

Occom Payment Assistance Policy

This document explains the payment assistance policy of OCCOM Pty Ltd (ABN: 58 608 289 425) for customers who are experiencing genuine Financial Hardship. We know how important staying connected is, especially when times are tough.

So, if you're experiencing financial difficulties and you need a little extra time to pay your account, simply reach out to us for assistance and we will work to provide the best solution for you.

Introduction

- OCCOM is dedicated to assisting customers facing challenges in covering their expenses to ensure they stay connected.
- The policy outlines measures for managing payments considering individual circumstances, entitlements, representative contact procedures, and methods for seeking assistance.
- Assistance is available for various situations such as illness, unemployment, reduced income, domestic violence, family issues, bereavement, changes in circumstances or natural disasters.
- OCCOM aims to avoid service disconnection as a last resort and encourages prompt contact for assistance.

Payment Assistance Offered

- OCCOM provides various assistance options, including short support or long term support.
- Eligibility criteria includes maintaining an active OCCOM account and encountering difficulties in paying for services.
- Business customers or organizations may also qualify for assistance.
- Flexible support options include extending payment deadlines, personalized payment plans, downgrading of plan for no cost, waiving service charges as well as others, that will be according to the situation.

Application Process

- Applying for support through OCCOM is free.
- Customers can complete an online application form on the OCCOM website or call 1300 299 999 and mention "payment assistance."
- During the call option, customers will be provided with the details regarding the financial hardship form and all the necessary information for smooth assistance and further guidance until the application is submitted.

Assessment and Support Options

- Requests are assessed promptly, with contact made within 3-5 business days to discuss outcomes.
- Short-term support or support for domestic violence victims requires no evidence.
- Long-term support may require additional information, provided with ample time for collection.
- OCCOM offers clear information, empathy, and tailored support options based on individual circumstances.
- Support options are implemented upon agreement and confirmed in writing within 2 business days.

Tracking Progress and Payment Assistance Plan

- Progress tracking is available by contacting OCCOM via Live chat or Support phone number (1300 299 999).
- At the end of the payment assistance plan, confirmation is sent, and customers return to usual service conditions.
- Customers can apply for assistance again if needed or if circumstances change unless for any requests made within 4 months for the same reason.

Other Support Services

- Financial counselling services are available through the National Debt Helpline or Small Business Debt Helpline.
- Complaints about payment assistance or outcomes can be made through various channels, including OCCOM website, phone, or online form.
- Customers unsatisfied with outcomes can contact the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman (TIO).
- OCCOM handles personal information respectfully and in accordance with privacy policies and regulations.

We are here to help

OCCOM's payment assistance policy aims to support customers facing financial hardship, ensuring they can manage expenses and stay connected. The process is transparent, empathetic, and tailored to individual needs, providing flexible support options and clear communication throughout. By offering assistance and maintaining privacy and security standards, OCCOM demonstrates its commitment to customer well-being and satisfaction.

Need More help?

Organisation	Description
Services Australia	<p>Information about contacting Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support, and the Department of Human Services.</p> <p>Visit: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</p>
Kids Helpline	<p>Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.</p> <p>Phone: 1800 551 800</p> <p>Website: kidshelpline.com.au</p>
1800 Respect	<p>If you're suffering from sexual assault or domestic/family violence, 1800 RESPECT is open 24 hours a day.</p> <p>Phone: 1800 737 732</p> <p>Website: 1800respect.org.au</p>
Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman (TIO)	<p>The Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman can be contacted in the event that we have been unable to resolve your complaint, they will provide a fair, independent, and accessible external dispute resolution service.</p> <p>Phone: 1800 062 058 (Monday to Friday 8:00am – 8:00pm (AEST))</p> <p>Website: https://www.tio.com.au/</p>