



How do I access FEG Online Services

To access Fair Entitlements Guarantee (FEG) Online Services you initially need to register via the FEG Online Services website at www.employment.gov.au/FEGonline (see section 1 of this guide).

Features of FEG Online Services

You can access FEG Online Services regardless of whether you submit your claim online, or by post, fax or email. The following features are available online:

Lodge a FEG claim online

If you have not already lodged a FEG claim you can submit it online (see section 2 of this guide). We will receive it immediately and you will receive a claim reference number. A summary of your submitted claim will be available to view via your FEG Online Services account.

Check the status of your claim

After lodging your FEG claim, you can check its assessment status online, even if you lodged via post, email or fax (see section 3 of this guide).

Lodge mandatory and additional information

You can lodge mandatory documents and any additional supporting documents online (see section 4 of this guide). We will receive this information within 24 hours.

Access letters we have sent

You can access most of the letters we have sent you in relation to your claim (see section 5 of this guide).

Want more information?

You can contact the FEG Hotline for more information.

To contact the FEG Hotline:

- Phone 1300 135 040 or
- Email <u>FEG@deewr.gov.au</u>

If you speak a language other than English, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50 for free help anytime.

Section 1 – How to 'Register' and 'Sign In' for FEG Online Services

1. Go to www.employment.gov.au/FEGonline, click Register.



2. Fill in all fields with an asterisk (*) and then click Save, ensuring that you have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions of the website



3. Your **Login ID** will appear in the box on the screen after you have successfully registered. Your Login ID is the email address that you used to register.

An email will be sent to your nominated email address advising you that you have successfully registered for FEG Online Services. This email will also contain a temporary password for your account.



4. To start using FEG Online Services you need to **login** – enter your **Login ID** and the **temporary password** that was emailed to you, click **Log in**.



- 5. You will then be prompted to change your temporary password to one of your own choosing which must contain a minimum of nine characters. Your password should consist of a combination of:
 - uppercase (A-Z)
 - lowercase (a-z)
 - numeric characters (0–9)

Your password cannot be the same as, or sequential to any of your last 10 passwords (i.e. Zebra1, Zebra2). Please remember to keep a record of your unique password for future reference.

Change Password				
Please enter details.				
*Current password:				
*New password:				
*Confirm new password:				
Please enter and confirm your password. Your password must be at least 9 characters long and should consist of a combination of Uppercase, Lowercase and Numbers. The password cannot be the same as, or sequential to, any of your last 10 passwords used. For Example: Castle123, Sunr1ses2.				
(* indicates a required field)	Cancel Change Password			

6. When you have successfully entered new details, a confirmation message will be shown.



Trouble shooting tips

When trying to sign into FEG Online Services, an 'unknown user name' or 'bad password' error message displays

You must enter the Login ID (email Address) and temporary password that was assigned to you when registering for FEG Online Services when attempting to Log In for the first time. The details must be exactly the same as those which were provided to you.

If you are unable to login you will need to select I have forgotten my password. You will then be prompted to enter your Login ID (email address) and your date of birth. If these details match, you will be sent an email with a new temporary password. You will be prompted to change the temporary password to a new unique password when you login.

I have lost my sign in details or my FEG Online Services account is locked

If you enter an incorrect password 5 times, your account will be locked. If you have a locked account, you will need to select I have forgotten my password and follow the steps above.

Section 2 - How to lodge a FEG claim online

1. After you have signed into FEG Online Services (as explained in Section 1), click **Complete Claim** Form.



2. You will then be asked to confirm that a liquidator or bankruptcy trustee was appointed to manage the affairs of your former employer on or from 5 December 2012. This will determine whether you need to submit a claim under the FEG or the General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS). Selecting Yes or Don't Know will direct you to the FEG online claim form, selecting No will direct you to the GEERS online web page as your claim will need to be submitted under the GEERS scheme.



3. You will then be directed to the **BEFORE YOU BEGIN** page. Please read through the information on this page and ensure that you understand it. When you have finished reading, scroll to the end of the page and select Begin Claim Form.

