

Defence lifts reservist employers' assistance

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Employers of Defence Reservists who claim financial assistance through the Employer Support Payment Scheme will receive more money.

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, Dr Mike Kelly says Employer Support Payments rose on 1 July from \$1123.30 to \$1183.10 per week for full-time employee Reservists deployed from their civilian jobs for more than two weeks.

For Reservists in part-time employment, a pro-rata amount of the applicable Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings (AWOTE) is calculated based on their weekly working hours. ESP support is also available to self-employed Reservists whose business provides their main source of income.

Employers can download claim forms at www.defence.gov.au/reserves. Defence Reserves Support specialists are available on 1800 803 485 or esp@defence.gov.au to help resolve any queries about the claims process.