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| **Youth Allowance** |  |  | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2021** | **Increase** |  |
| **Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum Basic Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 18, at home |  |  | $253.20 | $253.20 | - | pf  |
| Under 18, away from home |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| 18 or over, away from home |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| 18 or over, at home |  |  | $304.60 | $304.60 | - | pf  |
| Single, with children |  |  | $606.00 | $606.00 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, no children |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, with children |  |  | $507.90 | $507.90 | - | pf  |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living at home |  |  | $373.70 | $373.70 | - | pf  |
| Single, living away from home |  |  | $561.90 | $561.90 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, no children |  |  | $507.90 | $507.90 | - | pf  |
| *\* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* |
| **Income limits** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full allowance income thresholds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal income threshold |  |  | $437.00 | $437.00 | - | pf  |
| Personal income upper threshold |  |  | $524.00 | $524.00 | - | pf  |
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| Part allowance income limits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18, at home |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices |  |  | $880.00 | $880.00 | - | pf  |
| Job seekers |  |  | $728.50 | $728.50 | - | pf  |
| Single, 18 and over, at home |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices |  |  | $966.84 | $966.84 | - | pf  |
| Job seekers |  |  | $815.34 | $815.34 | - | pf  |
| Single or partnered, away from home |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices |  |  | $1,234.00 | $1,234.00 | - | pf  |
| Job seekers |  |  | $1,082.50 | $1,082.50 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, with dependants |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices |  |  | $1,310.84 | $1,310.84 | - | pf  |
| Job seekers |  |  | $1,159.34 | $1,159.34 | - | pf  |
| Single, with dependants |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices |  |  | $1,476.84 | $1,476.84 | - | pf  |
| Job seekers |  |  | $1,325.34 | $1,325.34 | - | pf  |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living at home |  |  | $1,083.84 | $1,083.84 | - | pf  |
| Single, living away from home |  |  | $1,402.34 | $1,402.34 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, no children |  |  | $1,310.84 | $1,310.84 | - | pf  |
| *\* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* |
| Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced payment if income exceeds |  |  | $54,677 | $55,626 | $949 | pa  |
| Maintenance Income Free Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance |  | $1,686.30 | $1,686.30 | - | pa  |
| For each additional child add |  |  | $562.10 | $562.10 | - | pa  |

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| **Youth Allowance (continued)** |  |  | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2021** | **Increase** |  |
| 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 |  |  | $1,165.00 | $1,165.00 | - | pf  |
| Partner aged under 22, no children |  |  | $1,083.00 | $1,083.00 | - | pf  |
| Partner aged under 22, with children |  |  | $1,160.00 | $1,160.00 | - | pf  |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Austudy** |  |  | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2021** | **Increase** |  |
| Maximum Basic Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| Single, with children |  |  | $606.00 | $606.00 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, with children |  |  | $507.90 | $507.90 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, no children |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| Special rate\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living away from home |  |  | $561.90 | $561.90 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, no children |  |  | $507.90 | $507.90 | - | pf  |
| *\* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* |
| **Income limits** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full allowance income thresholds |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal income threshold |  |  | $437.00 | $437.00 | - | pf  |
| Personal income upper threshold |  |  | $524.00 | $524.00 | - | pf  |
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| Part allowance income limits# |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single |  |  | $1,234.00 | $1,234.00 | - | pf  |
| Single, with children |  |  | $1,476.84 | $1,476.84 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, with children |  |  | $1,310.84 | $1,310.84 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, no children |  |  | $1,234.00 | $1,234.00 | - | pf  |
| Special rate\* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living away from home |  |  | $1,402.34 | $1,402.34 | - | pf  |