Helpful information

Back to Claim Form

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Please note: The Fair Entitlements Guarantee Act 2012 commenced on 5 December 2012. The Fair Entitlements Guarantee (FEG) replaces the existing General E

This claim form should only be used where the insolvency event occurred on or after 5 December 2012. If an insolvency event occurred prior to this date, the GE when an employer becomes bankrupt under the Bankruptcy Act 1966.

FEG is a basic payment scheme intended to operate as a scheme of last resort, providing financial assistance to employees who have lost their employment becfrom other sources. When the Commonwealth makes an advance under FEG, the Commonwealth assumes the individual's right to recover these amounts through

The Fair Entitlements Guarantee Act 2012(FEG Act) governs eligibility for FEG assistance, the categories of entitlement covered, and the amount you may be ent

For further information on assistance under FEG and the claim process, you may:

- see the range of fact sheets on the operation of FEG available at www.employment.gov.au/feg
- contact the insolvency practitioner managing your former employer's business affairs telephone the FEG Hotline on 1300 135 040
- visit the website at www.employment.gov.au/feq
- send an email to FEG@deewr.gov.au

TCF CONTRACT OUTWORKERS SCHEME

Under the FEG Act, a special scheme has been established to provide assistance to contract outworkers in the textile, dothing and footwear industry (TCF contr May 2013 and applies to insolvency events occurring on or after this date. If you are a worker who fits into this category, you may be eligible for FEG assistance

If you think you may be eligible for entitlements under the TCF contract outworkers scheme, use this form to make your application. When you are completing to performed work for, and the type of work you performed for that person.

For example, where you are asked to include the details of your former employer, you should provide the details of the specified person you performed work for asked for information about when your employment started and ended.

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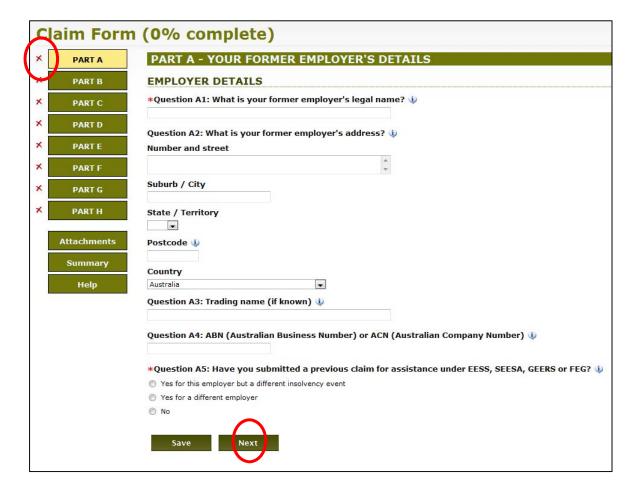
You may be eligible to receive assistance under FEG for the following employee entitlements:

- wages (to a maximum of 13 weeks)
- annual leave
- long service leave
- payment in lieu of notice (to a maximum of 5 weeks)
- redundancy pay (to a maximum of 4 weeks pay per year of service)

Begin Claim Form

4. Each section of the claim form is set out in 'Parts'. You can move through the form completing each part and selecting **Next**.

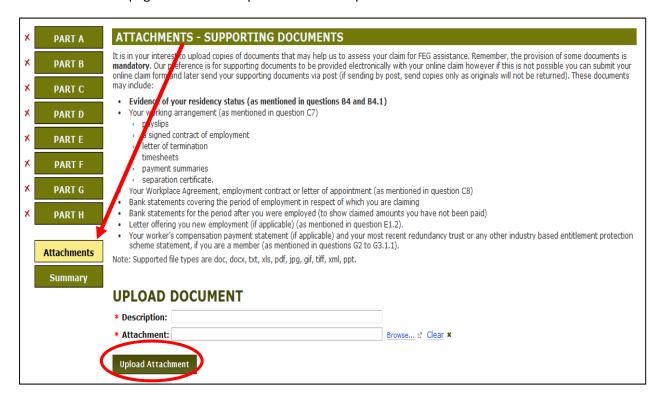
Please make sure you answer all of the questions in each part that are marked with an asterisk (*). You will only be shown questions that are relevant to the information you have provided us. All other questions will be hidden.



