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| **Youth Allowance** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2025** | **Increase** |  |
| **Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum basic rate |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children |  |  |  |  |
| Under 18, living at home | $395.30 | $410.30 | $15.00 | pf |
| Under 18, living away from home | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| 18 or over, living away from home | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| 18 or over, living at home | $455.20 | $472.50 | $17.30 | pf |
| Single, with children | $806.00 | $836.60 | $30.60 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| Partnered, with children | $691.80 | $718.10 | $26.30 | pf |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living at home | $535.50 | $555.80 | $20.30 | pf |
| Single, living away from home | $754.60 | $783.30 | $28.70 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $691.80 | $718.10 | $26.30 | pf |
| *\*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* | | | | |
| **Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| Full allowance income thresholds |  |  |  |  |
| Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices) |  |  |  |  |
| Lower income threshold (income free area) | $509.00 | $528.00 | $19.00 | pf |
| Upper income threshold | $610.00 | $633.00 | $23.00 | pf |
| Part allowance income limits |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18, at home |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,191.17 | $1,235.84 | $44.67 | pf |
| Job seekers | $832.00 | $857.00 | $25.00 | pf |
| Single, 18 and over, at home |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,292.17 | $1,340.67 | $48.50 | pf |
| Job seekers | $933.00 | $961.84 | $28.84 | pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,602.50 | $1,662.67 | $60.17 | pf |
| Job seekers | $1,243.34 | $1,283.84 | $40.50 | pf |
| Partnered, with dependants |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,691.67 | $1,755.17 | $63.50 | pf |
| Job seekers | $1,332.50 | $1,376.34 | $43.84 | pf |
| Single, with dependants |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,884.50 | $1,955.17 | $70.67 | pf |
| Job seekers | $1,525.34 | $1,576.34 | $51.00 | pf |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living at home | $1,427.84 | $1,481.34 | $53.50 | pf |
| Single, living away from home | $1,797.84 | $1,865.34 | $67.50 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $1,691.67 | $1,755.17 | $63.50 | pf |
| *\*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* | | | | |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | $1,877.17 | $1,877.17 | - | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |
| Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced payment if income exceeds | $62,634 | $65,189 | $2,555 | pa |
| Maintenance income free areas |  |  |  |  |
| Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance | $1,960.05 | $1,960.05 | - | pa |
| For each additional child add | $653.35 | $653.35 | - | pa |
| Partner income test - partner income free area~ |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | $1,368.00 | $1,368.00 | - | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | $1,244.00 | $1,284.00 | $40.00 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | $1,333.00 | $1,377.00 | $44.00 | pf |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* |  |  |  |  |

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| **Austudy** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2025** | **Increase** |  |
| **Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum basic rate |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| Single, with children | $806.00 | $836.60 | $30.60 | pf |
| Partnered, with children | $691.80 | $718.10 | $26.30 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| Special rate\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children | $754.60 | $783.30 | $28.70 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $691.80 | $718.10 | $26.30 | pf |
| *\*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* | | | | |
| **Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| Full allowance income thresholds |  |  |  |  |
| Lower income threshold (income free area) | $509.00 | $528.00 | $19.00 | pf |
| Upper income threshold | $610.00 | $633.00 | $23.00 | pf |
| Part allowance income limits# |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single | $1,602.50 | $1,662.67 | $60.17 | pf |
| Single, with children | $1,884.50 | $1,955.17 | $70.67 | pf |
| Partnered, with children | $1,691.67 | $1,755.17 | $63.50 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $1,602.50 | $1,662.67 | $60.17 | pf |
| Special rate\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children | $1,797.84 | $1,865.34 | $67.50 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $1,691.67 | $1,755.17 | $63.50 | pf |
| *# Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* | | | | |
| *\*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* | | | | |
| Partner income test - partner income free area~ |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | $1,368.00 | $1,368.00 | - | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | $1,244.00 | $1,284.00 | $40.00 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | $1,333.00 | $1,377.00 | $44.00 | pf |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* |  |  |  |  |

