

## Pensions

### Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Base	\$1,020.60	\$1,047.10	\$26.50 pf
Supplement	\$81.60	\$83.20	\$1.60 pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,116.30</b>	<b>\$1,144.40</b>	<b>\$28.10</b> pf
<b>Partnered (each)</b>			
Base	\$769.30	\$789.30	\$20.00 pf
Supplement	\$61.50	\$62.70	\$1.20 pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$841.40</b>	<b>\$862.60</b>	<b>\$21.20</b> pf

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

### Adult Transitional Pension Rate

#### Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$908.80	\$927.00	\$18.20 pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$922.90</b>	<b>\$941.10</b>	<b>\$18.20</b> pf
<b>Partnered (each)</b>			
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$734.00	\$748.70	\$14.70 pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$744.60</b>	<b>\$759.30</b>	<b>\$14.70</b> pf

#### Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$833.30	\$850.00	\$16.70 pf
Partnered (each)	\$696.50	\$710.40	\$13.90 pf

### Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$28.30	\$28.90	\$0.60 pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$28.30	\$28.90	\$0.60 pf
Partnered (each)	\$23.30	\$23.80	\$0.50 pf

### Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$43.90	\$44.80	\$0.90 pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$43.90	\$44.80	\$0.90 pf
Partnered (each)	\$33.10	\$33.80	\$0.70 pf

### Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$2,444.60	\$2,500.80	\$56.20 pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,737.60	\$3,822.40	\$84.80 pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,837.20	\$4,949.60	\$112.40 pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$2,309.80	\$2,364.00	\$54.20 pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,542.40	\$3,624.40	\$82.00 pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,567.60	\$4,676.00	\$108.40 pf

### Transitional Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$2,519.25	\$2,564.75	\$45.50 pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,543.85	\$2,589.35	\$45.50 pf
Couple (combined)	\$4,095.00	\$4,168.50	\$73.50 pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,986.50	\$5,077.50	\$91.00 pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$2,295.25	\$2,337.00	\$41.75 pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,319.85	\$2,361.60	\$41.75 pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,854.50	\$3,924.00	\$69.50 pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,538.50	\$4,622.00	\$83.50 pf

## Pensions (continued)

### Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$686,250	\$695,500	\$9,250
Single, non-homeowner	\$938,250	\$947,500	\$9,250
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$1,031,000	\$1,045,500	\$14,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,283,000	\$1,297,500	\$14,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,031,000	\$1,045,500	\$14,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,283,000	\$1,297,500	\$14,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,214,500	\$1,233,000	\$18,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,466,500	\$1,485,000	\$18,500
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$663,750	\$672,750	\$9,000
Single, non-homeowner	\$915,750	\$924,750	\$9,000
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$998,500	\$1,012,500	\$14,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,250,500	\$1,264,500	\$14,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$998,500	\$1,012,500	\$14,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,250,500	\$1,264,500	\$14,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,169,500	\$1,187,500	\$18,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,421,500	\$1,439,500	\$18,000

### Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$621,750	\$627,750	\$6,000
Single, non-homeowner	\$873,750	\$879,750	\$6,000
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$966,500	\$976,500	\$10,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,218,500	\$1,228,500	\$10,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$966,500	\$976,500	\$10,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,218,500	\$1,228,500	\$10,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,085,500	\$1,097,500	\$12,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,337,500	\$1,349,500	\$12,000
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$592,000	\$597,500	\$5,500
Single, non-homeowner	\$844,000	\$849,500	\$5,500
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$934,500	\$944,000	\$9,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,186,500	\$1,196,000	\$9,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$934,500	\$944,000	\$9,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,186,500	\$1,196,000	\$9,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,026,000	\$1,037,000	\$11,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,278,000	\$1,289,000	\$11,000

### Pension Bonus Scheme\*

#### Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
1	\$2,563.50	\$2,629.70	\$66.20
2	\$10,254.00	\$10,519.00	\$265.00
3	\$23,071.60	\$23,667.70	\$596.10
4	\$41,016.20	\$42,075.90	\$1,059.70
5	\$64,087.80	\$65,743.60	\$1,655.80

#### Partnered (each)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
1	\$1,937.10	\$1,987.20	\$50.10
2	\$7,748.50	\$7,948.90	\$200.40
3	\$17,434.00	\$17,884.90	\$450.90
4	\$30,993.80	\$31,795.50	\$801.70
5	\$48,427.90	\$49,680.40	\$1,252.50

\*No new entrants post-20 September 2009.

### Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$735.80	\$751.40	\$15.60 pa
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in goal	\$735.80	\$751.40	\$15.60 pa
Partnered (each)	\$605.80	\$618.80	\$13.00 pa

## Allowances

### Allowance Rates (JobSeeker Payment, Special Benefit)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$762.70	\$778.00	\$15.30 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$816.90	\$833.20	\$16.30 pf
Single, 55 or over, after 9 months	\$816.90	\$833.20	\$16.30 pf
Single, 22 or over, partial capacity to work (0-14 hours)	-	\$833.20	- pf
Partnered (each)	\$698.30	\$712.30	\$14.00 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$987.70	\$1,007.50	\$19.80 pf

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

### Energy Supplement (JobSeeker Payment, Special Benefit)\*

Family Situation - under Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$8.80	\$8.80	- pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$9.50	\$9.50	- pf
Single, 55 or over, after 9 months	\$9.50	\$9.50	- pf
Single, 22 or over, partial capacity to work (0-14 hours)	-	\$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 2024	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 (Special Benefit, ABSTUDY, Parenting Payment, Austudy)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single Allowance Supplement	\$81.60	\$83.20	\$1.60 pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$61.50	\$62.70	\$1.20 pf

### Income Limits for JobSeeker Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,453.50	\$1,479.00	\$25.50 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,545.00	\$1,572.17	\$27.17 pf
Single, 55 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,556.34	\$1,583.50	\$27.16 pf
Single, 22 or over, partial capacity to work (0-14 hours)*	-	\$1,583.50	- pf
Partnered (each)	\$1,344.67	\$1,368.00	\$23.33 pf
Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children*	\$2,233.00	\$2,273.75	\$40.75 pf
Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test*	\$2,666.25	\$2,715.75	\$49.50 pf
Single income couple	\$2,522.00	\$2,568.34	\$46.34 pf

\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

### Partner Income Free Areas for Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment Partnered, Youth Allowance, Austudy)~

Partner income test - partner income free area~			
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,345.00	\$1,368.00	\$23.00 pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,244.00	\$1,244.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00	- pf

~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

### Youth Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$987.70	\$1,007.50	\$19.80 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 2024	Increase
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$1,844.17	\$1,877.17	\$33.00 pf

\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

**ABSTUDY****Living Allowance Rates**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Standard			
22 years or over, at home	\$762.70	\$778.00	\$15.30 pf
Away from home			
22 years or over	\$762.70	\$778.00	\$15.30 pf
Independent single, no children			
22 years or over	\$762.70	\$778.00	\$15.30 pf
55 years or over	\$816.90	\$833.20	\$16.30 pf
Independent partnered, no children			
22 years or over	\$698.30	\$712.30	\$14.00 pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$816.90	\$833.20	\$16.30 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$698.30	\$712.30	\$14.00 pf

**Energy Supplement for Living Allowance\***

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	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
55 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 2024	Increase
Over 22 years			
Single, no children	\$1,811.67	\$1,837.17	\$25.50 pf
Partnered	\$1,702.84	\$1,726.17	\$23.33 pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,903.17	\$1,930.34	\$27.17 pf
Aged 55 or over*	\$1,914.50	\$1,941.67	\$27.17 pf

\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

**Partner income free area for Living Allowance**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Partner aged 22 and over, no dependent children	\$1,345.00	\$1,368.00	\$23.00 pf

## Parenting Payment

### Parenting Payment Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$959.40	\$978.60	\$19.20 pf
	Supplement	\$28.30	\$28.90	\$0.60 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	- pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$999.70</b>	<b>\$1,019.50</b>	<b>\$19.80 pf</b>
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$698.30	\$712.30	\$14.00 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	- pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$706.20</b>	<b>\$720.20</b>	<b>\$14.00 pf</b>
Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$959.40	\$978.60	\$19.20 pf
	Supplement	\$81.60	\$83.20	\$1.60 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,055.10</b>	<b>\$1,075.90</b>	<b>\$20.80 pf</b>
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$698.30	\$712.30	\$14.00 pf
	Supplement	\$61.50	\$62.70	\$1.20 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$770.40</b>	<b>\$785.60</b>	<b>\$15.20 pf</b>

