

**What if my interim application is refused?**

The refusal of an interim application does not preclude you from applying for the assistance sought at the final determination of the application for assistance.

The Tribunal will advise if additional material is required to consider the interim application further.

**Can I appeal the refusal of an Interim application?**

No. As this is not a final order of the Tribunal. Only final orders are subject to appeal.

**What other services are available to victims of crime?**

You should call the **Victim Support Agency** on 1300 659 419. They provide a range of services and assistance to victims of crime.

**For further information and assistance please contact your local Court.**

**Website Address:  
[www.vocat.vic.gov.au](http://www.vocat.vic.gov.au)**

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**Interim Applications**

### **What is an interim award?**

An interim award is made where an applicant is seeking immediate assistance for an expense. It does not mean that the entire application may be heard at this time.

### **When do I make an application for an interim award?**

An interim award is made any time after the lodgement of your application for assistance and prior to the final determination of that application.

### **How do I apply for an interim award?**

An application is made in writing to the Tribunal. It should be forwarded together with all supporting documentation relevant to the interim application, such as invoices, receipts and/or reports.

### **How long does it take for an interim award to be determined?**

Registrars are able to consider interim applications for up to \$1000 involving counselling, medical and other expenses. Where possible all interim awards considered by a Registrar will be determined within 24 hours of receipt. All other interim applications will be referred to a Tribunal member for consideration. The Tribunal endeavours to make a decision within 2 weeks, however delays do sometimes occur.

### **What is taken into consideration when determining an interim award?**

The Tribunal may make an interim award in any circumstances it considers appropriate, such as the urgency of the application. All the supporting documentation will be considered when reviewing an interim application together with the application for assistance and any material the Tribunal has obtained from other sources, including the Victoria Police.

### **How will I be notified of the result?**

The Tribunal will notify you in writing of the outcome of the application for an interim award.

### **What happens if the interim award is granted?**

1. If the interim involves a payment directly to you, notification will be sent confirming what award has been made. A cheque will be forwarded separately shortly after.
2. If the interim involves a payment directly to a service provider, both you and the service provider will be notified of the outcome. A cheque will be sent separately to the service provider shortly after.
3. If the interim application involves authorising an expense in the future, you and the service provider will be notified in writing of the outcome of the application. Once the service is provided an invoice/receipt should be forwarded directly to the Tribunal for payment to be made.