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| **ABSTUDY** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2025** | **Increase** |  |
| **Basic rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Living Allowance rates |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Standard |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years, tertiary | $40.50 | $42.00 | $1.50 | pf |
| 16 to 17 years | $395.30 | $410.30 | $15.00 | pf |
| 18 to 21 years | $455.20 | $472.50 | $17.30 | pf |
| Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $395.30 | $410.30 | $15.00 | pf |
| 16 to 17 years | $395.30 | $410.30 | $15.00 | pf |
| 18 to 21 years | $455.20 | $472.50 | $17.30 | pf |
| Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid) |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| Away from home |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| Independent single, no children |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| Under 16 years, at home | $395.30 | $410.30 | $15.00 | pf |
| 16 to 17 years, at home | $395.30 | $410.30 | $15.00 | pf |
| 18 to 21 years, at home | $455.20 | $472.50 | $17.30 | pf |
| Independent partnered, no children |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $639.00 | $663.30 | $24.30 | pf |
| Independent, single with dependent child |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $806.00 | $836.60 | $30.60 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $806.00 | $836.60 | $30.60 | pf |
| Independent, partnered with dependent child |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $691.80 | $718.10 | $26.30 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $691.80 | $718.10 | $26.30 | pf |
| Masters and Doctorate Students | $1,231.40 | $1,285.40 | $54.00 | pf |
| **Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| Part allowance income limits |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Under 22 years |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 years, at home | $1,191.17 | $1,235.84 | $44.67 | pf |
| Single, 18 and over, at home | $1,292.17 | $1,340.67 | $48.50 | pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants | $1,602.50 | $1,662.67 | $60.17 | pf |
| Single with dependants | $1,884.50 | $1,955.17 | $70.67 | pf |
| Partnered with dependants | $1,691.67 | $1,755.17 | $63.50 | pf |
| Over 22 years |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children | $1,837.17 | $1,856.84 | $19.67 | pf |
| Partnered | $1,726.17 | $1,745.84 | $19.67 | pf |
| Single, with dependants | $1,930.34 | $1,950.00 | $19.66 | pf |
| Aged 55 or over | $1,941.67 | $1,961.34 | $19.67 | pf |
| **Partner income test – partner income free area** |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged 22 and over, no dependent children | $1,368.00 | $1,368.00 | - | pf |
| **Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY** |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced payment if income exceeds | $62,634.00 | $65,189.00 | $2,555.00 | pa |

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| **ABSTUDY - Supplementary assistance** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2025** | **Increase** |  |
| School Fees Allowance (boarding) |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum rate | $12,816 | $13,303 | $487 | pa |
| Non-income tested component | $9,960 | $10,338 | $378 | pa |
| Incidentals Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 12 week course | $104.00 | $108.00 | $4.00 | pa |
| 12 to 16 week course | $182.50 | $189.40 | $6.90 | pa |
| 17 to 23 week course | $362.80 | $376.60 | $13.80 | pa |
| 24 week to one year course | $737.40 | $765.40 | $28.00 | pa |
| Additional Incidentals Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 12 week course | $179.10 | $185.90 | $6.80 | pa |
| 12 to 16 week course | $355.00 | $368.50 | $13.50 | pa |
| 17 to 23 week course | $709.40 | $736.40 | $27.00 | pa |
| 24 week to one year course | $1,420.80 | $1,474.80 | $54.00 | pa |
| Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum amount | $5,858.00 | $6,081.00 | $223.00 | pa |
| Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarship value | $7,096.00 | $7,366.00 | $270.00 | pa |
| Supplementary Masters and Doctorate allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Thesis Allowance one-off payment |  |  |  |  |
| Masters thesis | $420 | $420 | - | ea |
| Doctorate thesis | $840 | $840 | - | ea |
| Relocation Allowance | $1,520 | $1,520 | - | pa |
| **Other Student payments** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2025** | **Increase** |  |
| **Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)** |  |  |  |  |
| Allowances |  |  |  |  |
| Basic Boarding Allowance | $9,960 | $10,338 | $378 | pa |
| Additional Boarding Allowance | $2,856 | $2,965 | $109 | pa |
| Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance | $12,816 | $13,303 | $487 | pa |
| Second Home Allowance | $7,564 | $7,851 | $287 | pa |
| Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children) | $22,692 | $23,553 | $861 | pa |
| Distance Education Allowance | $4,980 | $5,169 | $189 | pa |
| Thresholds and Limits |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance | $9,710 | $10,088 | $378 | pa |
| Parental income test |  |  |  |  |
| Parental income threshold | $62,634 | $65,189 | $2,555 | pa |
| **Other student payments** |  |  |  |  |
| Student Relocation Scholarship |  |  |  |  |
| Initial full payment | $5,385 | $5,590 | $205 | pa |
| Subsequent payment - metropolitan | $1,345 | $1,396 | $51 | pa |
| Subsequent payment - regional/remote | $2,693 | $2,795 | $102 | pa |
| Student payment parameters |  |  |  |  |
| Student Income Bank Balance Threshold | $12,700 | $13,200 | $500 | pa |
| Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold | $9,724 | $10,094 | $370 | pa |
| Student Start-Up Loan |  |  |  |  |
| Student Start-Up Loan | $1,273 | $1,321 | $48 | ba |

