

Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit)

Payment rates

Family Situation	1 Apr 2021	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$620.80	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$667.50	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$667.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$565.40	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$850.20	pf

* Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).

Income test

Income thresholds (income at which payment begins to reduce)	1 Apr 2021	
Personal income test		
Lower income threshold (income free area)	\$150.00	pf
Upper income threshold	\$256.00	pf
Partner income test - partner income free area ⁻		
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,124.00	pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,033.00	pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,110.00	pf

⁻ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

Income limits (income at which payment is reduced to nil)[#]

Family Situation	1 Apr 2021	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,217.00	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,296.00	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,306.34	pf
Partnered (each)	\$1,123.17	pf
Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children*	\$1,858.00	pf
Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test*	\$2,321.00	pf
Single income couple	\$2,079.50	pf

*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

[#]Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.

Parenting Payment

Payment rates

Under Age Pension age	1 Apr 2021		
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$825.80 pf	
	Supplement	\$24.40 pf	
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00 pf	
	Total	\$862.20 pf	
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$565.40 pf	
	Energy Supplement	\$7.90 pf	
	Total	\$573.30 pf	
Over Age Pension age	Single Parent	Base Pension	\$825.80 pf
		Supplement	\$70.30 pf
		Energy Supplement	\$14.10 pf
		Total	\$910.20 pf
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$565.40 pf	
	Supplement	\$53.00 pf	
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60 pf	
	Total	\$629.00 pf	

Parenting Payment (continued)

Income test

Income thresholds (income at which payment begins to reduce)	1 Apr 2021
Personal income test - single	
Income free area*	\$192.60 pf
Personal income test - partnered	
Lower income threshold (income free area)	\$150.00 pf
Upper income threshold	\$256.00 pf
Partner income test - partner income free area [~]	\$1,124.00 pf

[~] Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

Income limits (income at which payment is reduced to nil)[#]

Family Situation	1 Apr 2021
Single	
- under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance*	\$2,363.60 pf
Partnered (partner is not on pension)	
<i>For part payment, all of the following conditions must be met:</i>	
- recipient's income must be less than	\$1,123.17 pf
- partner's income must be less than	\$2,079.50 pf
- combined income must be less than	\$2,247.17 pf
Partnered (partner is on pension)	
- couple's combined income must be less than	\$2,246.34 pf

[#]Income limits for 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.

Youth Allowance

Payment rates

Family Situation	1 Apr 2021
Single, no children	
Under 18, at home	\$303.20 pf
Under 18, away from home	\$512.50 pf
18 or over, away from home	\$512.50 pf
18 or over, at home	\$354.60 pf
Single, with children	\$656.00 pf
Partnered, no children	\$512.50 pf
Partnered, with children	\$557.90 pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance [^]	
Single, living at home	\$423.70 pf
Single, living away from home	\$611.90 pf
Partnered, no children	\$557.90 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$850.20 pf

[^]For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.

*Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).

Youth Allowance (continued)

Income test

Income thresholds (income at which payment begins to reduce)	1 Apr 2021	
Personal income test		
Students and Australian Apprentices		
Lower income threshold (income free area)	\$437.00	pf
Upper income threshold	\$524.00	pf
Job seekers		
Lower income threshold (income free area)	\$150.00	pf
Upper income threshold	\$250.00	pf
Partner income test - partner income free area [~]		
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,124.00	pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,033.00	pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,110.00	pf

[~] Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

Income limits (income at which payment is reduced to nil)

Income limits (income at which payment is reduced to nil)	1 Apr 2021	
Family Situation		
Single, under 18, at home		
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$963.34	pf
Job seekers	\$678.50	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home		
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,050.17	pf
Job seekers	\$765.34	pf
Single or partnered, away from home		
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,317.34	pf
Job seekers	\$1,032.50	pf
Partnered, with dependants		
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,394.17	pf
Job seekers	\$1,109.34	pf
Single, with dependants		
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,560.17	pf
Job seekers	\$1,275.34	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance [^]		
Single, living at home	\$1,167.17	pf
Single, living away from home	\$1,485.67	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,394.17	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test [*]	\$1,614.00	pf

[^]For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.

^{*}Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

Austudy

Payment rates

Family Situation		
Single	\$512.50	pf
Single, with children	\$656.00	pf
Partnered, with children	\$557.90	pf
Partnered, no children	\$512.50	pf
Special rate [*]		
Single, living away from home	\$611.90	pf
Partnered, no children	\$557.90	pf

^{*}For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.

