

Youth Allowance	Previous amount	1 Jan 2023	Increase	
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum basic rate				
Family Situation				
Single, no children				
Under 18, living at home	\$313.80	\$332.90	\$19.10	pf
Under 18, living away from home	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
18 or over, living away from home	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
18 or over, living at home	\$367.00	\$389.40	\$22.40	pf
Single, with children	\$679.00	\$720.40	\$41.40	pf
Partnered, no children	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
Partnered, with children	\$577.40	\$612.60	\$35.20	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
Single, living at home	\$438.50	\$465.20	\$26.70	pf
Single, living away from home	\$633.30	\$671.90	\$38.60	pf
Partnered, no children	\$577.40	\$612.60	\$35.20	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 test				
Full allowance income thresholds				
Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices)				
Personal income threshold	\$452.00	\$480.00	\$28.00	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$542.00	\$575.00	\$33.00	pf
Part allowance income limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$996.50	\$1,057.17	\$60.67	pf
Job seekers	\$696.17	\$728.00	\$31.83	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,086.34	\$1,152.50	\$66.16	pf
Job seekers	\$786.00	\$823.34	\$37.34	pf
Single or partnered, away from home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,362.67	\$1,445.50	\$82.83	pf
Job seekers	\$1,062.34	\$1,116.34	\$54.00	pf
Partnered, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,442.17	\$1,529.67	\$87.50	pf
Job seekers	\$1,141.84	\$1,200.50	\$58.66	pf
Single, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,614.00	\$1,711.84	\$97.84	pf
Job seekers	\$1,313.67	\$1,382.67	\$69.00	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
Single, living at home	\$1,207.34	\$1,280.67	\$73.33	pf
Single, living away from home	\$1,536.84	\$1,630.00	\$93.16	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,442.17	\$1,529.67	\$87.50	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	\$56,137	\$58,108	\$1,971	pa
Maintenance income free areas				
Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance	\$1,752.00	\$1,752.00	-	pa
For each additional child add	\$584.00	\$584.00	-	pa

Youth Allowance (continued)

	Previous amount	1 Jan 2023	Increase	
Partner income test - partner income free area				
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,196.00	\$1,196.00	-	pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,063.00	\$1,117.00	\$54.00	pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,142.00	\$1,201.00	\$59.00	pf

~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

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Maximum rates of payment

Maximum basic rate

Family Situation

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* 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

Personal income threshold	\$452.00	\$480.00	\$28.00	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$542.00	\$575.00	\$33.00	pf

Part allowance income limits[#]**Family Situation**

Single	\$1,362.67	\$1,445.50	\$82.83	pf
Single, with children	\$1,614.00	\$1,711.84	\$97.84	pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,442.17	\$1,529.67	\$87.50	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,362.67	\$1,445.50	\$82.83	pf
Special rate*				
Single, living away from home	\$1,536.84	\$1,630.00	\$93.16	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,442.17	\$1,529.67	\$87.50	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.

Partner income test – partner income free area~

Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,196.00	\$1,196.00	-	pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,063.00	\$1,117.00	\$54.00	pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,142.00	\$1,201.00	\$59.00	pf

~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

ABSTUDY**Previous
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Living Allowance rates

Family Situation

Standard

Under 16 years, tertiary	\$36.00	\$38.20	\$2.20	pf
16 to 17 years	\$313.80	\$332.90	\$19.10	pf
18 to 21 years	\$367.00	\$389.40	\$22.40	pf

Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid

Under 16 years	\$313.80	\$332.90	\$19.10	pf
16 to 17 years	\$313.80	\$332.90	\$19.10	pf
18 to 21 years	\$367.00	\$389.40	\$22.40	pf

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

Under 16 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf

Away from home

Under 16 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf

Independent single, no children

Under 16 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$313.80	\$332.90	\$19.10	pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$313.80	\$332.90	\$19.10	pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$367.00	\$389.40	\$22.40	pf

Independent partnered, no children

Under 16 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$530.40	\$562.80	\$32.40	pf

Independent, single with dependent child

Under 16 years	\$679.00	\$720.40	\$41.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$679.00	\$720.40	\$41.40	pf

Independent, partnered with dependent child

Under 16 years	\$577.40	\$612.60	\$35.20	pf
16 to 21 years	\$577.40	\$612.60	\$35.20	pf

Masters and Doctorate Students

	\$1,106.70	\$1,145.40	\$38.70	pf
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Income test

Part allowance income limits

Family Situation

Under 22 years

Single, under 18 years, at home	\$996.50	\$1,057.17	\$60.67	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$1,086.34	\$1,152.50	\$66.16	pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,362.67	\$1,445.50	\$82.83	pf
Single with dependants	\$1,614.00	\$1,711.84	\$97.84	pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,442.17	\$1,529.67	\$87.50	pf

Over 22 years

Single, no children	\$1,595.67	\$1,624.50	\$28.83	pf
Partnered	\$1,494.67	\$1,523.50	\$28.83	pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,680.50	\$1,709.34	\$28.84	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,690.84	\$1,720.34	\$29.50	pf

Partner income test – partner income free area~

Partner aged 22 and over, no dependent children	\$1,196.00	\$1,196.00	-	pf
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Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY

Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$56,137.00	\$58,108.00	\$1,971.00	pa
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ABSTUDY – Supplementary assistance	Previous amount	1 Jan 2023	Increase	
Supplementary assistance				
School Fees Allowance (boarding)				
Maximum rate	\$11,396	\$12,091	\$695	pa
Non-income tested component	\$8,856	\$9,396	\$540	pa
Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$92.50	\$98.10	\$5.60	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$162.30	\$172.20	\$9.90	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$322.60	\$342.30	\$19.70	pa
24 week to one year course	\$655.70	\$695.70	\$40.00	pa
Additional Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$159.30	\$169.00	\$9.70	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$315.60	\$334.90	\$19.30	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$630.70	\$669.20	\$38.50	pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,263.30	\$1,340.40	\$77.10	pa
Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs				
Maximum amount	\$5,208.00	\$5,526.00	\$318.00	pa
Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold				
Scholarship value	\$6,309.00	\$6,694.00	\$385.00	pa
Supplementary Masters and Doctorate allowance				
Thesis Allowance one-off payment				
Masters thesis	\$420	\$420	-	ea
Doctorate thesis	\$840	\$840	-	ea
Relocation Allowance	\$1,520	\$1,520	-	pa
Other student payments				
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)				
Allowances				
Basic Boarding Allowance	\$8,856	\$9,396	\$540	pa
Additional Boarding Allowance	\$2,540	\$2,695	\$155	pa
Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$11,396	\$12,091	\$695	pa
Second Home Allowance	\$6,726	\$7,136	\$410	pa
Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$20,178	\$21,408	\$1,230	pa
Distance Education Allowance	\$4,428	\$4,698	\$270	pa
Thresholds and limits				
Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$8,606	\$9,146	\$540	pa
Parental income test				
Parental income threshold	\$56,137	\$58,108	\$1,971	pa
Other student payments				
Student Relocation Scholarship				
Initial full payment	\$4,788	\$5,080	\$292	pa
Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,196	\$1,269	\$73	pa
Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,395	\$2,541	\$146	pa
Student payment parameters				
Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$11,300	\$12,000	\$700	pa
Merit and Equity-Based Scholarship Threshold	\$8,647	\$9,174	\$527	pa
Student Start-Up Loan				
Student Start-Up Loan	\$1,132	\$1,201	\$69	ba

Disability Support Pension	Previous amount	1 Jan 2023	Increase
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Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment

Maximum basic rate including Youth Disability Supplement

Family Situation

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$450.30	\$477.70	\$27.40 pf
Independent	\$666.90	\$707.60	\$40.70 pf
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$503.50	\$534.20	\$30.70 pf
Independent	\$666.90	\$707.60	\$40.70 pf
Member of a couple	\$666.90	\$707.60	\$40.70 pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$136.50	\$144.80	\$8.30 pf

Note: recipients typically also receive Energy Supplement (not shown) and Pharmaceutical Allowance (see rates below).

Under 21 with no dependent children: Income test

Part pension income limits

Family Situation

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$1,114.80	\$1,170.40	\$55.60 pf
Independent	\$1,554.40	\$1,636.60	\$82.20 pf
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$1,222.60	\$1,284.80	\$62.20 pf
Independent	\$1,554.40	\$1,636.60	\$82.20 pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,052.40	\$3,216.00	\$163.60 pf

Under 21 with no dependent children: Assets test

Part pension asset limits

Family Situation - Homeowners

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$434,250	\$443,500	\$9,250
Independent	\$507,500	\$521,250	\$13,750
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$452,250	\$462,500	\$10,250
Independent	\$507,500	\$521,250	\$13,750
Couple (combined)	\$872,000	\$899,000	\$27,000

Family Situation - Non-Homeowners

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$658,750	\$668,000	\$9,250
Independent	\$732,000	\$745,750	\$13,750
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$676,750	\$687,000	\$10,250
Independent	\$732,000	\$745,750	\$13,750
Couple (combined)	\$1,096,500	\$1,123,500	\$27,000

Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts	Previous amount	1 Jan 2023	Increase
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Pharmaceutical Allowance

Family Situation

Single	\$6.20	\$6.60	\$0.40 pf
Couple	\$3.10	\$3.30	\$0.20 pf
Illness-separated	\$6.20	\$6.60	\$0.40 pf

Double Orphan Pension - rate

Double Orphan Pension	\$68.40	\$72.60	\$4.20 pf
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Carer Allowance - rate

Carer Allowance	\$136.50	\$144.80	\$8.30 pf
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Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2023	Increase	
Carer Payment - Care Receiver Income and Asset Limits				
Income limit	\$120,605	\$127,962	\$7,357	pa
Lower asset limit	\$744,000	\$789,500	\$45,500	
Higher asset limit	\$1,105,250	\$1,172,750	\$67,500	
Mobility Allowance				
Standard rate - single or couple	\$103.00	\$109.30	\$6.30	pf
Increased rate - single or couple	\$144.00	\$152.80	\$8.80	pf
Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements)				
Child aged under 13	\$135.90	\$144.20	\$8.30	pf
Child aged 13 - 15	\$189.20	\$200.70	\$11.50	pf
Payment to single parent [†]	\$64.70	\$68.60	\$3.90	pf
[†] Formerly Guardian Allowance.				
Permissible Child Earnings Limits				
Dependent child under 16	\$224.60	\$238.30	\$13.70	pw
Dependent child 16 - 21	\$12,309.90	\$13,060.80	\$750.90	pa
Income limits increasing due to increase in Pharmaceutical Allowance				
Parenting Payment Single, under Age Pension age [#]	\$2,536.60	\$2,537.60	\$1.00	pf
[#] Income limit for recipients over Age Pension age may differ from this amount.				
[*] Income limit for parents with more than one child differ from this amount.				
JobSeeker Payment, single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$1,391.50	\$1,392.17	\$0.67	pf
JobSeeker Payment, single, principal carer of child	\$1,985.75	\$1,986.75	\$1.00	pf
JobSeeker Payment, single, principal carer, exempt from activity test	\$2,484.00	\$2,485.00	\$1.00	pf
Youth Allowance, single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$1,722.67	\$1,723.34	\$0.67	pf