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Enhancing the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme

This measure will deliver on the Australian Government's commitment to allow family members of Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme workers to join them in Australia. The PALM Scheme workers must be on a long-term placement between 1 to 4 years.

The PALM Scheme allows eligible Australian businesses to hire workers from 9 Pacific islands and Timor-Leste when there aren't enough local workers available.

As part of this measure, eligible workers and their families will be able to access some social security payments and services.

Services Australia will implement the IT systems and processes and administer the following payments for these customers:

- Family Tax Benefit (FTB)
- supplementary payments for FTB Part A
- Child Care Subsidy.

This measure will help PALM Scheme workers and their families to have a healthy and positive experience in Australia.

Services Australia has been allocated \$6.6 million in 2022-23 and \$9.5 million over 4 years to support this measure.

You can read more about the [PALM Scheme](#) on their website.

This measure is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects long-term PALM Scheme workers on Subclass 403 visa and their family members who want to join them in Australia.

When will this start and finish?

This measure will start on 1 July 2023 and will be ongoing.