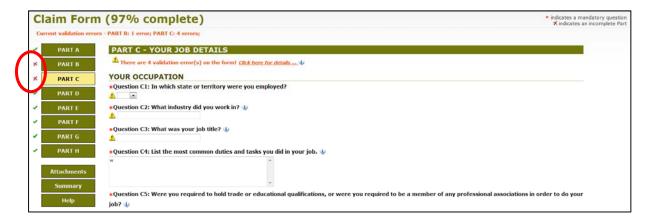
5. It is <u>mandatory</u> to provide documentary correctly certified evidence which supports your claim that you were an Australian citizen or the holder of a permanent visa (i.e. your current visa allows you to live in Australia indefinitely) or special category visa (i.e. your current visa allows you to stay and work in Australia as long as you remain a New Zealand citizen) issued under the *Migration Act 1958* at the time your employment ended.

Although it is not mandatory to do so, we strongly recommend that you also include other supporting documentation with your claim. Supporting documents such as payslips, employment contracts, time sheets and group certificates help the department to assess your claim for FEG assistance.

To upload documents with your claim, navigate to the **Attachments** tab by clicking on it. Select documents from your computer then add a Description for your document i.e. 'John Smith's payslip' and click **Upload Attachment**. A list of your uploaded attachments will be shown at the bottom of the page after these steps have been completed.

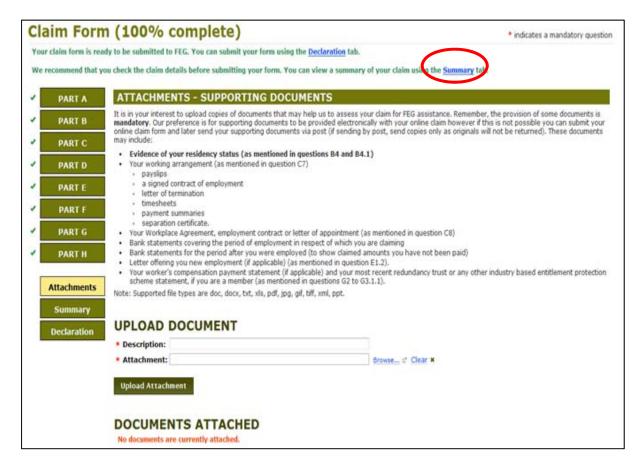


6. If you have not completed mandatory sections of the claim form, the system will show a red X beside the parts that are incomplete. To navigate back to these sections you can click on each part to return to complete the questions.

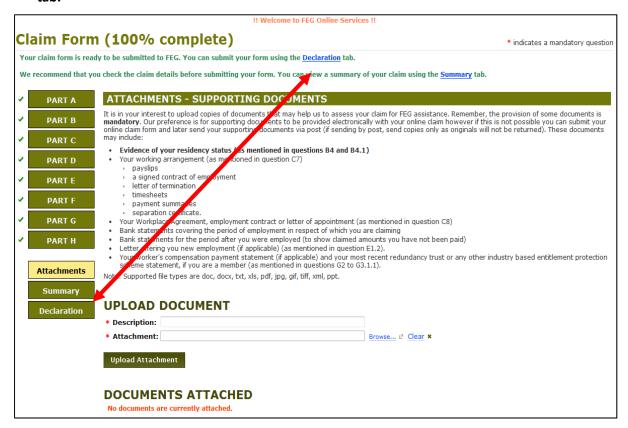


7. After you have completed all parts of the form from Part A to Part H and uploaded your attachments, you will be advised whether or not your claim has passed validation and whether you are able to submit the form. If your form is complete, you will be directed to view a summary of your claim.

You can view the summary by either clicking on the **Summary** link that is provided or clicking on the Summary tab. We advise that you check the content of your claim before submitting it to us.



- 8. After you have viewed the summary of your claim, scroll to the bottom of the summary page and select **Back to Claim Form** to return to submit your claim.
- 9. If you are ready to submit your claim, click on the **Declaration link** or click on the **Declaration** tab.



10. The first step on the declaration page asks you to confirm that you have attached certified copies of your citizenship or visa documents to your online claim. Select **Yes** if you have attached documents to your claim or **No** if you would prefer to send these documents via post. You will **not** be able to continue submitting your online form until you have answered this question.



Select Continue when you have made your selection.

11. We advise you to read all of the information provided before submitting your claim. After you have read the details, select the Yes I agree checkbox and the Submit button will be shown. Click this button to submit your claim.

