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### COVID-19 Vaccine Indemnity

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The COVID-19 Vaccine Claims Scheme is designed to ensure that people who have suffered a recognised adverse event as a direct result of a COVID vaccine have rapid access to compensation.

Reducing the threshold for access to the scheme from \$5,000 to \$1,000 will ensure more people can claim for eligible costs including lost earnings and care costs, providing greater levels of comfort to those yet to make the decision to vaccinate.

The Government has been considering this policy change for a number of weeks now and I thank all colleagues and stakeholders who have contributed to this decision.

Australians will now have ready access to compensation from \$1,000 for COVID-19 claims related to the administration of a Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved COVID-19 vaccine delivered through a Commonwealth Government approved program.

Most importantly, this provides additional support and confidence for Australians as part of the vaccine rollout.

Further details are available at [health.gov.au](https://health.gov.au).

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