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COVID-19 newsflash

private-for-profit, not-for profit and public sector aged care members

Ask your employer to confirm your aged care retention bonus application

**There has been an issue with the link to the template letter. This has been updated.*

On 20 March the Federal Government announced it would support the aged care sector workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic by paying a retention bonus at a cost of \$234.9 million.

Aged care nurses, personal care workers and other eligible aged care workers will only receive the bonus payments if your employer makes an application.

ANMF is encouraging eligible members to use this template letter via bit.ly/2A95Lro to write to your employer asking for written confirmation that they have made an application for the bonus on your behalf.

Aged care workforce retention bonus **applications opened Monday 15 June and close 2pm, Monday 20 July.** Employers must make the application via the Federal Government's GrantConnect website.

Private-for-profit, not-for profit and public sector aged care nurses and personal care workers and other aged care employees are eligible for the retention bonus. Full-time, part-time and casual workers are all eligible.

Payment will be based on hours worked in the four weeks before the application date. The two-part payment, which will be taxed, includes:

- full-time 'direct care' workers will receive \$800 in July and September
- in-home care workers will receive \$600 per quarter in July and September.

For more information please read:

Department of Health *Workforce retention bonus grant – residential care and home care* fact sheet bit.ly/2zjXSPj
Federal ANMF information sheet: retention bonus via bit.ly/anmfinfo-aged-care-support

For more COVID-19 information visit anmfvic.asn.au/COVID19

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