

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.

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

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

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

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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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

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	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2020	Increase
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	-

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	-

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.

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

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).

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.

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

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.

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.

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).

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Income Test for Parenting Payment#

Partnered	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2020	Increase	
Partner income free area	\$996.00	\$996.00	-	pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
- 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
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
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.

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
<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>			
- 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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