Austudy (continued)

Income test

Income thresholds (income at which payment begins to reduce)	1 Apr 2021
Personal income test	
Lower income threshold (income free area)	\$437.00 pf
Upper income threshold	\$524.00 pf
Partner income test - partner income free area [~]	
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,124.00 pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,033.00 pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,110.00 pf

[~] Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

Income limits (income at which payment is reduced to nil)[#]

Family Situation	1 Apr 2021
Single	\$1,317.34 pf
Single, with children	\$1,560.17 pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,394.17 pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,317.34 pf
Special rate*	
Single, living away from home	\$1,485.67 pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,394.17 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.

ABSTUDY Living Allowance

Payment rates

Family Situation (under 22)	1 Apr 2021
Standard	
Under 16 years, tertiary	\$34.80 pf
16 to 17 years	\$303.20 pf
18 to 21 years	\$354.60 pf
Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid	
Under 16 years	\$303.20 pf
16 to 17 years	\$303.20 pf
18 to 21 years	\$354.60 pf
Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)	
Under 16 years	\$512.50 pf
16 to 21 years	\$512.50 pf
Away from home	
Under 16 years	\$512.50 pf
16 to 21 years	\$512.50 pf
Independent single, no children	
Under 16 years	\$512.50 pf
16 to 21 years	\$512.50 pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$303.20 pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$303.20 pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$354.60 pf
Independent partnered, no children	
Under 16 years	\$512.50 pf
16 to 21 years	\$512.50 pf

ABSTUDY Living Allowance (continued)

Payment rates

Family Situation (under 22)	1 Apr 2021
Independent, single with dependent child	
Under 16 years	\$656.00 pf
16 to 21 years	\$656.00 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child	
Under 16 years	\$557.90 pf
16 to 21 years	\$557.90 pf
Masters and Doctorate Students	\$1,096.90 pf
Family Situation (22 and over)	1 Apr 2021
Standard	
22 years or over, at home	\$620.80 pf
Away from home	
22 years or over	\$620.80 pf
Independent single, no children	
22 years or over	\$620.80 pf
60 years or over	\$667.50 pf
Independent partnered, no children	
22 years or over	\$565.40 pf
Independent, single with dependent child	
22 years or over	\$667.50 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child	
22 years or over	\$565.40 pf

Income test

Income thresholds (income at which payment begins to reduce)	1 Apr 2021
Personal income test	
Lower income threshold (income free area)	\$437.00 pf
Upper income threshold	\$524.00 pf
Partner income test - partner income free area [~]	
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age, no dependent children	\$1,124.00 pf

Income limits (income at which payment is reduced to nil)[#]

Family Situation	1 Apr 2021
Under 22 years	
Single, under 18 years, at home	\$963.34 pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$1,050.17 pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,317.34 pf
Single with dependants	\$1,560.17 pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,394.17 pf
Over 22 years	
Single, no children	\$1,500.84 pf
Partnered	\$1,407.00 pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,579.84 pf
Aged 60 or over*	\$1,590.17 pf

[~]Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

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Disability Support Pension (under 21, no dependent children)

Payment rates (including Youth Disability Supplement)

Family Situation	1 Apr 2021
Single, under 18	
Dependent	\$435.10 pf
Independent	\$644.40 pf
Single, 18 - 20	
Dependent	\$486.50 pf
Independent	\$644.40 pf
Member of a couple	\$644.40 pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$131.90 pf

Income test

Income limits (income at which payment is reduced to nil)	1 Apr 2021
Family Situation	
Single, under 18	
Dependent	\$1,072.40 pf
Independent	\$1,497.40 pf
Single, 18 - 20	
Dependent	\$1,176.60 pf
Independent	\$1,497.40 pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,942.40 pf

Assets test

Assets limits (asset levels at which payment is reduced to nil)	1 Apr 2021
Family Situation (Homeowners)	
Single, under 18	
Dependent	\$417,250
Independent	\$488,000
Single, 18 - 20	
Dependent	\$434,500
Independent	\$488,000
Couple (combined)	\$839,500
Family Situation (Non-Homeowners)	
Single, under 18	
Dependent	\$631,750
Independent	\$702,500
Single, 18 - 20	
Dependent	\$649,000
Independent	\$702,500
Couple (combined)	\$1,054,000

Miscellaneous Amounts

Health Care Cards (HCC)

Income limits

1 Apr 2021

Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:

Family Situation

Single (no children)	\$636.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,094.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,094.00	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$34.00	pw

Income limit cut-offs

1 Apr 2021

Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:

Family Situation

Single (no children)	\$795.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,367.50	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,367.50	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$42.50	pw