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| **Pensions – Fortnightly** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Adult Pension Rates** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single\* |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
|  | Base | $860.60 | $860.60 | - | pf |
|  | Supplement | $69.60 | $69.60 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $14.10 | $14.10 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $944.30 | $944.30 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Base | $648.70 | $648.70 | - | pf |
|  | Supplement | $52.50 | $52.50 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $10.60 | $10.60 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $711.80 | $711.80 | - | pf |
| *\* Also illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Adult Transitional Pension Rate** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Resident in Australia** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
|  | Maximum Transitional Pension Rate | $775.20 | $775.20 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $14.10 | $14.10 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $789.30 | $789.30 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Maximum Transitional Pension Rate | $626.20 | $626.20 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $10.60 | $10.60 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $636.80 | $636.80 | - | pf |
| **Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks** | |  |  |  |  |
| Single |  | $711.00 | $711.00 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $594.30 | $594.30 | - | pf |
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| **Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $24.20 | $24.20 | - | pf |
| Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol | | $24.20 | $24.20 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $19.90 | $19.90 | - | pf |
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| **Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $37.40 | $37.40 | - | pf |
| Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol | | $37.40 | $37.40 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $28.20 | $28.20 | - | pf |
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| **Pension Disqualifying Income Limits** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $2,066.60 | $2,066.60 | - | pf |
| Couple (combined) |  | $3,163.20 | $3,163.20 | - | pf |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | | $4,093.20 | $4,093.20 | - | pf |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $1,947.60 | $1,947.60 | - | pf |
| Couple (combined) |  | $2,990.40 | $2,990.40 | - | pf |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | | $3,855.20 | $3,855.20 | - | pf |
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| **Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Transitional Pension Disqualifying Income Limits** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $2,151.25 | $2,151.25 | - | pf |
| Single + 1 dependent child | | $2,175.85 | $2,175.85 | - | pf |
| Couple (combined) |  | $3,500.00 | $3,500.00 | - | pf |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | | $4,262.50 | $4,262.50 | - | pf |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $1,955.50 | $1,955.50 | - | pf |
| Single + 1 dependent child | | $1,980.10 | $1,980.10 | - | pf |
| Couple (combined) |  | $3,287.50 | $3,287.50 | - | pf |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | | $3,871.00 | $3,871.00 | - | pf |
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| **Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, homeowner |  | $583,000 | $583,000 | - |  |
| Single, non-homeowner | | $797,500 | $797,500 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), homeowner | | $876,500 | $876,500 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner | | $1,091,000 | $1,091,000 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | | $876,500 | $876,500 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,091,000 | $1,091,000 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | | $1,031,500 | $1,031,500 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,246,000 | $1,246,000 | - |  |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** | |  |  |  |  |
| Single, homeowner |  | $563,000 | $563,000 | - |  |
| Single, non-homeowner |  | $777,500 | $777,500 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), homeowner | | $847,500 | $847,500 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner | | $1,062,000 | $1,062,000 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | | $847,500 | $847,500 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,062,000 | $1,062,000 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | | $991,500 | $991,500 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,206,000 | $1,206,000 | - |  |
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| **Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, homeowner |  | $531,250 | $531,250 | - |  |
| Single, non-homeowner | | $745,750 | $745,750 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), homeowner | | $826,500 | $826,500 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner | | $1,041,000 | $1,041,000 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | | $826,500 | $826,500 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,041,000 | $1,041,000 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | | $928,000 | $928,000 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,142,500 | $1,142,500 | - |  |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, homeowner |  | $505,000 | $505,000 | - |  |
| Single, non-homeowner | | $719,500 | $719,500 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), homeowner | | $798,000 | $798,000 | - |  |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner | | $1,012,500 | $1,012,500 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | | $798,000 | $798,000 | - |  |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,012,500 | $1,012,500 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | | $875,500 | $875,500 | - |  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | | $1,090,000 | $1,090,000 | - |  |
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| **Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Pension Bonus Scheme\*** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Single** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years (Bonus Periods) |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| 1 |  | $2,162.50 | $2,162.50 | - |  |
