

<b>Youth Allowance</b>	<b>Previous amount</b>	<b>1 Jan 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
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### Maximum rates of payment

#### Maximum basic rate

##### Family Situation

Single, no children			
Under 18, living at home	\$372.90	\$395.30	\$22.40 pf
Under 18, living away from home	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
18 or over, living away from home	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
18 or over, living at home	\$429.40	\$455.20	\$25.80 pf
Single, with children	\$760.40	\$806.00	\$45.60 pf
Partnered, no children	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
Partnered, with children	\$652.60	\$691.80	\$39.20 pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*			
Single, living at home	\$505.20	\$535.50	\$30.30 pf
Single, living away from home	\$711.90	\$754.60	\$42.70 pf
Partnered, no children	\$652.60	\$691.80	\$39.20 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)	\$480.00	\$509.00	\$29.00 pf
Upper income threshold	\$575.00	\$610.00	\$35.00 pf

#### Part allowance income limits

##### Family Situation

Single, under 18, at home			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,123.84	\$1,191.17	\$67.33 pf
Job seekers	\$794.67	\$832.00	\$37.33 pf
Single, 18 and over, at home			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,219.17	\$1,292.17	\$73.00 pf
Job seekers	\$890.00	\$933.00	\$43.00 pf
Single or partnered, away from home			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,512.17	\$1,602.50	\$90.33 pf
Job seekers	\$1,183.00	\$1,243.34	\$60.34 pf
Partnered, with dependants			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,596.34	\$1,691.67	\$95.33 pf
Job seekers	\$1,267.17	\$1,332.50	\$65.33 pf
Single, with dependants			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,778.50	\$1,884.50	\$106.00 pf
Job seekers	\$1,449.34	\$1,525.34	\$76.00 pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*			
Single, living at home	\$1,347.34	\$1,427.84	\$80.50 pf
Single, living away from home	\$1,696.67	\$1,797.84	\$101.17 pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,596.34	\$1,691.67	\$95.33 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*	\$1,814.67	\$1,815.00	\$0.33 pf
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\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

#### Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance

Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$58,108	\$62,634	\$4,526 pa
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#### Maintenance income free areas

Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance	\$1,883.40	\$1,883.40	- pa
For each additional child add	\$627.80	\$627.80	- pa

#### Partner income test - partner income free area<sup>~</sup>

Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,183.00	\$1,244.00	\$61.00 pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,268.00	\$1,333.00	\$65.00 pf

<sup>~</sup> Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

**Maximum rates of payment****Maximum basic rate****Family Situation**

Single	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
Single, with children	\$760.40	\$806.00	\$45.60 pf
Partnered, with children	\$652.60	\$691.80	\$39.20 pf
Partnered, no children	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
Special rate*			
Single, no children	\$711.90	\$754.60	\$42.70 pf
Partnered, no children	\$652.60	\$691.80	\$39.20 pf

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**Income test****Full allowance income thresholds**

Lower income threshold (income free area)	\$480.00	\$509.00	\$29.00 pf
Upper income threshold	\$575.00	\$610.00	\$35.00 pf

**Part allowance income limits<sup>#</sup>****Family Situation**

Single	\$1,512.17	\$1,602.50	\$90.33 pf
Single, with children	\$1,778.50	\$1,884.50	\$106.00 pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,596.34	\$1,691.67	\$95.33 pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,512.17	\$1,602.50	\$90.33 pf
Special rate*			
Single, no children	\$1,696.67	\$1,797.84	\$101.17 pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,596.34	\$1,691.67	\$95.33 pf

<sup>#</sup> 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<sup>~</sup>**

Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,183.00	\$1,244.00	\$61.00 pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,268.00	\$1,333.00	\$65.00 pf

<sup>~</sup> Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

**ABSTUDY**

Previous amount

1 Jan 2024

Increase

**Basic rates of payment**

## Living Allowance rates

**Family Situation**

## Standard

Under 16 years, tertiary	\$38.20	\$40.50	\$2.30 pf
16 to 17 years	\$372.90	\$395.30	\$22.40 pf
18 to 21 years	\$429.40	\$455.20	\$25.80 pf

## Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid

Under 16 years	\$372.90	\$395.30	\$22.40 pf
16 to 17 years	\$372.90	\$395.30	\$22.40 pf
18 to 21 years	\$429.40	\$455.20	\$25.80 pf

## Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)

Under 16 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
16 to 21 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf

## Away from home

Under 16 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
16 to 21 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf

## Independent single, no children

Under 16 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
16 to 21 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$372.90	\$395.30	\$22.40 pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$372.90	\$395.30	\$22.40 pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$429.40	\$455.20	\$25.80 pf

## Independent partnered, no children

Under 16 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf
16 to 21 years	\$602.80	\$639.00	\$36.20 pf

## Independent, single with dependent child

Under 16 years	\$760.40	\$806.00	\$45.60 pf
16 to 21 years	\$760.40	\$806.00	\$45.60 pf

## Independent, partnered with dependent child

Under 16 years	\$652.60	\$691.80	\$39.20 pf
16 to 21 years	\$652.60	\$691.80	\$39.20 pf

## Masters and Doctorate Students

	\$1,145.40	\$1,231.40	\$86.00 pf
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**Income test**

## Part allowance income limits

**Family Situation**

## Under 22 years

Single, under 18 years, at home	\$1,123.84	\$1,191.17	\$67.33 pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$1,219.17	\$1,292.17	\$73.00 pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,512.17	\$1,602.50	\$90.33 pf
Single with dependants	\$1,778.50	\$1,884.50	\$106.00 pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,596.34	\$1,691.67	\$95.33 pf

## Over 22 years

Single, no children	\$1,759.17	\$1,789.17	\$30.00 pf
Partnered	\$1,652.34	\$1,682.34	\$30.00 pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,849.17	\$1,879.17	\$30.00 pf
Aged 55 or over	\$1,860.17	\$1,890.50	\$30.33 pf

**Partner income test – partner income free area**

Partner aged 22 and over, no dependent children	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00	- pf
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**Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY**

Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$58,108.00	\$62,634.00	\$4,526.00 pa
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<b>ABSTUDY - Supplementary assistance</b>	<b>Previous amount</b>	<b>1 Jan 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>School Fees Allowance (boarding)</b>			
Maximum rate	\$12,091	\$12,816	\$725 pa
Non-income tested component	\$9,396	\$9,960	\$564 pa
<b>Incidentals Allowance</b>			
Less than 12 week course	\$98.10	\$104.00	\$5.90 pa
12 to 16 week course	\$172.20	\$182.50	\$10.30 pa
17 to 23 week course	\$342.30	\$362.80	\$20.50 pa
24 week to one year course	\$695.70	\$737.40	\$41.70 pa
<b>Additional Incidentals Allowance</b>			
Less than 12 week course	\$169.00	\$179.10	\$10.10 pa
12 to 16 week course	\$334.90	\$355.00	\$20.10 pa
17 to 23 week course	\$669.20	\$709.40	\$40.20 pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,340.40	\$1,420.80	\$80.40 pa
<b>Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs</b>			
Maximum amount	\$5,526.00	\$5,858.00	\$332.00 pa
<b>Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold</b>			
Scholarship value	\$6,694.00	\$7,096.00	\$402.00 pa
<b>Supplementary Masters and Doctorate allowance</b>			
<b>Thesis Allowance one-off payment</b>			
Masters thesis	\$420	\$420	- ea
Doctorate thesis	\$840	\$840	- ea
Relocation Allowance	\$1,520	\$1,520	- pa

<b>Other Student payments</b>	<b>Previous amount</b>	<b>1 Jan 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)</b>			
<b>Allowances</b>			
Basic Boarding Allowance	\$9,396	\$9,960	\$564 pa
Additional Boarding Allowance	\$2,695	\$2,856	\$161 pa
Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$12,091	\$12,816	\$725 pa
Second Home Allowance	\$7,136	\$7,564	\$428 pa
Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$21,408	\$22,692	\$1,284 pa
Distance Education Allowance	\$4,698	\$4,980	\$282 pa
<b>Thresholds and Limits</b>			
Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$9,146	\$9,710	\$564 pa
<b>Parental income test</b>			
Parental income threshold	\$58,108	\$62,634	\$4,526 pa
<b>Other student payments</b>			
<b>Student Relocation Scholarship</b>			
Initial full payment	\$5,080	\$5,385	\$305 pa
Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,269	\$1,345	\$76 pa
Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,541	\$2,693	\$152 pa
<b>Student payment parameters</b>			
Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$12,000	\$12,700	\$700 pa
Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold	\$9,174	\$9,724	\$550 pa
<b>Student Start-Up Loan</b>			
Student Start-Up Loan	\$1,201	\$1,273	\$72 ba

