

Pensions – Fortnightly

Adult Pension Rates

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single*				
Base	\$850.40	\$860.60	\$10.20	pf
Supplement	\$68.90	\$69.60	\$0.70	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$933.40	\$944.30	\$10.90	pf
Partnered (each)				
Base	\$641.00	\$648.70	\$7.70	pf
Supplement	\$51.90	\$52.50	\$0.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$703.50	\$711.80	\$8.30	pf

* Also illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol.

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$766.00	\$775.20	\$9.20	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$780.10	\$789.30	\$9.20	pf
Partnered (each)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$618.80	\$626.20	\$7.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$629.40	\$636.80	\$7.40	pf

Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$702.60	\$711.00	\$8.40	pf
Partnered (each)	\$587.30	\$594.30	\$7.00	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single	\$23.90	\$24.20	\$0.30	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$23.90	\$24.20	\$0.30	pf
Partnered (each)	\$19.70	\$19.90	\$0.20	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single	\$37.00	\$37.40	\$0.40	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$37.00	\$37.40	\$0.40	pf
Partnered (each)	\$27.90	\$28.20	\$0.30	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single	\$2,040.80	\$2,062.60	\$21.80	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,122.00	\$3,155.20	\$33.20	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,041.60	\$4,085.20	\$43.60	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single	\$1,922.60	\$1,943.60	\$21.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,950.80	\$2,982.40	\$31.60	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,805.20	\$3,847.20	\$42.00	pf

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Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single	\$2,124.25	\$2,147.25	\$23.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,148.85	\$2,171.85	\$23.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,455.00	\$3,492.00	\$37.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,208.50	\$4,254.50	\$46.00	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single	\$1,930.50	\$1,951.50	\$21.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,955.10	\$1,976.10	\$21.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,244.50	\$3,279.50	\$35.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,821.00	\$3,863.00	\$42.00	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$574,500	\$578,250	\$3,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$785,000	\$788,750	\$3,750
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$863,500	\$869,500	\$6,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,074,000	\$1,080,000	\$6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$863,500	\$869,500	\$6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,074,000	\$1,080,000	\$6,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,017,000	\$1,024,500	\$7,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,227,500	\$1,235,000	\$7,500
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$554,750	\$558,250	\$3,500
Single, non-homeowner	\$765,250	\$768,750	\$3,500
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$835,000	\$840,500	\$5,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,045,500	\$1,051,000	\$5,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$835,000	\$840,500	\$5,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,045,500	\$1,051,000	\$5,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$977,500	\$984,500	\$7,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,188,000	\$1,195,000	\$7,000

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$523,500	\$526,500	\$3,000
Single, non-homeowner	\$734,000	\$737,000	\$3,000
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$814,500	\$819,500	\$5,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,025,000	\$1,030,000	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$814,500	\$819,500	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,025,000	\$1,030,000	\$5,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$915,000	\$921,000	\$6,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,125,500	\$1,131,500	\$6,000
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$497,500	\$500,250	\$2,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$708,000	\$710,750	\$2,750
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$786,500	\$791,000	\$4,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$997,000	\$1,001,500	\$4,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$786,500	\$791,000	\$4,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$997,000	\$1,001,500	\$4,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$863,000	\$868,500	\$5,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,073,500	\$1,079,000	\$5,500

Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
1	\$2,136.80	\$2,162.50	\$25.70
2	\$8,547.20	\$8,649.80	\$102.60
3	\$19,231.10	\$19,462.10	\$231.00
4	\$34,188.60	\$34,599.20	\$410.60
5	\$53,419.70	\$54,061.30	\$641.60

Partnered (each)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
1	\$1,614.80	\$1,634.10	\$19.30
2	\$6,459.00	\$6,536.20	\$77.20
3	\$14,532.80	\$14,706.50	\$173.70
4	\$25,836.00	\$26,144.90	\$308.90
5	\$40,368.80	\$40,851.50	\$482.70

* No new entrants post-20 September 2009.

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single	\$621.40	\$629.20	\$7.80 pa
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$621.40	\$629.20	\$7.80 pa
Partnered (each)	\$512.20	\$517.40	\$5.20 pa

Allowances – Fortnightly

Allowance Rates (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$559.00	\$565.70	\$6.70 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$604.70	\$612.00	\$7.30 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$604.70	\$612.00	\$7.30 pf
Partnered (each)	\$504.70	\$510.80	\$6.10 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$780.70	\$790.10	\$9.40 pf

* Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).

Energy Supplement (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit)*

Family Situation - under Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 Mar 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 Mar 2020	Increase
Single	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
Partnered (each)	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf

* Indexation of the Energy Supplement has been frozen since 1 January 2015.

Pension Supplement for Allowance Recipients Over Age Pension Age (Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit, ABSTUDY)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single Allowance Supplement	\$68.90	\$69.60	\$0.70 pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$51.90	\$52.50	\$0.60 pf

Allowances – Fortnightly (continued)

Income Limits for Adult Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit)*

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,075.34	\$1,086.50	\$11.16	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,152.67	\$1,164.84	\$12.17	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,163.00	\$1,175.17	\$12.17	pf
Partnered (each)	\$983.34	\$993.50	\$10.16	pf
Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children*	\$1,655.00	\$1,673.25	\$18.25	pf
Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test*	\$2,101.25	\$2,124.75	\$23.50	pf

* Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

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

Youth Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$780.70	\$790.10	\$9.40	pf

* Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).