### Income Test for Parenting Payment<sup>#</sup>

<b>Partnered</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Partner income free area	\$1,345.00	\$1,368.00	\$23.00 pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:</i>			
- recipient's income must be less than	\$1,344.67	\$1,368.00	\$23.33 pf
- partner's income must be less than	\$2,522.00	\$2,568.34	\$46.34 pf
- combined income must be less than	\$2,689.67	\$2,736.00	\$46.33 pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>			
couple's combined income must be less than	\$2,689.34	\$2,736.00	\$46.66 pf
<b>Single*</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Income Free area	\$220.60	\$220.60	- pf
<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>			
- under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$2,736.85	\$2,786.35	\$49.50 pf

<sup>#</sup> 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 differ from these amounts.

**Rent Assistance - for payments under the Social Security Act****Maximum Payment**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$188.20	\$211.20	\$23.00 pf
Single, sharer	\$125.47	\$140.80	\$15.33 pf
Couple	\$177.20	\$199.00	\$21.80 pf
Partnered, illness-separated	\$188.20	\$211.20	\$23.00 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated	\$177.20	\$199.00	\$21.80 pf

**Rent Threshold**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$146.00	\$149.00	\$3.00 pf
Single, sharer	\$146.00	\$149.00	\$3.00 pf
Couple	\$236.60	\$241.40	\$4.80 pf
Partnered, illness-separated	\$146.00	\$149.00	\$3.00 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated	\$146.00	\$149.00	\$3.00 pf

**Rent Ceiling**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single	\$396.94	\$430.60	\$33.66 pf
Single, sharer	\$313.29	\$336.74	\$23.45 pf
Couple	\$472.87	\$506.74	\$33.87 pf
Partnered, illness-separated	\$396.94	\$430.60	\$33.66 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated	\$382.27	\$414.34	\$32.07 pf

**Rent Assistance - for payments under the Family Assistance Act****Maximum Payment**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$221.20	\$248.22	\$27.02 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$249.90	\$280.42	\$30.52 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$221.20	\$248.22	\$27.02 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$249.90	\$280.42	\$30.52 pf
<b>Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
1 or 2 children	\$221.20	\$248.22	\$27.02 pf
3 or more children	\$249.90	\$280.42	\$30.52 pf

**Rent Threshold**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$191.80	\$195.58	\$3.78 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$191.80	\$195.58	\$3.78 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$283.50	\$289.24	\$5.74 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$283.50	\$289.24	\$5.74 pf
<b>Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
1 or 2 children	\$191.80	\$195.58	\$3.78 pf
3 or more children	\$191.80	\$195.58	\$3.78 pf

**Rent Ceiling**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$486.74	\$526.54	\$39.80 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$525.00	\$569.48	\$44.48 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$578.44	\$620.20	\$41.76 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$616.70	\$663.14	\$46.44 pf
<b>Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2024</b>	<b>Increase</b>
1 or 2 children	\$486.74	\$526.54	\$39.80 pf
3 or more children	\$525.00	\$569.48	\$44.48 pf

## Miscellaneous Amounts

### Telephone Allowance

	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$142.40	\$148.00	\$5.60 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$35.60	\$37.00	\$1.40 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 2024	Increase
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$209.60	\$217.60	\$8.00 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$52.40	\$54.40	\$2.00 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 Disability Support Pensioners aged under 21 without children.

	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$764.40	\$779.60	\$15.20 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$191.10	\$194.90	\$3.80 pq

Individuals in receipt of an income support payment that attracts a Pension Supplement do not receive Utilities Allowance.

### Health Care Cards (HCC)

To claim a card, average weekly income for previous 8 weeks must be less than:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single (no children)	\$769.00	\$783.00	\$14.00 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,315.00	\$1,339.00	\$24.00 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,315.00	\$1,339.00	\$24.00 pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$34.00	\$34.00	- pw

### Income limits for Health Care Cards (HCC)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2024	Increase
Single (no children)	\$961.25	\$978.75	\$17.50 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,643.75	\$1,673.75	\$30.00 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,643.75	\$1,673.75	\$30.00 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 2024	Increase
Single*	\$95,400	\$99,025	\$3,625.00 pa
Partnered (each)	\$76,320	\$79,220	\$2,900.00 pa
Couple (combined)	\$152,640	\$158,440	\$5,800.00 pa
Additional amount for each dependent child of the person	\$639.60	\$639.60	- pa

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