

An understanding

Alinta Energy values positive relationships with our customers. We recognise there may be times when you may not be able to pay your bill as a result of short term payment difficulties or long term financial hardship.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your bill by the due date, we encourage you to call us on **13 13 58** as soon as possible. If you are experiencing payment problems you may request a temporary suspension of actions.

You can also call us on this number if you would like more information about our Alinta Assist Program. Our friendly team is trained to assist you.

Contact us

Free call:

13 13 58

(Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and
Saturdays from 8am to 12pm)

Online:

alintaenergy.com.au

Email:

customer.services@alintaenergy.com.au



TTY:

National Relay Service – 13 36 77



Telephone Interpreter Service:
13 14 50 (TIS National)

ALINTA ASSIST PROGRAM

Hardship Policy



A range of options

Financial Hardship may be caused by (but is not limited to):

- Loss of primary income.
- Spousal separation or divorce.
- Physical and mental health issues.
- Loss of a spouse or loved one.
- Chronically ill child.
- Domestic violence.
- Low income budget management issues.
- Unforeseen factors reducing a customer's capacity to pay.

If you are experiencing payment difficulties or financial hardship, we have a range of options available to assist you, including:

- Additional time to pay.
- Temporary suspension of recovery actions on your account.
- Instalment payment plans, including the revision of an existing plan or payment extension.
- Alternative payment options, including Centrepay or Income Management or payment in advance, in addition to regular payment options.
- Referral to a free local and registered Financial Counselling Service.
- Ability to redirect your bill to a third person.
- Access to the Hardship Utilities Grant Scheme (HUGS).
- Reduction and/or waiver of fees, charges and debt.
- Information on concessions and rebates.
- The right to pay your bill via Centrepay
- Information about energy efficiency.

We can provide you with further details on request.

A program to help

Our Alinta Assist Program has been developed in consultation with financial counsellors. The Alinta Assist Program allows you to continue to use energy without risk of disconnection if you participate in the program.

Your participation includes meeting the program criteria, making and attending financial counselling appointments, making regular affordable payments towards your bill and keeping Alinta Energy informed of your changing circumstances.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your bill by the due date, we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible and we will work with you to find a solution.

A commitment to you

Alinta Energy is committed to treating all customers on a case by case basis and will consider all available options. Alinta Energy will rely on the assessment of your financial counsellor to determine what you can afford. We will work with you or your nominated representative towards a mutually agreeable solution that suits your circumstances.

We will ensure you are treated sensitively and with respect. Any personal information we collect from you may be shared with government agencies (e.g., Centrelink, to administer concession entitlements) or regulatory bodies and law enforcement agencies (e.g., OAIC, Energy Ombudsman, etc). These bodies and the reasons for disclosure are all listed in our **Privacy Policy** which is available on our website.

Feedback

We want to make sure you enjoy being a customer of ours and welcome feedback, be it positive or negative. You can do this in a number of ways:

- call us on **1800 677 945** (free call from a land line). Normal charges apply for calls initiated from a mobile phone
- log your feedback or complaint at **customer.complaints@alintaenergy.com.au**
- post your comments to:
Alinta Energy
Attention – Customer Complaints Locked Bag 55
Perth BC WA 6849

We will endeavour to resolve your enquiry or complaint during our initial conversation with you. Full details of our complaint handling policy can be found on our website at alintaenergy.com.au

If you are not satisfied with the response or outcome and would like the matter escalated further, you can contact the Energy Ombudsman on:

- phone: **1800 754 004** or **08 9220 7588**
- mail: **PO Box Z5386 Perth WA 6831**
- website: **ombudsman.wa.gov.au/energy**