| Partnered, no children |  |  | $1,310.84 | $1,310.84 | - | 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.* |
| Part income test – partner income free area~ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age |   |   | $1,165.00 | $1,165.00 | - | pf  |
| Partner aged under 22, no children |  |  | $1,083.00 | $1,083.00 | - | pf  |
| Partner aged under 22, with children |  |  | $1,160.00 | $1,160.00 | - | pf  |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **ABSTUDY** |  |  | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2021** | **Increase** |  |
| **Basic rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Living Allowance rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standard |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years, tertiary |  |  | $34.80 | $34.80 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 17 years |  |  | $253.20 | $253.20 | - | pf  |
| 18 to 21 years |  |  | $304.60 | $304.60 | - | pf  |
| Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years |  |  | $253.20 | $253.20 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 17 years |  |  | $253.20 | $253.20 | - | pf  |
| 18 to 21 years |  |  | $304.60 | $304.60 | - | pf  |
| Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid) |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 21 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| Away from home |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 21 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| Independent single, no children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 21 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| Under 16 years, at home |  |  | $253.20 | $253.20 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 17 years, at home |  |  | $253.20 | $253.20 | - | pf  |
| 18 to 21 years, at home |  |  | $304.60 | $304.60 | - | pf  |
| Independent partnered, no children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 21 years |  |  | $462.50 | $462.50 | - | pf  |
| Independent, single with dependent child |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years |  |  | $606.00 | $606.00 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 21 years |  |  | $606.00 | $606.00 | - | pf  |
| Independent, partnered with dependent child |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years |  |  | $507.90 | $507.90 | - | pf  |
| 16 to 21 years |  |  | $507.90 | $507.90 | - | pf  |
| Masters and Doctorate Students |  |  | $1,074.60 | $1,096.90 | $22.30 | pf  |
| **Income limits** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part allowance income limits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 22 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 years, at home |  |  | $880.00 | $880.00 | - | pf  |
| Single, 18 and over, at home |  |  | $966.84 | $966.84 | - | pf  |
| Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants |  | $1,234.00 | $1,234.00 | - | pf |
| Single with dependants |  |  | $1,476.84 | $1,476.84 | - | pf  |
| Partnered with dependants |  |  | $1,310.84 | $1,310.84 | - | pf  |
| **Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced payment if income exceeds |  |  | $54,677.00 | $55,626.00 | $949.00 | pa  |
| **Supplementary assistance** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| School Fees Allowance (boarding) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum rate |  |  | $11,011 | $11,011 | - | pa  |
| Non income testing component |  |  | $8,557 | $8,557 | - | pa  |
| Incidentals Allowance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 12 week course |  |  | $89.40 | $89.40 | - | pa  |
| 12 to 16 week course |  |  | $156.80 | $156.80 | - | pa  |
| 17 to 23 week course |  |  | $311.70 | $311.70 | - | pa  |
| 24 week to one year course |  |  | $633.50 | $633.50 | - | pa  |
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| **ABSTUDY (continued)** |  |  | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2021** | **Increase** |  |
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| Additional Incidentals Allowance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 12 week course |  |  | $153.90 | $153.90 | - | pa  |
| 12 to 16 week course |  |  | $304.90 | $304.90 | - | pa  |
| 17 to 23 week course |  |  | $609.40 | $609.40 | - | pa  |
| 24 week to one year course |  |  | $1,220.60 | $1,220.60 | - | pa  |
| Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum amount |  |  | $5,032.00 | $5,032.00 | - | pa  |
| Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarship value |  |  | $6,096.00 | $6,096.00 | - | pa  |
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| **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  |
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| **Other Student payments** |  |  | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2021** | **Increase** |  |
| **Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allowances |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic Boarding Allowance |  |  | $8,557 | $8,557 | - | pa  |