PRIVACY NOTICE

The Department of Employment is authorised under the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Act 2012 to collect personal information for the purposes of administering FEG.

The Department of Employment manages information given by you in this claim form in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988. It collects this information, and other info employee entitlements you may be owed by your former employer. The Department of Employment also uses the information for statistical research, monitoring and e

The Department of Employment usually discloses some or all of the information which relates to your claim for purposes outlined above to:

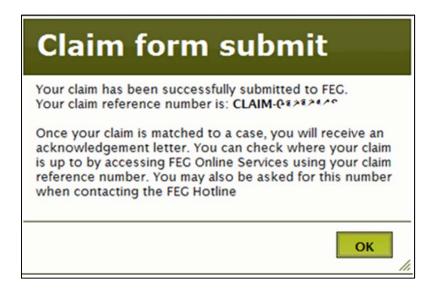
- the insolvency practitioner who is administering your former employer's affairs or an independent FEG contractor appointed by the Department of Employment to
- your authorised agent (if specified in the claim form)
- your alternative contact (if specified in this claim form
- to a third party distributor engaged to distribute FEG funds
- other Commonwealth Agencies as required for the purposes of their regulatory role including Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office, the Australian Securities Appeals Tribunal, and the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

DECLARATION

- 1. I declare that the information provided in this application form is true and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading information to the Common
- I acknowledge and agree that the Department of Employment may seek to verify the information I have provided to support my application with other Austral I confirm that I have provided the information contained in this application form either personally or through the assistance of a representative
- I authorise my employer (or the insolvency practitioner on behalf of my employer) to disclose to the Department of Employment for the purpose of my claim for use this information when determining my claim for FEG assistance or for statistical research, monitoring and evaluation.
- I authorise the Department of Employment or its agents to exercise, on my behalf, any statutory rights I have to require the employer (or insolvency practition
- 6. I confirm that I have provided relevant documentary evidence proving my identity and citizenship/residency status and that these have been certified as true
- I authorise the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to disclose to the Department of Employment, information in relation to any Australian Visas for FEG assistance
- 8. I authorise Fair Work Australia, the Fair Work Ombudsman and Fair Work Inspectors to disclose to the Department of Employment for the purpose of determin I am, or have been, a party. I understand that the Department of Employment may use this information when determining my claim for FEG assistance.
- I authorise the Fair Work Ombudsman to disclose to the Department of Employment for the purpose of my claim for FEG assistance, information in relation to nemployment may use this information when determining my claim for FEG assistance.
 I authorise the Department of Employment or its agents to exercise, on my behalf, any rights I have to require the organisations listed in questions G2.1 and
- assistance.
- 11. Where I have not provided information in relation to my claim for FEG assistance, I accept and agree that the Department of Employment will usually rely on the
- Writer I in the hot provided information in read assistance, I accept and agree that the Department of Employment will disdaily rely of the determining my claim for FEG assistance.
 I accept that I am not entitled to receive or retain any money paid as a result of any error on my behalf; on the part of an insolvency practitioner acting for my has been engaged to verify information; or on the part of a person administering FEG for the Commonwealth. I further accept that any sums paid under FEG in a person administering FEG in the Commonwealth.
- 13. I confirm that any copies I have provided are true copies of the original documents.



12. After you have successfully submitted your claim, the following message will be displayed. Please make a note of your claim reference number for future reference. You will also be sent an email to your nominated email address advising you that we have received your claim.



Trouble shooting tips

When trying to submit a claim online, the claim is rejected because it already matches a claim recorded in our database

Before you are able to submit a completed online claim, our system will check you have not already lodged a claim against the employer. If the system finds a matching claim, you will not be able to submit another claim online and you will receive an error message.

Please contact the FEG Hotline on 1300 135 040 or send an email to FEG@deewr.gov.au if you want to check if we have already received your claim.

An email confirmation was not received after submitting a claim online

There are two reasons you may not receive your email confirmation:

- The email address you entered was incorrect.
- There may be technical issues with the system.

If you are certain you have entered the correct email address, please contact the FEG Hotline on 1300 135 040 or send an email to FEG@deewr.gov.au to confirm your claim has been lodged correctly.