## Disability Support Pension - under 21 with no dependent children

Previous amount      1 Jan 2024      Increase

### Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment

Maximum basic rate including Youth Disability Supplement

#### Family Situation

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$517.70	\$548.80	\$31.10 pf
Independent	\$747.60	\$792.50	\$44.90 pf
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$574.20	\$608.70	\$34.50 pf
Independent	\$747.60	\$792.50	\$44.90 pf
Member of a couple	\$747.60	\$792.50	\$44.90 pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$144.80	\$153.50	\$8.70 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	\$1,264.40	\$1,327.00	\$62.60 pf
Independent	\$1,730.60	\$1,820.80	\$90.20 pf
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$1,378.80	\$1,448.20	\$69.40 pf
Independent	\$1,730.60	\$1,820.80	\$90.20 pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,400.00	\$3,580.00	\$180.00 pf

### Under 21 with no dependent children: Assets test

Part pension asset limits

#### Family Situation - Homeowners

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$478,500	\$489,000	\$10,500
Independent	\$556,250	\$571,250	\$15,000
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$497,750	\$509,250	\$11,500
Independent	\$556,250	\$571,250	\$15,000
Couple (combined)	\$958,500	\$988,500	\$30,000

#### Family Situation - Non-Homeowners

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$720,500	\$731,000	\$10,500
Independent	\$798,250	\$813,250	\$15,000
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$739,750	\$751,250	\$11,500
Independent	\$798,250	\$813,250	\$15,000
Couple (combined)	\$1,200,500	\$1,230,500	\$30,000

<b>Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts</b>	<b>Previous amount</b>	<b>1 Jan 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Pharmaceutical Allowance</b>			
<b>Family Situation</b>			
Single	\$6.60	\$6.80	\$0.20 pf
Couple	\$3.30	\$3.40	\$0.10 pf
Illness-separated	\$6.60	\$6.80	\$0.20 pf
<b>Double Orphan Pension - Rate</b>			
Double Orphan Pension	\$72.60	\$77.00	\$4.40 pf
<b>Carer Allowance - Rate</b>			
Carer Allowance	\$144.80	\$153.50	\$8.70 pf
<b>Carer Payment - Care Receiver Income and Asset Limits</b>			
Income limit	\$127,962	\$135,640	\$7,678 pa
Lower asset limit	\$789,500	\$836,750	\$47,250
Higher asset limit	\$1,172,750	\$1,243,000	\$70,250
<b>Mobility Allowance</b>			
Standard rate - single or couple	\$109.30	\$115.90	\$6.60 pf
Increased rate - single or couple	\$152.80	\$162.00	\$9.20 pf
<b>Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements)</b>			
Child aged under 13	\$144.20	\$152.90	\$8.70 pf
Child aged 13 - 15	\$200.70	\$212.70	\$12.00 pf
Payment to single parent <sup>‡</sup>	\$68.60	\$72.70	\$4.10 pf
<sup>‡</sup> Formerly Guardian Allowance.			
<b>Permissible Child Earnings Limits</b>			
Dependent child under 16	\$238.30	\$252.60	\$14.30 pw
Dependent child 16 - 21	\$13,060.80	\$13,844.45	\$783.65 pa
<b>Income Test for Parenting Payment - Single<sup>#</sup></b>			
<b>Disqualifying Income Limits</b>			
Under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$2,686.60	\$2,687.10	\$0.50 pf
<sup>#</sup> Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.			
<sup>#</sup> Income free areas and income limits for parents with more than one child differ from these amounts.			
<b>Income Limits for JobSeeker Payment</b>			
<b>Family Situation</b>			
Single, 55 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,532.00	\$1,532.34	\$0.34 pf
Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children*	\$2,196.50	\$2,197.00	\$0.50 pf
Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test*	\$2,622.00	\$2,622.50	\$0.50 pf
*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.			