

Affordable In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Fertility Support Initiative

Guidelines

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1 Initiative Overview

The Tasmanian Government is committed to improving access to fertility care and reducing the financial burden associated with Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). The Affordable In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Fertility Support Initiative provides financial assistance to support this goal.

This Initiative will assist Tasmanians who are undergoing fertility-related care by providing a rebate of up to **\$2 000** for eligible services received on or after **1 July 2026**. Eligible services include IVF, Artificial Insemination and fertility preservation delivered by TasIVF and Fertility Tasmania.

The rebate is designed to help with the costs of your IVF and other Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) journey. This document provides guidelines for applicants.

1.1 Scope of Initiative

This Initiative provides financial assistance for eligible fertility-related services delivered in Tasmania by TasIVF or Fertility Tasmania. It does not fund costs that have been reimbursed by another government program or rebate, such as Medicare, clinical decision making, guarantee access to treatment, or cover costs outside the eligible treatment list (see Section 2.3).

2 Eligibility Criteria and Evidence Criteria

Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria and provide at least one acceptable document, as required, for each criterion. Applications cannot be assessed without complete evidence.

2.1 Eligibility Criteria

You may be eligible if you:

- are a Tasmanian resident
- received eligible fertility-related services on or after **1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028**
- received treatment from TasIVF or Fertility Tasmania
- are the person undergoing treatment with the intention of becoming pregnant.

Table 1: Outlines the eligibility criteria and required supporting evidence needed to verify identity, residency, treatment eligibility, and payment details.

CRITERIA	EVIDENCE
Proof of Identity	Provide one identity document and a bank statement. Identity Document (choose one): • Driver licence • Passport • Photo identification or personal information card • Birth certificate Bank Statement: • recent bank statement or account confirmation letter from your financial institution that shows your name, address and bank account details If your name has changed, provide one of: • Marriage certificate • Divorce papers • Deed poll (pre-Nov 2000) • Change of name certificate (post-Nov 2000)
Tasmanian Residency	If your residential address is listed on your Proof or Identify document(s), further evidence of residency is not needed. If it is not listed, please provide one document showing your current residential address: • Most recent utility bill • Current residential tenancy agreement • Screenshot from Rental Bonds Online (MyBond) • Council rates notice • Home insurance documents
Eligible IVF, ART and fertility-related treatment/s in Tasmania on or after 1 July 2026 are	Provide your signed and completed <i>Affordable IVF and Fertility Support Initiative Declaration Form</i>. Note: The form must be signed and completed by both you (as the person claiming the rebate) and an authorised representative of Tas IVF or Fertility Tasmania.

2.1.1 Third-party Reproduction

Where treatment involves third-party reproduction arrangements (including surrogacy), the rebate may only be claimed by the person undergo treatment with the intention of carrying the pregnancy, provided all other eligibility criteria are met (see Section 2.1).

2.2 Eligible Treatments

The following treatment are eligible for the initiative. These treatments relate to IVF, Artificial Insemination and fertility preservation.

Table 2: Eligible treatments, and the maximum rebate amounts that can be given.

TREATMENT NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT CLAIMABLE
IVF Cycle - Initial	Superovulated treatment cycle that proceeds to oocyte (egg) retrieval.	\$2 000
IVF Cycle - Subsequent	A subsequent superovulated cycle in the same calendar year that proceeds to oocyte retrieval.	\$2 000
Frozen/Donor Embryo or Oocyte Preparation	Preparation of frozen or donated embryos or oocytes for transfer.	\$2 000
Ovulation Monitoring (AI) Planning and Management (AI) Preparation of sperm for Artificial Insemination (AI)	Artificial Insemination (AI)	\$900

Note: AI = Artificial insemination; IVF = In vitro fertilisation

2.3 Excluded Treatments

The following services are not eligible for rebate:

- individual tests associated with fertility procedures, conducted through third party providers (eg pathology laboratory)
- storage fees for eggs, sperm or embryos
- genetic screening
- purchase of donor sperm or donor eggs
- services delivered by interstate providers
- services received before the program start date and after the program end date.

3 Rebate Amounts and Funding Parameters

Applicants may claim up to \$2 000 in total under this Initiative. The rebate is designed to help with the costs of your IVF and other Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) journey. This document provides guidelines for applicants.

The rebate must be claimed by the eligible applicant, as outlined in Section 2.1.

Applicants may submit multiple claims until the \$2 000 limit is reached. To submit multiple claims, you will need to complete a short, additional claim form referencing your Applicant ID number, following your initial claim.