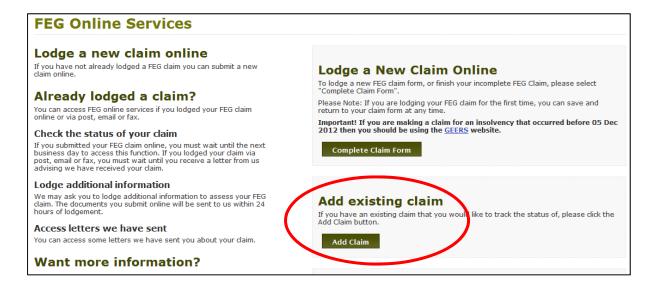
Why can't I load more attachments with my online claim form?

There are three places in the online claim you can attach supporting information. Each individual file that you attach must be no more than 5MB. You can attach files up to a total of 20MB to your claim form.

If you reach these limits but want to lodge additional information, you can do so via your FEG Online Services login page. See section 4 of this guide for more information.

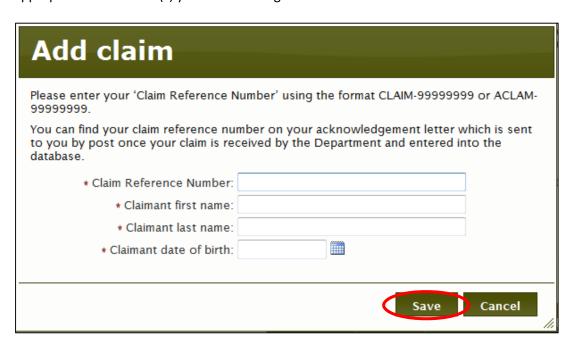
Section 3 - How to track the progress of your FEG claim

After you have signed into FEG Online Services, you will need to attach your claim to your online
account to track the status of your claim. To attach your claim, select the Add Claim button
under the Add Existing Claim heading.



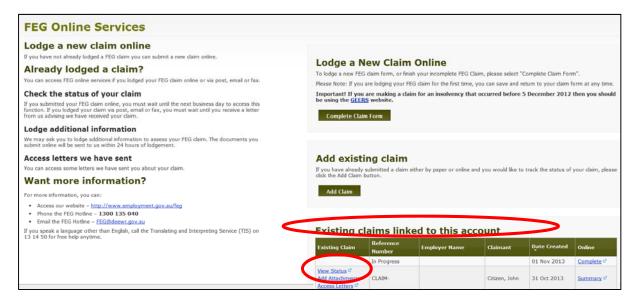
2. You will then be prompted to enter your **Claim Reference Number**. This was provided to you when you submitted your online claim to the department. If you did not submit your claim online, your claim reference number is also shown on your FEG acknowledgement letter that is sent to you when your claim is matched to a case in our database.

Enter the correct claim reference number, first name, last name and date of birth and select **Save**. Please note that if you were nominated as an Agent on one or many FEG claims and you wish to attach these claim(s) to your account, you will need to enter the claimant details appropriate to the claim(s) you are attaching.



Once you have successfully attached the claim to your account, the claim will be shown in the
 Existing claims linked to this account table. To view the status of each claim attached to your
 account, select View Status.

The FEG Online status tracking page also provides you with the ability to lodge additional supporting documents and view copies of letters that we have sent you. Links to these sections of the status tracking page are also available in the table. You can also view a summary of each claim attached to your account by selecting **Summary** beside each claim.



Claim Status Page

What is shown on this screen?

• The top of the page confirms your details.

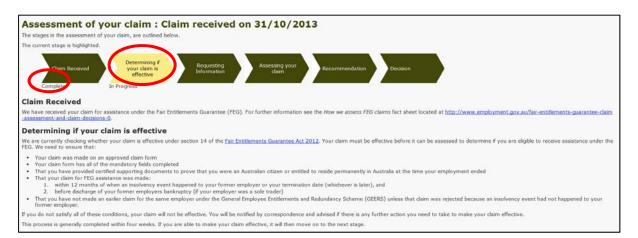


- The 'Claim(s) submitted' section displays claims you have lodged against this former employer, including any requests for reassessment, review or appeal.
 - o Information about your current claim will be displayed automatically.