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| **Disability Support Pension - under 21**  **with no dependent children** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2025** | **Increase** |  |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum basic rate including Youth Disability Supplement |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $548.80 | $569.60 | $20.80 | pf |
| Independent | $792.50 | $822.60 | $30.10 | pf |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $608.70 | $631.80 | $23.10 | pf |
| Independent | $792.50 | $822.60 | $30.10 | pf |
| Member of a couple | $792.50 | $822.60 | $30.10 | pf |
| Youth Disability Supplement | $153.50 | $159.30 | $5.80 | pf |
| *Note: recipients typically also receive Pharmaceutical Allowance (see rates below).* |  |  |  |  |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| **Income Limits** |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $1,335.00 | $1,376.60 | $41.60 | pf |
| Independent | $1,828.80 | $1,889.00 | $60.20 | pf |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $1,456.20 | $1,502.40 | $46.20 | pf |
| Independent | $1,828.80 | $1,889.00 | $60.20 | pf |
| Couple (combined) | $3,592.00 | $3,712.40 | $120.40 | pf |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Assets test** |  |  |  |  |
| Part pension asset limits |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation - Homeowners** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $501,250 | $508,250 | $7,000 |  |
| Independent | $583,500 | $593,500 | $10,000 |  |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $521,500 | $529,250 | $7,750 |  |
| Independent | $583,500 | $593,500 | $10,000 |  |
| Couple (combined) | $1,007,000 | $1,027,000 | $20,000 |  |
| **Family Situation - Non-Homeowners** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $753,250 | $760,250 | $7,000 |  |
| Independent | $835,500 | $845,500 | $10,000 |  |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $773,500 | $781,250 | $7,750 |  |
| Independent | $835,500 | $845,500 | $10,000 |  |
| Couple (combined) | $1,259,000 | $1,279,000 | $20,000 |  |

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| **Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2025** | **Increase** |  |
| Pharmaceutical Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single | $6.80 | $6.80 | - | pf |
| Couple | $3.40 | $3.40 | - | pf |
| Illness-separated | $6.80 | $6.80 | - | pf |
| Double Orphan Pension - Rate |  |  |  |  |
| Double Orphan Pension | $77.00 | $79.90 | $2.90 | pf |
| Carer Allowance - Rate |  |  |  |  |
| Carer Allowance | $153.50 | $159.30 | $5.80 | pf |
| Carer Payment - Care Receiver Income and Asset Limits |  |  |  |  |
| Income limit | $135,640 | $140,795 | $5,155 | pa |
| Lower asset limit | $836,750 | $868,500 | $31,750 |  |
| Higher asset limit | $1,243,000 | $1,290,250 | $47,250 |  |
| Mobility Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Standard rate - single or couple | $115.90 | $120.30 | $4.40 | pf |
| Increased rate - single or couple | $162.00 | $168.20 | $6.20 | pf |
| Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements) | | | | |
| Child aged under 13 | $152.90 | $158.70 | $5.80 | pf |
| Child aged 13 - 15 | $212.70 | $220.80 | $8.10 | pf |
| Payment to single parent | $72.70 | $75.50 | $2.80 | pf |
| *Formerly Guardian Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |
| Permissible Child Earnings Limits |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent child under 16 | $252.60 | $262.20 | $9.60 | pw |
| Dependent child 16 - 21 | $13,844.45 | $14,370.55 | $526.10 | pa |
| Income Test for Parenting Payment - Single#\* |  |  |  |  |
| **Disqualifying Income Limits** |  |  |  |  |
| Under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance | $2,786.35 | $2,786.35 | - | pf |
| *# Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* |  |  |  |  |
| *\*Income free areas and income limits for parents with more than one child differ from these amounts.* |  |  |  |  |
| Income Limits for JobSeeker Payment |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, 55 or over, after 9 months\* | $1,583.50 | $1,583.50 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, partial capacity to work (0-14 hours)\* | $1,583.50 | $1,583.50 | - |  |
| Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children\* | $2,273.75 | $2,273.75 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test\* | $2,715.75 | $2,715.75 | - | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |