

Youth Allowance	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase	
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate				
Family Situation				
Single, no children				
Under 18, at home	\$249.20	\$253.20	\$4.00	pf
Under 18, away from home	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
18 or over, away from home	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
18 or over, at home	\$299.80	\$304.60	\$4.80	pf
Single, with children	\$596.50	\$606.00	\$9.50	pf
Partnered, no children	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
Partnered, with children	\$499.90	\$507.90	\$8.00	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
Single, living at home	\$367.80	\$373.70	\$5.90	pf
Single, living away from home	\$553.10	\$561.90	\$8.80	pf
Partnered, no children	\$499.90	\$507.90	\$8.00	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 limits				
Full allowance income thresholds				
Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices)				
Personal income threshold ¹	\$437.00	\$437.00	-	pf
Personal income upper threshold ¹	\$524.00	\$524.00	-	pf
¹ Indexation of these thresholds have been paused for three years. Indexation will resume on 1 January 2021.				
Part allowance income limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$873.34	\$880.00	\$6.66	pf
Job seekers	\$582.67	\$589.34	\$6.67	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$958.84	\$966.84	\$8.00	pf
Job seekers	\$668.17	\$676.17	\$8.00	pf
Single or partnered, away from home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,221.84	\$1,234.00	\$12.16	pf
Job seekers	\$931.17	\$943.34	\$12.17	pf
Partnered, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,297.50	\$1,310.84	\$13.34	pf
Job seekers	\$1,006.84	\$1,020.17	\$13.33	pf
Single, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,461.00	\$1,476.84	\$15.84	pf
Job seekers	\$1,170.34	\$1,186.17	\$15.83	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
Single, living at home	\$1,074.00	\$1,083.84	\$9.84	pf
Single, living away from home	\$1,387.67	\$1,402.34	\$14.67	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,297.50	\$1,310.84	\$13.34	pf
<i>* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i>				
Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance				
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$53,728	\$54,677	\$949	pa
Maintenance Income Free Areas				
Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance	\$1,653.45	\$1,653.45	-	pa
For each additional child add	\$551.15	\$551.15	-	pa

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Maximum rates of payment

Maximum Basic Rate

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Special rate*				
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Income limits

Full allowance income thresholds

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Part allowance income limits[#]

Family Situation

Single	\$1,221.84	\$1,234.00	\$12.16	pf
Single, with children	\$1,461.00	\$1,476.84	\$15.84	pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,297.50	\$1,310.84	\$13.34	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,221.84	\$1,234.00	\$12.16	pf
Special rate*				
Single, living away from home	\$1,387.67	\$1,402.34	\$14.67	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,297.50	\$1,310.84	\$13.34	pf

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

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Basic rates of payment

Living Allowance rates

Family Situation

Standard

Under 16 years, tertiary	\$34.30	\$34.80	\$0.50	pf
16 to 17 years	\$249.20	\$253.20	\$4.00	pf
18 to 21 years	\$299.80	\$304.60	\$4.80	pf
Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid				
Under 16 years	\$249.20	\$253.20	\$4.00	pf
16 to 17 years	\$249.20	\$253.20	\$4.00	pf
18 to 21 years	\$299.80	\$304.60	\$4.80	pf
Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)				
Under 16 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
Away from home				
Under 16 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf

ABSTUDY (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase	
Independent single, no children				
Under 16 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$249.20	\$253.20	\$4.00	pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$249.20	\$253.20	\$4.00	pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$299.80	\$304.60	\$4.80	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
Under 16 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$455.20	\$462.50	\$7.30	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$596.50	\$606.00	\$9.50	pf
16 to 21 years	\$596.50	\$606.00	\$9.50	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$499.90	\$507.90	\$8.00	pf
16 to 21 years	\$499.90	\$507.90	\$8.00	pf
Masters and Doctorate Students	\$1,058.50	\$1,074.60	\$16.10	pf
Income limits				
Part allowance income limits				
Family Situation				
Under 22 years				
Single, under 18 years, at home	\$873.34	\$880.00	\$6.66	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$958.84	\$966.84	\$8.00	pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,221.84	\$1,234.00	\$12.16	pf
Single with dependants	\$1,461.00	\$1,476.84	\$15.84	pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,297.50	\$1,310.84	\$13.34	pf
Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY				
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$53,728.00	\$54,677.00	\$949.00	pa
Supplementary assistance				
School Fees Allowance (boarding)				
Maximum rate	\$10,838	\$11,011	\$173	pa
Non income testing component	\$8,422	\$8,557	\$135	pa
Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$88.00	\$89.40	\$1.40	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$154.30	\$156.80	\$2.50	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$306.80	\$311.70	\$4.90	pa
24 week to one year course	\$623.50	\$633.50	\$10.00	pa
Additional Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$151.50	\$153.90	\$2.40	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$300.10	\$304.90	\$4.80	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$599.80	\$609.40	\$9.60	pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,201.40	\$1,220.60	\$19.20	pa
Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs				
Maximum amount	\$4,953.00	\$5,032.00	\$79.00	pa
Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold				
Scholarship value	\$6,000.00	\$6,096.00	\$96.00	pa
Energy Supplement				
Recipients not receiving Youth Disability Supplement				
Away from home				
Under 16 years	\$7.00	\$7.00	-	pf
Recipients receiving Youth Disability Supplement				
Away from home				
Under 16 years	\$8.50	\$8.50	-	pf