| 2 |  | $8,649.80 | $8,649.80 | - |  |
| 3 |  | $19,462.10 | $19,462.10 | - |  |
| 4 |  | $34,599.20 | $34,599.20 | - |  |
| 5 |  | $54,061.30 | $54,061.30 | - |  |
| **Partnered (each)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years (Bonus Periods) |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| 1 |  | $1,634.10 | $1,634.10 | - |  |
| 2 |  | $6,536.20 | $6,536.20 | - |  |
| 3 |  | $14,706.50 | $14,706.50 | - |  |
| 4 |  | $26,144.90 | $26,144.90 | - |  |
| 5 |  | $40,851.50 | $40,851.50 | - |  |
| *\*No new entrants post-20 September 2009.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $629.20 | $629.20 | - | pa |
| Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol | | $629.20 | $629.20 | - | pa |
| Partnered (each) |  | $517.40 | $517.40 | - | pa |
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| **Allowances – Fortnightly** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Allowance Rates (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit)** | | | | |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 22 or over, no children | | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, with children | | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Single, 60 or over, after 9 months | | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | | $790.10 | $793.10 | $3.00 | pf |
| *\* Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Energy Supplement (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit)\*** | | | | |  |
| **Family Situation - under Age Pension age** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 22 or over, no children | | $8.80 | $8.80 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, with children | | $9.50 | $9.50 | - | pf |
| Single, 60 or over, after 9 months | | $9.50 | $9.50 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $7.90 | $7.90 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test | | $12.00 | $12.00 | - | pf |
| **Family Situation - over Age Pension age** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |  | $14.10 | $14.10 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $10.60 | $10.60 | - | pf |
| *\*Energy Supplement is not indexed.* |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Pension Supplement for Allowance Recipients Over Age Pension Age (Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit, ABSTUDY)** | | | | |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single Allowance Supplement | | $69.60 | $69.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered Allowance Supplement | | $52.50 | $52.50 | - | pf |
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| **Allowances – Fortnightly (continued)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Income Limits for Adult Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance)#** | | | | | |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 22 or over, no children | | $1,088.50 | $1,088.50 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, with children | | $1,166.84 | $1,166.84 | - | pf |
| Single, 60 or over, after 9 months\* | | $1,177.17 | $1,177.17 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $995.50 | $995.50 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children\* | | $1,675.25 | $1,675.25 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test\* | | $2,126.75 | $2,134.25 | $7.50 | pf |
| Single income couple (excluding JobSeeker Payment) | | $1,860.50 | $1,860.50 | - | pf |
| Single income couple (JobSeeker Payment) | | $3,070.80 | $3,070.80 | - | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| *#Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Partner Income Free Areas for Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Partner Allowance, Parenting Payment Partnered, Youth Allowance, Austudy)~** | | | | | |
| Partner income test - partner income free area~ | |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | | $996.00 | $996.00 | - | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | | $944.00 | $944.00 | - | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | | $1,021.00 | $1,021.00 | - | pf |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Youth Allowance Rates** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | | $790.10 | $793.10 | $3.00 | pf |
| *\*Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Income Limits for Youth Allowance** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | | $1,508.00 | $1,513.00 | $5.00 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **ABSTUDY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Living Allowance Rates** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over, at home | | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| Away from home |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| Independent single, no children | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| 60 years or over |  | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Independent partnered, no children | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
| Independent, single with dependent child | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Independent, partnered with dependent child | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
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| **Energy Supplement for Living Allowance\*** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Standard |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over, at home | | $8.80 | $8.80 | - | pf |
| Away from home |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $8.80 | $8.80 | - | pf |
| *\*Energy Supplement is not indexed.* |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **ABSTUDY (continued)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Energy Supplement for Living Allowance (continued)\*** | | |  |  |  |
| Independent single, no children | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $8.80 | $8.80 | - | pf |
| 60 years or over |  | $9.50 | $9.50 | - | pf |
| Independent partnered, no children | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $7.90 | $7.90 | - | pf |
| Independent, single with dependent child | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $9.50 | $9.50 | - | pf |
| Independent, partnered with dependent child | |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $7.90 | $7.90 | - | pf |
