) 8256 6717. Οι ώρες λειτουργίας μας είναι 9am – 6pm Monday – Friday.

如果您需要传译员,请在正常营业时间内致电传译服务处:13 1450,然后请求转接到Dodo: (03) 8256 6717 8am-7pm EST Mon-Fri.

Nếu bạn cần một thông dịch viên . Xin vui lòng gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Quốc) 131450 và yêu cầu được kết nối với Dodo vào (03) 8256 6717 tro ng thời gian làm việc bình thường

Wenn Sie einen Dolmetscher benötigen, wenden Sie sich bitte an der Übersetzungs-ung Dolmetscher-Service (TIS National) auf 131 450 an und fragen Sie nach Dodo auf (03) 8256 6717 während der normalen Geschäftszeiten 8am-7pm EST Mon-Fri.

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