Income Limits for Youth Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$1,492.34	\$1,508.00	\$15.66	pf

*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

ABSTUDY

Living Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Standard				
22 years or over, at home	\$559.00	\$565.70	\$6.70	pf
Away from home				
22 years or over	\$559.00	\$565.70	\$6.70	pf
Independent single, no children				
22 years or over	\$559.00	\$565.70	\$6.70	pf
60 years or over	\$604.70	\$612.00	\$7.30	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
22 years or over	\$504.70	\$510.80	\$6.10	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$604.70	\$612.00	\$7.30	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$504.70	\$510.80	\$6.10	pf

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance*

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 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
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

* The indexation of the Energy Supplement has been frozen since 1 January 2015.

ABSTUDY (continued)

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance (continued)*

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

* The indexation of the Energy Supplement has been frozen since 1 January 2015.

Personal Income Limits for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Over 22 years			
Single, no children	\$1,397.84	\$1,409.00	\$11.16 pf
Partnered	\$1,305.84	\$1,316.00	\$10.16 pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,475.17	\$1,487.34	\$12.17 pf
Aged 60 or over*	\$1,485.50	\$1,497.67	\$12.17 pf

*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

Parenting Payment – Fortnightly

Parenting Payment Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$756.80	\$765.90	\$9.10 pf
	Supplement	\$23.90	\$24.20	\$0.30 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	- pf
	Total	\$792.70	\$802.10	\$9.40 pf
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$504.70	\$510.80	\$6.10 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	- pf
	Total	\$512.60	\$518.70	\$6.10 pf
Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$756.80	\$765.90	\$9.10 pf
	Supplement	\$68.90	\$69.60	\$0.70 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
	Total	\$839.80	\$849.60	\$9.80 pf
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$504.70	\$510.80	\$6.10 pf
	Supplement	\$51.90	\$52.50	\$0.60 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf
	Total	\$567.20	\$573.90	\$6.70 pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment#

Partnered		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Partner's Free Area		\$984.00	\$994.00	\$10.00 pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
- recipient's income must be less than		\$983.34	\$993.50	\$10.16 pf
- partner's income must be less than		\$1,838.33	\$1,858.50	\$20.17 pf
- combined income must be less than		\$1,967.34	\$1,987.50	\$20.16 pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
couple's combined income must be less than		\$1,966.68	\$1,987.00	\$20.32 pf
Single*		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase
Income Free area		\$188.60	\$188.60	- pf
<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>				
- under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance		\$2,185.85	\$2,209.35	\$23.50 pf

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

* 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 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, no children	\$138.00	\$139.60	\$1.60	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$92.00	\$93.07	\$1.07	pf
Couple, no children	\$130.00	\$131.60	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$138.00	\$139.60	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$130.00	\$131.60	\$1.60	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, no children	\$123.20	\$124.60	\$1.40	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$123.20	\$124.60	\$1.40	pf
Couple, no children	\$199.40	\$201.80	\$2.40	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$123.20	\$124.60	\$1.40	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$123.20	\$124.60	\$1.40	pf

Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, no children	\$307.20	\$310.73	\$3.53	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$245.87	\$248.69	\$2.82	pf
Couple, no children	\$372.73	\$377.27	\$4.54	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$307.20	\$310.73	\$3.53	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$296.53	\$300.07	\$3.54	pf

Rent Assistance – for payments under the Family Assistance Act

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$162.12	\$164.08	\$1.96	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$183.12	\$185.36	\$2.24	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$162.12	\$164.08	\$1.96	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$183.12	\$185.36	\$2.24	pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$162.12	\$164.08	\$1.96	pf
3 or more children	\$183.12	\$185.36	\$2.24	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$161.56	\$163.52	\$1.96	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$161.56	\$163.52	\$1.96	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$239.12	\$241.92	\$2.80	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$239.12	\$241.92	\$2.80	pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$161.56	\$163.52	\$1.96	pf
3 or more children	\$161.56	\$163.52	\$1.96	pf

Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$377.72	\$382.29	\$4.57	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$405.72	\$410.67	\$4.95	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$455.28	\$460.69	\$5.41	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$483.28	\$489.07	\$5.79	pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$377.72	\$382.29	\$4.57	pf
3 or more children	\$405.72	\$410.67	\$4.95	pf

Miscellaneous Amounts

Utilities Allowance (Paid Quarterly: 20 March, 20 June, 20 September, 20 December)

Payable to Widow and Partner Allowance recipients under Age Pension age and Disability Support Pension under 21 without children.

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$644.40	\$652.00	\$7.60	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$161.10	\$163.00	\$1.90	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 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$564.00	\$570.00	\$6.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$974.00	\$984.00	\$10.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$974.00	\$984.00	\$10.00	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 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$705.00	\$712.50	\$7.50	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,217.50	\$1,230.00	\$12.50	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,217.50	\$1,230.00	\$12.50	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$42.50	\$42.50	-	pw

CDEP Participation Supplement (CPS) Income Test

CPS is payable if income is below:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2020	Increase	
Single	\$1,290.67	\$1,304.50	\$13.83	pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$1,846.50	\$1,867.25	\$20.75	pf
Each member of a couple	\$1,186.84	\$1,199.67	\$12.83	pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$2,373.68	\$2,399.34	\$25.66	pf