| Over Age Pension age |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single |  | $14.10 | $14.10 | - | pf |
| Partnered |  | $10.60 | $10.60 | - | pf |
| *\*Energy Supplement is not indexed.* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Personal Income Limits for Living Allowance** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Over 22 years |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children |  | $1,409.00 | $1,409.00 | - | pf |
| Partnered |  | $1,316.00 | $1,316.00 | - | pf |
| Single, with dependants | | $1,487.34 | $1,487.34 | - | pf |
| Aged 60 or over\* |  | $1,497.67 | $1,497.67 | - | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Parenting Payment – Fortnightly** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Parenting Payment Rates** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Under Age Pension age** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single Parent | Base Pension | $765.90 | $768.90 | $3.00 | pf |
|  | Supplement | $24.20 | $24.20 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $12.00 | $12.00 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $802.10 | $805.10 | $3.00 | pf |
| Partnered Parents | Base Allowance | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $7.90 | $7.90 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $518.70 | $518.70 | - | pf |
| **Over Age Pension age** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single Parent | Base Pension | $765.90 | $768.90 | $3.00 | pf |
|  | Supplement | $69.60 | $69.60 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $14.10 | $14.10 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $849.60 | $852.60 | $3.00 | pf |
| Partnered | Base Allowance | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
|  | Supplement | $52.50 | $52.50 | - | pf |
|  | Energy Supplement | $10.60 | $10.60 | - | pf |
|  | Total | $573.90 | $573.90 | - | pf |
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| **Income Test for Parenting Payment#** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Partnered** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Partner income free area | | $996.00 | $996.00 | - | pf |
| *For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:* | | | |  |  |
| - recipient's income must be less than | | $995.50 | $995.50 | - | pf |
| - partner's income must be less than | | $1,860.50 | $1,860.50 | - | pf |
| - combined income must be less than | | $1,991.50 | $1,991.50 | - | pf |
| *If partner is on pension,* | |  |  |  |  |
| couple's combined income must be less than | | $1,991.00 | $1,991.00 | - | pf |
| *#Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Parenting Payment – Fortnightly (continued)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Income Test for Parenting Payment (continued)#** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Single\*** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Income Free area |  | $192.60 | $192.60 | - | pf |
| *Disqualifying Income Limits* | |  |  |  |  |
| - under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance | | $2,213.35 | $2,220.85 | $7.50 | pf |
| *\*Income free areas and income limits for parents with more than one child may differ from these amounts.* | | |  |  |  |
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| **Rent Assistance – for payments under the Social Security Act** | | | |  |  |
| **Maximum Payment per Fortnight** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, no children |  | $139.60 | $139.60 | - | pf |
| Single, no children, sharer | | $93.07 | $93.07 | - | pf |
| Couple, no children |  | $131.60 | $131.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered, illness-separated, no children | | $139.60 | $139.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered, temporarily separated, no children | | $131.60 | $131.60 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Threshold** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, no children |  | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
| Single, no children, sharer | | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
| Couple, no children |  | $201.80 | $201.80 | - | pf |
| Partnered, illness-separated, no children | | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered, temporarily separated, no children | | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Ceiling** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, no children |  | $310.73 | $310.73 | - | pf |
| Single, no children, sharer | | $248.69 | $248.69 | - | pf |
| Couple, no children |  | $377.27 | $377.27 | - | pf |
| Partnered, illness-separated, no children | | $310.73 | $310.73 | - | pf |
| Partnered, temporarily separated, no children | | $300.07 | $300.07 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Assistance – for payments under the Family Assistance Act** | | | |  |  |
| **Maximum Payment per Fortnight** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 1 or 2 children |  | $164.08 | $164.08 | - | pf |
| Single, 3 or more children | | $185.36 | $185.36 | - | pf |
| Couple, 1 or 2 children |  | $164.08 | $164.08 | - | pf |
| Couple, 3 or more children | | $185.36 | $185.36 | - | pf |
| **Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| 1 or 2 children |  | $164.08 | $164.08 | - | pf |
| 3 or more children |  | $185.36 | $185.36 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Threshold** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 1 or 2 children |  | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
| Single, 3 or more children | | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
| Couple, 1 or 2 children |  | $241.92 | $241.92 | - | pf |
| Couple, 3 or more children | | $241.92 | $241.92 | - | pf |
| **Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| 1 or 2 children |  | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
| 3 or more children |  | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Assistance – for payments under the Family Assistance Act (continued)** | | | | |  |
| **Rent Ceiling** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 1 or 2 children |  | $382.29 | $382.29 | - | pf |
| Single, 3 or more children | | $410.67 | $410.67 | - | pf |
| Couple, 1 or 2 children |  | $460.69 | $460.69 | - | pf |
| Couple, 3 or more children | | $489.07 | $489.07 | - | pf |
| **Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated** | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| 1 or 2 children |  | $382.29 | $382.29 | - | pf |
