



ACT Women's Return to Work Grant

Item limits and conditions

As of July 2026

Please note:

This list shows examples of things the grant money *may* be used for. It is not a shopping list, and not everything on the list will automatically be approved. **You must be able to show how paying for the item will help you return to work.**

The Health and Community Services Directorate (HCSD) will review all spending plans to make sure they meet the goals of the grant. **All plans for spending must be approved before any money is used.**

Item Group	Group Limit	Item Limit	Condition
Education fees	Up to \$1000 of the grant can be used for education fees.	• Course fee limit \$1000	Must be enrolled in an accredited course
Study materials	Up to \$500 of the grant can be used for study materials. Item limits apply.	Of the \$500, no more than: • \$500 on textbooks • \$100 on stationery • \$200 on other items that you need to study	Must be enrolled in an accredited course
Work clothes and shoes	Up to \$500 of the grant can be used for work clothes and shoes. Item limits apply.	Of the \$500, no more than: • \$500 on work appropriate clothing • \$500 on uniforms • \$200 on steel-cap boots • \$200 on work appropriate shoes	Required for work, training or job seeking.
Childcare	Up to \$500 of the grant can be used for childcare. Item limits apply.	Of the \$500, no more than: • \$500 on registered childcare fees • \$500 on registered family daycare fees • \$500 on before or afterschool care fees • \$500 on school holiday program fees	Applicants must arrange their own childcare
Transport	Up to \$500 of the grant can be used for transport. Item limits apply.	Of the \$500, no more than: • \$100 on MyWay+ fares • \$300 on petrol • \$200 on parking • * \$500 on vehicle registration	* Will only be approved if you can show that your vehicle is essential for getting to work, training, or job



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		* \$500 on car repairs/ servicing/ tyres	interviews, and that no other suitable transport options are available.
Driving lessons or driver's licence	Up to \$500 of the grant can be used for driving lessons or a driver's licence. Item limits apply.	Of the \$500, no more than: \$500 on driving lessons \$270 on driver's licence fees \$500 on licence upgrade	Required for work, training or job seeking.
Digital devices or plans	Up to \$700 of the grant can be used for digital devices or plans. Item limits apply.	Of the \$700, no more than: \$500 on a laptop/computer \$500 on software \$500 on home internet \$500 on a smartphone \$400 mobile phone credit \$500 digital items required for work or training	Required for work, training or job seeking.
Job readiness fees or training	Up to \$500 of the grant can be used for job readiness fees or training. Item limits apply.	No more than the cost of the relevant fee in the ACT at the time of application. As at July 2026, this is a limit of no more than: \$160 for Working with Vulnerable People Card \$75 for Responsible Service of Alcohol \$100 for Responsible Conduct of Gambling \$200 for First Aid Certificate \$60 for National Police Check \$150 for White Card \$400 for Silica Awareness Training \$300 for Asbestos Awareness Training \$500 for professional registration \$500 for other job readiness fees or training	Must be: - directly related to the job you hope to do. Cannot be: - used for items your employer has agreed to pay for.