Claim Type	Date we received claim	Status of claim	View further information	
Claim	31/10/2013	In Progress	<u>View Details</u>	
1 record				

- The 'Assessment of your claim' section provides an update on the status of your claim.
 - o A description of each step is provided at the **Assessment of your claim** section.

4. **Complete** will appear beneath each step once your claim has moved past that part of the process. The current step, where you claim is currently sitting, is highlighted in yellow. Text will be displayed below the current step to provide you with detailed information on what is currently happening with your claim.



Please note that if you are tracking the status of a review, your stages of claim assessment status update will not display with any steps. The status shown on screen is the most current status of your review.

Trouble shooting tips

My Claim has not progressed to the next step since I last checked

We aim to process your claim as quickly as possible but there are many factors that can affect the time it takes.

While your claim may not have moved forward in the process since you last checked, please be assured that assessment of your claim is still progressing. Some stages of the claim assessment process can take longer than others—a claim will usually spend most of its time in step 3.

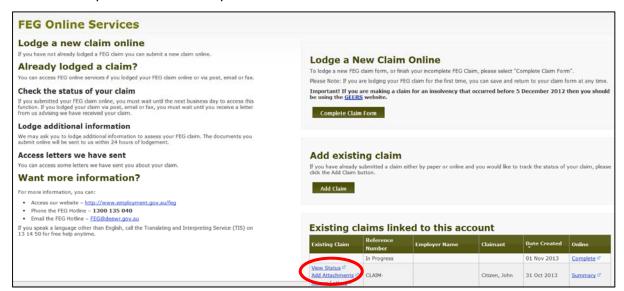
When a step has been completed, your claim will progress to the next step and the previous step will be marked as **Complete**.

I am unable to check the status of my claim through FEG Online Services

You will be able to track the status of your claim immediately after submission. If you are unable to link your claim to your account using your claim reference number please contact the FEG Hotline for further assistance on 1300 135 040.

Section 4 - How to add attachments to your claim

 After you have signed into FEG Online Services, click Add Attachments under the Existing claims linked to this account table. Please note that you will need to ensure that a claim is linked to your account before you can add attachments.



2. By selecting **Browse** you can locate files from your computer to upload. The system supports the following file types for upload - doc, docx, df, txt, xls, pdf, jpg, gif, tif, tiff, xml, ppt. When you have selected the documents from your computer, select **Upload Attachment** to send them through to us.



3. A list of documents you have already submitted to us is provided on this screen. You can view your attachments by selecting **View**.



Trouble shooting tips

I am unable to upload additional information for my internal review

Please attach the documents to an email and send that email to FEG@deewr.gov.au.

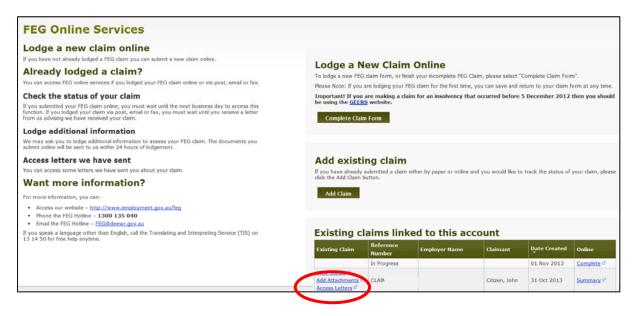
Make sure you also include your full name, date of birth and claim reference number in your email so we can process the additional information as quickly as possible.

The file type I wish to upload isn't accepted

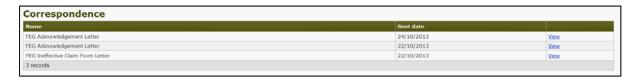
Not all file types are accepted for upload. Acceptable formats are doc, docx, df, txt, xls, pdf, jpg, gif, tif, tiff, xml or ppt. If the file that you are trying to upload is not one of these file types then you will not be able to submit it online. You can either save the file in one of our supported file types or send it via email to <a href="feet-geolegy:recorder-rec

Section 5 - How to access letters we have sent you

1. After you have signed into FEG Online Services, you will be able to access copies of most of the letters we have sent you. To access your letters, click **Access letters** beside your claim in the **Existing claims linked to this account** table.



2. The **Correspondence** section displays a list of letters we have sent to you. Please note some letters relating to decisions made about your claim are not available online.



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