| Additional Boarding Allowance |  |  | $2,454 | $2,454 | - | pa  |
| Second Home Allowance |  |  | $6,499 | $6,499 | - | pa  |
| Distance Education Allowance |  |  | $4,278 | $4,278 | - | pa  |
| Thresholds and Limits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance |  |  | $11,011 | $11,011 | - | pa  |
| Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance | $8,307 | $8,307 | - | pa  |
| Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children) | $19,497 | $19,497 | - | pa  |
| Parental Income Test |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parental income threshold |  |  | $54,677 | $55,626 | $949 | pa  |
| **Other student payments** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student Relocation Scholarship |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initial full payment |  |  | $4,626 | $4,626 | - | pa  |
| Subsequent payment - metropolitan |  |  | $1,156 | $1,156 | - | pa  |
| Subsequent payment - regional/remote |  |  | $2,314 | $2,314 | - | pa  |
| Student Payment Parameters |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student Income Bank Balance Threshold |  |  | $10,900 | $10,900 | - | pa  |
| Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold |  |  | $8,355 | $8,355 | - | pa  |
| Student Start-Up Payment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Student Start-Up Loan Payment  |  |  | $1,094 | $1,094 | - | ba  |
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| **Disability Support Pension** |  |  | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2021** | **Increase** |  |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |
| Maximum Basic Rate including Youth Disability Supplement |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $385.10 | $385.10 | - | pf  |
| Independent |  |  | $594.40 | $594.40 | - | pf  |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $436.50 | $436.50 | - | pf  |
| Independent |  |  | $594.40 | $594.40 | - | pf  |
| Member of a couple |  |  | $594.40 | $594.40 | - | pf  |
| Youth Disability Supplement  |  |  | $131.90 | $131.90 | - | pf  |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Income limits** |  |  |  |  |
| **Income Limits** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $972.40 | $972.40 | - | pf  |
| Independent |  |  | $1,397.40 | $1,397.40 | - | pf  |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $1,076.60 | $1,076.60 | - | pf  |
| Independent |  |  | $1,397.40 | $1,397.40 | - | pf  |
| Couple (combined) |  |  | $2,742.40 | $2,742.40 | - | pf  |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Part pension assets limits** |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation - Homeowners** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $400,500 | $400,500 | - |   |
| Independent |  |  | $471,250 | $471,250 | - |   |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $418,000 | $418,000 | - |   |
| Independent |  |  | $471,250 | $471,250 | - |   |
| Couple (combined) |  |  | $806,000 | $806,000 | - |   |
| **Family Situation - Non-Homeowners** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $615,000 | $615,000 | - |   |
| Independent |  |  | $685,750 | $685,750 | - |   |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent |  |  | $632,500 | $632,500 | - |   |
| Independent |  |  | $685,750 | $685,750 | - |   |
| Couple (combined) |  |  | $1,020,500 | $1,020,500 | - |   |
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| **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 |  |  | $66.10 | $66.10 | - | pf  |
| Carer Allowance - Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carer Allowance |  |  | $131.90 | $131.90 | - | pf  |

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| **Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts (continued)** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Carer Payment - Care Receivers Income and Asset Limits |  |  |  |  |
| Income limit  |  |  | $116,189 | $116,189 | - | pa  |
| Lower asset limit |  |  | $716,750 | $716,750 | - |   |
| Higher asset limit |  |  | $1,064,750 | $1,064,750 | - |   |
| Mobility Allowance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standard rate - single or couple |  |  | $99.50 | $99.50 | - | pf  |
| Increased rate - single or couple |  |  | $139.10 | $139.10 | - | pf  |
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| Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements) |  |  |  |
| Child aged under 13 |  |  | $131.30 | $131.30 | - | pf  |
| Child aged 13 - 15 |  |  | $182.80 | $182.80 | - | pf  |
| Payment to single parent  |  |  | $62.50 | $62.50 | - | pf  |
|  *Formerly Guardian Allowance.* |  |
| Permissible Child Earnings Limits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent child under 16 |  |  | $217.00 | $217.00 | - | pw  |
| Dependent child 16 - 21 |  |  | $11,893.60 | $11,893.60 | - | pa  |
| Budget 2020-21 – Stillborn Baby Payment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stillborn Baby Payment |  |  |  | $3,606.81 |  | ea |
| Temporary Extensions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coronavirus Supplement |  |  | $250 | $150 | -$100 | pf |