

RSA AND RETURNING TO WORK

Will your Active Solidarity Income (RSA) decrease if you resume work? Yes, but you may be entitled to the activity bonus. Procedures and calculations with the example of Maria.



What is my situation ?

Maria is single and childless
She receives RSA
and Personalised Housing Allowance (APL)
She resumed work as a house help in May
and June 2021

- RSA : € 497,50
- APL : € 309
- Work in May : € 320
- Work in June : € 160

1 - I inform the CAF of the date of my resumption of work

- On caf.fr website, in the "My Account" (*Mon compte*) section, "Edit my profile" (*Modifier mon profil*).
- By mail : to find the address, enter your code here <http://www.caf.fr/allocataires/ma-caf-recherche/>, then click on «contact my CAF" (contacter ma CAF)
- By telephone : 3032 (domestic call rate). Enter your postal code to be directed to your CAF adviser : as soon as possible to avoid payment errors.

2 - I declare my new resources in the April quarterly declaration

Go to the website caf.fr, in the "My Account" (*Mon compte*) section, under "Declare my quarterly resources" (*Déclarer mes ressources trimestrielles*) or return the form received by mail, as below :

https://www.formulaires.service-public.fr/gf/cerfa_14129.do

	Nom :	Né(e) le :		
	Prénom :	january	february	march
Ressources				
Salaire		□□□0 €	□320 €	□160 €

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{€ } 0 + \text{€ } 320 + \text{€ } 160 = \text{€ } 480 \text{ for 3 months} \\ & = \\ & \text{€ } 160/\text{month average} \end{aligned}$$

3 - CAF calculates my new RSA for 3 months

The calculation takes into account the average income for the quarter and the benefits (RSA, housing allowance), which are taken into account on a flat-rate basis.

For childless singles :

- RSA flat rate : € 565,34
- Housing package : € 67.84

RSA and housing flat rates as at 1st April 2020 (link)		
Number of children or dependants	You live alone*	You live as a couple
0	€ 565.34	€ 848.01
1	€ 848.01	€ 1017.61
2	€ 1017.61	€ 1187.21
per additional child or person	€ 225.95	€ 226.14

Housing subsidies are taken into account on a flat-rate basis. If you receive housing subsidies or do not have housing costs, your RSA will be reduced by :

- € 67.84 for a single person
- € 135.68 for 2 people
- € 167.91 for 3 people or more

* These amounts may be increased, under certain conditions, for single persons caring for a born or unborn child.

My new RSA = RSA fixed rate - housing package - average resources

In my case : € 565,34 - € 67.84 - € 160 = **€ 337.01**. **This is the amount of RSA I will collect** for the months of August (paid early September), September (paid early November) and October (paid early November). My APL remains unchanged at **€ 309**

4 - The CAF calculates my entitlement to the activity bonus for 3 months

The activity bonus amount depends on resources. It is automatically calculated after declaring a change in situation and new resources. The amount is the same for three months even if your situation has changed.

A **simulator** is accessible on the CAF website (<https://www.caf.fr/>) **Home Recipients (Accueil Allocataires)/My Online Services (Mes services)** section / Then **Simulation (Faire une simulation)** / Then **Activity Bonus (Prime d'activité)**

It allows you to quickly estimate the amount of your Activity Bonus.


You will not receive the bonus if it is less than 15 euros per month.

In my case:

After calculation, the Activity Bonus is

- € 0 in April (no work resumption),
- € 195.20 in May
- € 97.60 in June


Total : € 292.80 over 3 months, an average of € 97.60/month (€ 97.12 after social security deductions).

 My activity bonus is € 97.12 per month, for the months of August (paid early September), September (paid early October) and October (paid early November).


Calendar of my resources in the event of work resumption in February and March		
April	RSA	€ 497.50
May	RSA + income	497.50 + 320 = € 817.50
June	RSA + income	497.50 + 160 = € 657.50
July	RSA	€ 497.50
August	RSA + activity bonus	337.50 + 97.12 = € 434.62
September	RSA + activity bonus	337.50 + 97.12 = € 434.62
November	RSA + activity bonus	337.50 + 97.12 = € 434.62


Review of my work resumption in the second quarter:

- Resources = 320 + 160 = € 480 more for the quarter
- Decrease in RSA = 497.50 - 337.50 = € 160 per month or € 480 less for the quarter
- Activity bonus = € 97.12 per month or € 291.36 more for the quarter

 Nouvelles ressources - baisse de RSA + prime d'activité = 480 - 480 + 291,36 = € 291.36

In total, between my RSA decrease from August to October, my new resources and my activity bonus, resuming work has earned me € 291.36 for the quarter, or € 97.12 per month.

 **Don't hide that you've resumed work! In the event of fraud, you may be subject to penalties, in addition to having to refund the amount, or even to a complaint.**

 **N.B. :** The activity bonus has no impact on my APL (nor on family allowances, for those who receive them).

Caution : This document provides an example. Other parameters, such as assets, may come into play.