

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
<i>*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i>			
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
<i>*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i>			
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$1,877.17	\$1,877.17	- pf
<i>*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.</i>			
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
<i>~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.</i>			

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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.

ABSTUDY

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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
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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
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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	Previous amount	1 Jan 2025	Increase
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

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

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.			