This Initiative is not means tested. Applicants do not need to provide income information to apply for or receive the rebate.

4 Timeframes

Eligible services must be received on or after **1 July 2026** and before **30 June 2028**.

Once an application is submitted, applicants will receive an automatic confirmation email from SmartyGrants with a copy of their application.

Most applicants can expect an outcome within **30** working days of submitting a complete application. Processing times may vary depending on application volumes and the availability of required information.

If additional information is needed to assess your application, Service Tasmania will contact the applicant.

5 Rebate Payments

Rebate payments are made directly to the applicant's nominated bank account once the claim has been assessed and approved. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their claim by email through SmartyGrants. If you do not have an email address, Service Tasmania will contact you directly, either by phone or in writing, to confirm the outcome of your application.

Payments are generally processed shortly after approval, although timeframes may vary depending on application volumes and the completeness of the information provided.

6 Program Duration and Funding Availability

This Initiative is scheduled to commence on **1 July 2026** and conclude on **30 June 2028**. It is funded through a capped allocation of **\$5 million**, with applications remaining open until the funding allocation is exhausted. The Department of Health will provide public updates if the Initiative approaches its funding limit. If funding is exhausted prior to the Initiative's end date, applications will be prioritised based on the date the completed application is received.

7 Taxation and Financial Implications

Applicants are advised to seek taxation advice from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on:

Phone: 13 28 66 or www.ato.gov.au.

8 Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS)

Applicants who need to travel more than 75 km to access fertility services may be eligible for support through the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS), provided they meet PTAS eligibility criteria. PTAS is administered separately to this Initiative and does not form part of the rebate.

More information about PTAS is available at: www.health.tas.gov.au/patients/health-costs/ptas

9 Information Management and Privacy

9.1 Personal Information Protection

Your personal information is protected under Tasmanian privacy and health information laws, including the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and the *Archives Act 1983*.

The Tasmanian Government and SmartyGrants will collect, use and store information you provide in line with these laws and with Tasmanian Government privacy, data security and record-keeping requirements.

Your information will be used only for purposes directly related to administering this rebate, including:

- confirming your identity and eligibility
- assessing and processing your application
- making payment
- meeting reporting, audit and program administration requirements.

Your information will not be shared with other parties unless required or authorised by law.

You may request access to your information or ask for corrections in accordance with *the Personal Information Protection Act 2004*.

9.2 Confidentiality

Information you provide as part of your application will be treated as confidential and managed securely. The Department of Health may use information submitted through this program for purposes directly related to administering the rebate, including program reporting, monitoring and evaluation. De-identified information may be used for analysis and program improvement.

Confidentiality does not limit the Department of Health's obligations under the *Right to Information Act 2009* or any other applicable legislation.

9.3 Right to Information

Information collected for this rebate program is subject to the *Right to Information Act 2009*. Members of the public may apply for access to information held by the Department of Health. More information is available at www.thelaw.tas.gov.au.

9.4 Disclosure

Information collected through this rebate program may be disclosed where required or authorised by law, including under the *Right to Information Act 2009*, for audit or integrity purposes, or to verify eligibility.

10 Changes to Guidelines

The Department of Health may amend these Guidelines at any time. Any changes will be published on the Department of Health website and will apply to applications submitted after the date of publication.

11 Disclaimer

These Guidelines are provided for general information only. While care has been taken in their preparation, the Crown in Right of Tasmania is not responsible for any loss arising from reliance on this document. Applicants are responsible for ensuring they meet the eligibility requirements and provide accurate information.

12 Compliance Requirements

Applicants must ensure that all information and documents provided in their application are true, accurate and complete. Service Tasmania may verify information with fertility providers or other relevant agencies where required or authorised by law.

Service Tasmania may undertake routine compliance checks to confirm eligibility, verify evidence, and ensure payments are made correctly. Applicants may be contacted if clarification or additional information is required.

12.1 Suspected Fraudulent Application

If you have concerns that someone may have provided false or misleading information in relation to this rebate, you can report this to ivftasgov@health.tas.gov.au.

To protect the privacy of individuals, the Department of Health cannot provide updates or outcomes relating to any report you make. All reports will be reviewed, and matters may be referred to the relevant authority, such as Tasmania Police, where required or authorised by law. Referral may result in compliance action or criminal proceedings.

Service Tasmania may identify potential fraud or integrity issues during assessment and will refer these to the Department of Health for review.

13 Administration and Contact Details

This program is administered by the Department of Health on behalf of the Crown in the Right of Tasmania. For any inquiries or assistance please contact us:

- Email: ivftasgov@health.tas.gov.au

If you require assistance with the online SmartyGrants process, please contact Service Tasmania:

- Phone: 1300 13 55 13
- Visit: [Find a Service Centre | Service Tasmania](#)

13.1 Accessibility Support

If you need help to understand these Guidelines or require them in an alternative format, please contact: ivftasgov@health.tas.gov.au.

14 Program Governance

The Affordable IVF and Fertility Support Initiative is jointly delivered by the Department of Health and Service Tasmania under a shared-service governance model.

- **Department of Health (DoH)**
 - Owns the Initiative, including policy settings, eligibility rules and funding parameters.
 - Makes all final decisions on eligibility, payment approval, reviews of decisions and integrity matters.
 - Oversees program performance, reporting, evaluation and public communications.
- **Service Tasmania**
 - Administers the online application platform (SmartyGrants) and face-to-face applications in Service Tasmania locations on behalf of Department of Health.
 - Conducts initial eligibility checks, verifies evidence, and undertakes routine compliance activities.
 - Refers complex, borderline or suspected fraudulent applications to Department of Health for decision.
 - Provides applicant support for technical issues and general process enquiries.

15 Application Process

ORDER	ACTIVITY	GUIDENCE TO APPLICANTS
Step 1	Confirm your eligibility	Check your treatments, dates and circumstances meet the Eligibility Criteria and Evidence Requirements (see Section 2).
Step 2	Prepare documents	Gather all required evidence (proof of identity, proof of Tasmanian residency, bank account statement and completed <i>Affordable IVF and Fertility Support Initiative Declaration Form</i>).
Step 3	Submit your application	Complete and submit your application through SmartyGrants or in person at a Service Tasmania location. You will receive an automatic confirmation email*.
Step 4	Assessment	Service Tasmania will assess your application on behalf of the Department of Health. You may be contacted if clarification is required. Incomplete applications cannot be assessed and may delay processing times.
Step 5	Outcome and payment	You will be notified of the outcome by email*. If approved, the rebate will be paid to your nominated bank account.

* NOTE: If you do not have an email address, a Service Tasmania staff member will either phone you or send you written confirmation of the outcome to your postal address.

16 Review of Decisions

If you believe a decision about your application was made in error, you may request an administrative review. The review will check that:

- the information you provided was correctly considered
- the eligibility criteria were applied accurately
- no relevant information was overlooked.

The review does not reassess the program rules or reconsider clinical decisions made by your fertility provider.

Requests for review must be made in writing within 28 days of receiving your outcome notification.

You can request a review by emailing the Department of Health at: ivftasgov@health.tas.gov.au

- your full name
- your application reference number
- the date you received your outcome
- a short explanation of why you believe the decision should be reviewed

- any additional information that may assist the review.

The Department of Health will confirm receipt of your request and advise if further information is required.

17 Frequently Asked Questions

Can the rebate be claimed more than once?

Yes. You may submit multiple claims until you reach the \$2 000 limit and these claims can only be made by the person intending to become pregnant. The rebate is a one-off entitlement per **couple (or individual)** undergoing fertility treatment to become pregnant and cannot be renewed in future years.

What if I lose my completed *Affordable IVF and Fertility Support Initiative Declaration Form*?

Contact your fertility provider. They can reissue the declaration form, if needed.

Alternatively, the form can be downloaded [here](#).

How long does it take to receive the rebate?

Most applications are processed within 30 days from the date they are submitted. Processing times may vary depending on the number of applications received.

Who can help me with my application?

Your fertility provider can help with treatment documents.

Service Tasmania can help with application questions, evidence requirements and the assessment process.

The Department of Health can assist with eligibility questions or program rules.

Can I claim for treatment that occurred before the program start date?

No. Only services **received** on or after the program start date are eligible.

18 Definitions

Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART): Treatments or procedures that involve the handling of eggs, sperm or embryos.

IVF (In Vitro Fertilisation): A process where eggs and sperm are combined in a laboratory to create embryos, which may then be transferred to the uterus.

Artificial Insemination: A fertility treatment where prepared sperm is placed directly into the uterus.

Fertility Preservation: Procedures to collect and freeze eggs, sperm or embryos for future use.

Person intending to become pregnant: The individual undergoing treatment with the intention of carrying the pregnancy.

Out-of-pocket cost: Costs over and above those reimbursed through the Medicare Benefits Schedule and any private health insurance rebates.



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