

Pensions - Fortnightly

Adult Pension Rates

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single*				
Base	\$814.00	\$826.20	\$12.20	pf
Supplement	\$66.30	\$67.30	\$1.00	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$894.40	\$907.60	\$13.20	pf
Partnered (each)				
Base	\$613.60	\$622.80	\$9.20	pf
Supplement	\$50.00	\$50.70	\$0.70	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$674.20	\$684.10	\$9.90	pf

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

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$738.30	\$747.90	\$9.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$752.40	\$762.00	\$9.60	pf
Partnered (each)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$596.40	\$604.20	\$7.80	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$607.00	\$614.80	\$7.80	pf

Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$677.20	\$686.00	\$8.80	pf
Partnered (each)	\$566.00	\$573.40	\$7.40	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single	\$23.10	\$23.40	\$0.30	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$23.10	\$23.40	\$0.30	pf
Partnered (each)	\$19.00	\$19.20	\$0.20	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single	\$35.70	\$36.10	\$0.40	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$35.70	\$36.10	\$0.40	pf
Partnered (each)	\$26.90	\$27.20	\$0.30	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,956.80	\$1,983.20	\$26.40	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,996.80	\$3,036.40	\$39.60	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,877.60	\$3,930.40	\$52.80	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,842.20	\$1,867.20	\$25.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,830.40	\$2,868.00	\$37.60	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,648.40	\$3,698.40	\$50.00	pf

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Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single	\$2,049.00	\$2,073.00	\$24.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,073.60	\$2,097.60	\$24.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,335.00	\$3,374.00	\$39.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,062.00	\$4,110.00	\$48.00	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,861.00	\$1,883.00	\$22.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,885.60	\$1,907.60	\$22.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,130.00	\$3,167.00	\$37.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,686.00	\$3,730.00	\$44.00	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase
Single, home owner	\$552,000	\$556,500	\$4,500
Single, non-home owner	\$755,000	\$759,500	\$4,500
Couple (combined), home owner	\$830,000	\$837,000	\$7,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,033,000	\$1,040,000	\$7,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$830,000	\$837,000	\$7,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,033,000	\$1,040,000	\$7,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$977,000	\$986,000	\$9,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,180,000	\$1,189,000	\$9,000
Family Situation - Non-Resident			
Single, home owner	\$533,000	\$537,000	\$4,000
Single, non-home owner	\$736,000	\$740,000	\$4,000
Couple (combined), home owner	\$802,500	\$808,500	\$6,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,005,500	\$1,011,500	\$6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$802,500	\$808,500	\$6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,005,500	\$1,011,500	\$6,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$939,000	\$947,000	\$8,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-hom	\$1,142,000	\$1,150,000	\$8,000

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase
Single, home owner	\$504,750	\$507,750	\$3,000
Single, non-home owner	\$707,750	\$710,750	\$3,000
Couple (combined), home owner	\$785,500	\$790,500	\$5,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$988,500	\$993,500	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$785,500	\$790,500	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$988,500	\$993,500	\$5,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$882,500	\$888,500	\$6,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,085,500	\$1,091,500	\$6,000
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase
Single, home owner	\$479,500	\$482,500	\$3,000
Single, non-home owner	\$682,500	\$685,500	\$3,000
Couple (combined), home owner	\$758,000	\$763,000	\$5,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$961,000	\$966,000	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$758,000	\$763,000	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$961,000	\$966,000	\$5,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$832,000	\$838,000	\$6,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,035,000	\$1,041,000	\$6,000

Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single

Years (Bonus Periods)		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase
1		\$2,045.90	\$2,076.40	\$30.50
2		\$8,183.50	\$8,305.70	\$122.20
3		\$18,412.90	\$18,687.80	\$274.90
4		\$32,734.00	\$33,222.80	\$488.80
5		\$51,146.80	\$51,910.60	\$763.80

Partnered (each)

Years (Bonus Periods)		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase
1		\$1,546.10	\$1,569.00	\$22.90
2		\$6,184.30	\$6,276.20	\$91.90
3		\$13,914.70	\$14,121.40	\$206.70
4		\$24,737.20	\$25,104.80	\$367.60
5		\$38,651.90	\$39,226.20	\$574.30

* No new entrants post-20 September 2009

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single	\$600.60	\$608.40	\$7.80	pa
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$600.60	\$608.40	\$7.80	pa
Partnered (each)	\$494.00	\$499.20	\$5.20	pa