Other Student payments	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase	
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)				
Allowances				
Basic Boarding Allowance	\$8,422	\$8,557	\$135	pa
Additional Boarding Allowance	\$2,416	\$2,454	\$38	pa
Second Home Allowance	\$6,397	\$6,499	\$102	pa
Distance Education Allowance	\$4,211	\$4,278	\$67	pa
Thresholds and Limits				
Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$10,838	\$11,011	\$173	pa
Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$8,172	\$8,307	\$135	pa
Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$19,191	\$19,497	\$306	pa
Parental Income Test				
Parental income threshold	\$53,728	\$54,677	\$949	pa

Other student payments

Student Relocation Scholarship				
Initial full payment	\$4,553	\$4,626	\$73	pa
Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,138	\$1,156	\$18	pa
Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,278	\$2,314	\$36	pa
Student Payment Parameters				
Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$10,900	\$10,900	-	pa
Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold	\$8,223	\$8,355	\$132	pa
Student Start-Up Payment				
Student Start-Up Loan Payment	\$1,077	\$1,094	\$17	pa

Disability Support Pension

	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase	
Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate including Youth Disability Supplement				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18				
Dependent	\$379.00	\$385.10	\$6.10	pf
Independent	\$585.00	\$594.40	\$9.40	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$429.60	\$436.50	\$6.90	pf
Independent	\$585.00	\$594.40	\$9.40	pf
Member of a couple	\$585.00	\$594.40	\$9.40	pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$129.80	\$131.90	\$2.10	pf

Under 21 with no dependent children: Income limits

Income Limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18				
Dependent	\$956.20	\$968.40	\$12.20	pf
Independent	\$1,374.60	\$1,393.40	\$18.80	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$1,058.80	\$1,072.60	\$13.80	pf
Independent	\$1,374.60	\$1,393.40	\$18.80	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,696.80	\$2,734.40	\$37.60	pf

Disability Support Pension (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase
Under 21 with no dependent children: Part pension assets limits			
Family Situation - Homeowners			
Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$393,750	\$395,750	\$2,000
Independent	\$463,500	\$466,500	\$3,000
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$410,750	\$413,250	\$2,500
Independent	\$463,500	\$466,500	\$3,000
Couple (combined)	\$793,000	\$799,000	\$6,000
Family Situation - Non-Homeowners			
Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$604,250	\$606,250	\$2,000
Independent	\$674,000	\$677,000	\$3,000
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$621,250	\$623,750	\$2,500
Independent	\$674,000	\$677,000	\$3,000
Couple (combined)	\$1,003,500	\$1,009,500	\$6,000

Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase
Pharmaceutical Allowance			
Family Situation			
Single	\$6.20	\$6.20	- pf
Couple	\$3.10	\$3.10	- pf
Illness-separated	\$6.20	\$6.20	- pf
Double Orphan Pension - Rate			
Double Orphan Pension	\$65.10	\$66.10	\$1.00 pf
Carer Allowance - Rate			
Carer Allowance	\$129.80	\$131.90	\$2.10 pf
Carer Payment - Care Receivers Income and Asset Limits			
Income limit	\$114,359	\$116,189	\$1,830 pa
Lower asset limit	\$705,500	\$716,750	\$11,250
Higher asset limit	\$1,048,000	\$1,064,750	\$16,750
Mobility Allowance			
Standard rate - single or couple	\$97.90	\$99.50	\$1.60 pf
Increased rate - single or couple	\$136.90	\$139.10	\$2.20 pf
Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements)			
Child aged under 13	\$129.20	\$131.30	\$2.10 pf
Child aged 13 - 15	\$179.90	\$182.80	\$2.90 pf
Payment to single parent ^ψ	\$61.50	\$62.50	\$1.00 pf
^ψ Formerly Guardian Allowance.			
Permissible Child Earnings Limits			
Dependent child under 16	\$213.60	\$217.00	\$3.40 pw
Dependent child 16 - 21	\$11,706.30	\$11,893.60	\$187.30 pa