

# Australia's paid parental leave scheme: Supporting working Australian families <sup>[1]</sup>

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## AVAILABILITY

Report introducing the new policy (2009) [link no longer available]

Information for parents in pdf (May 2010) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Description from the Australian government website:

Australia's first national Paid Parental Leave scheme starts on 1 January 2011.

The Paid Parental Leave scheme:

- is government funded
- is for eligible working parents of children born or adopted on or after 1 January 2011 - can be transferred to the other parent
- is paid at the National Minimum Wage - currently \$570 a week before tax
- is for up to 18 weeks
- can be taken any time within the first year after birth.

**Related link:** More information on the scheme from the Australian government <sup>[3]</sup>

**Region:** Australia and New Zealand <sup>[4]</sup>

**Tags:** maternity and parental leave <sup>[5]</sup>

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## Links

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