

## **PULSE PODCAST 2 - TRANSCRIPT**

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The Disability Support Pension residence rules have changed from the first of January 2012.

To remain eligible for DSP, you need to continue living permanently in Australia, or in a country where you are paid DSP under an international social security agreement. Before this change, you could live in any country and still be eligible for DSP, as long as you returned to Australia every 13 weeks.

The rules for temporary absences have not changed. You can continue to be paid for up to 13 weeks of a temporary absence from Australia, provided you remain qualified for DSP, including if you receive DSP under an international agreement.

The changes won't apply to some people, for example if you qualify for DSP under the provisions of a social security agreement, meet terminally ill provisions, or are being paid under earlier portability provisions, which apply to customers who were living outside of Australia on 1 July 2004. If you plan to travel outside Australia, you need to tell the Department of Human Services as soon as possible to find out if your absence will affect your payment.

There's more information on the Department of Human Services website. Or you can call **132 717** to speak to a customer service officer.

Have you checked out Pulse? It's a website for people who receive a Disability Support Pension. You can find out the latest news, views and things to do. Share your opinion and sign up for the latest e-newsletter. Head to **[www.pulse.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.pulse.centrelink.gov.au)**, to get in the loop.

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