| 3 or more children |  | $410.67 | $410.67 | - | pf |
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| **Miscellaneous Amounts** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Telephone Allowance** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Annual Payment (single or couple combined) | | $120.80 | $120.80 | - | pa |
| Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined) | | $30.20 | $30.20 | - | pq |
| *Single rates shown. Each eligible member of a couple on maximum rate may receive half the single rate per annum.* | | |  |  |  |
| **Higher Rate Telephone Allowance** | |  |  |  |  |
| *Requires home internet access.* |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Annual Payment (single or couple combined) | | $178.40 | $178.40 | - | pa |
| Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined) | | $44.60 | $44.60 | - | pq |
| *Single rates shown. Each eligible member of a couple on maximum rate may receive half the single rate per annum.* | | |  |  |  |
| **Utilities Allowance (Paid Quarterly: 20 Mar, 20 June, 20 Sept, 20 Dec)** | | |  |  |  |
| *Payable to Widow Allowance and Partner Allowance recipients under Age Pension age and Disability Support Pensioners aged under 21 without children.* | | | | |  |
|  |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Annual Amount (single or couple combined) | | $652.00 | $652.00 | - | pa |
| Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined) | | $163.00 | $163.00 | - | pq |
| *Individuals in receipt of an income support payment that attracts a Pension Supplement do not receive Utilities Allowance.* | | | |  |  |
| **Health Care Cards (HCC)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single (no children) |  | $571.00 | $571.00 | - | pw |
| Couple, combined (no children) | | $985.00 | $985.00 | - | pw |
| Single, one dependent child | | $985.00 | $985.00 | - | pw |
| For each additional dependent child add | | $34.00 | $34.00 | - | pw |
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| **Income limits for Health Care Cards (HCC)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single (no children) |  | $713.75 | $713.75 | - | pw |
| Couple, combined (no children) | | $1,231.25 | $1,231.25 | - | pw |
| Single, one dependent child | | $1,231.25 | $1,231.25 | - | pw |
| For each additional dependent child add | | $42.50 | $42.50 | - | pw |
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| **Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards (CSHC) - Taxable Income Limits** | | | |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single\* |  | $55,808 | $55,808 | - | pa |
| Partnered (each) |  | $44,645 | $44,645 | - | pa |
| Couple (combined) |  | $89,290 | $89,290 | - | pa |
| Additional amount for each dependent child of the person | | $639.60 | $639.60 | - | pa |
| *\* Also illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Out-of-session COVID-19 changes (25 September 2020)** | | |  |  |  |
| **JobSeeker Payment income test** | |  |  |  |  |
| **JobSeeker Payment personal income thresholds** | | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Income free area (non-single principal carers) | | $106 | $300 | $194 | pf |
| Income free area (single principal carers) | | $106 | $106 | - | pf |
| **JobSeeker Payment income limits** | |  |  |  |  |
| Single, 22 or over, no children | | $1,088.50 | $1,257.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, with children | | $1,166.84 | $1,335.84 | $169.00 | pf |
| Single, 60 or over, after 9 months\* | | $1,177.17 | $1,346.17 | $169.00 | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $995.50 | $1,164.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children\* | | $1,675.25 | $1,675.25 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test\* | | $2,134.25 | $2,134.25 | - | pf |
| Single income couple |  | $3,070.80 | $3,086.11 | $15.31 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Youth Allowance (Other) income test** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Personal income thresholds** |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Income free area |  | $143 | $300 | $157 | pf |
| **Youth Allowance (Other) income limits** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18, at home | | $589.34 | $728.50 | $139.16 | pf |
| Single, 18 or over, at home | | $676.17 | $815.34 | $139.17 | pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home, no children | | $943.34 | $1,082.50 | $139.16 | pf |
| Partnered, with children |  | $1,020.17 | $1,159.34 | $139.17 | pf |
| Single, with children |  | $1,186.17 | $1,325.34 | $139.17 | pf |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test | | $1,513.00 | $1,652.17 | $139.17 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Partner income free areas (JobSeeker Payment, Partner Allowance, Youth Allowance, Austudy)** | | | | |  |
|  |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | | $996 | $1,165 | $169 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | | $944 | $1,083 | $139 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | | $1,021 | $1,160 | $139 | pf |
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| **Parenting Payment income test** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Partnered** |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Partner income free area (partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age) | | $996 | $1,165 | $169 | pf |
| **For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:** | | |  |  |  |
| - recipient's income must be less than | | $995.50 | $995.50 | - | pf |
| - partner's income must be less than | | $1,860.50 | $2,029.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| - combined income must be less than | | $1,991.50 | $2,160.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| **If partner is on pension,** |  |  |  |  |  |
| couples combined income must be less than | | $1,991.00 | $1,991.00 | - | pf |
| *#Income limits for recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Other changes** |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Coronavirus Supplement |  | $550.00 | $250.00 | -$300.00 | pf |
| Adult allowance (excl JSP) single income couple income limit | | $1,860.50 | $2,029.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| ABSTUDY partner income free area, aged 22 and over | | $996 | $1,165 | $169 | pf |
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