Allowances - Fortnightly

Allowance Rates (Newstart Allowance, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$538.80	\$545.80	\$7.00	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$582.80	\$590.40	\$7.60	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$582.80	\$590.40	\$7.60	pf
Partnered (each)	\$486.50	\$492.80	\$6.30	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$752.60	\$762.40	\$9.80	pf

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

Energy Supplement (Newstart Allowance, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance)*

Family Situation - under Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	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 2018	Increase	
Single	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Partnered (each)	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf

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

Allowance Supplement Amount (Newstart Allowance, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance: Over Age Pension Age)

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single Allowance Supplement	\$66.30	\$67.30	\$1.00	pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$50.00	\$50.70	\$0.70	pf

Youth Allowance Rates

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
- Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$752.60	\$762.40	\$9.80	pf

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

Allowances – Fortnightly (continued)

Income Test Cutoffs for Newstart Allowance, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance[#]

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,041.67	\$1,053.34	\$11.67	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,116.17	\$1,128.84	\$12.67	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$1,126.50	\$1,139.17	\$12.67	pf
Partnered (each)	\$953.00	\$963.50	\$10.50	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$2,015.50	\$2,040.00	\$24.50	pf
NSA, single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,584.75	\$1,603.75	\$19.00	pf
NSA, single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$1,600.25	\$1,619.25	\$19.00	pf

[#]Income cutouts for Allowance recipients of over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.

Income Test Cutoffs for Youth Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$1,435.17	\$1,451.50	\$16.33	pf

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Living Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Standard				
22 years or over, at home	\$538.80	\$545.80	\$7.00	pf
Away from home				
22 years or over	\$538.80	\$545.80	\$7.00	pf
Independent single, no children				
22 years or over	\$538.80	\$545.80	\$7.00	pf
60 years or over	\$582.80	\$590.40	\$7.60	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
22 years or over	\$486.50	\$492.80	\$6.30	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$582.80	\$590.40	\$7.60	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$486.50	\$492.80	\$6.30	pf

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance*

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	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
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.

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Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Over 22 years				
Single, no children	\$1,364.17	\$1,375.84	\$11.67	pf
Partnered	\$1,275.50	\$1,286.00	\$10.50	pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,438.67	\$1,451.34	\$12.67	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,438.67	\$1,451.34	\$12.67	pf

Family Payments - Fortnightly

Parenting Payment Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$729.50	\$739.00	\$9.50	pf
	Supplement	\$23.10	\$23.40	\$0.30	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	-	pf
	Total	\$764.60	\$774.40	\$9.80	pf
	Base Allowance	\$486.50	\$492.80	\$6.30	pf
Partnered Parents	Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-	pf
	Total	\$494.40	\$500.70	\$6.30	pf
Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$729.50	\$739.00	\$9.50	pf
	Supplement	\$66.30	\$67.30	\$1.00	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
	Total	\$809.90	\$820.40	\$10.50	pf
	Base Allowance	\$486.50	\$492.80	\$6.30	pf
Partnered	Supplement	\$50.00	\$50.70	\$0.70	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
	Total	\$547.10	\$554.10	\$7.00	pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment[#]

Partnered	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Partner's Free Area	\$953.00	\$964.00	\$11.00	pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
- recipient's income must be less than	\$953.00	\$963.50	\$10.50	pf
- partner's income must be less than	\$1,777.00	\$1,798.50	\$21.50	pf
- combined income must be less than	\$1,906.00	\$1,927.50	\$21.50	pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
couple's combined income must be less than	\$1,906.00	\$1,927.00	\$21.00	pf
Single*	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Income Free area	\$188.60	\$188.60	-	pf
<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>				
- under Age Pension age	\$2,100.10	\$2,124.60	\$24.50	pf
- under Age Pension age (PhA)	\$2,115.60	\$2,140.10	\$24.50	pf

[#] Income cutouts for allowance recipients of 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 2018	Increase	
Single, no children	\$133.00	\$134.80	\$1.80	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$88.67	\$89.87	\$1.20	pf
Couple, no children	\$125.40	\$127.00	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$133.00	\$134.80	\$1.80	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$125.40	\$127.00	\$1.60	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, no children	\$118.60	\$120.20	\$1.60	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$118.60	\$120.20	\$1.60	pf
Couple, no children	\$192.20	\$194.60	\$2.40	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$118.60	\$120.20	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$118.60	\$120.20	\$1.60	pf

Maximum payment if rent is

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, no children	\$295.93	\$299.93	\$4.00	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$236.82	\$240.02	\$3.20	pf
Couple, no children	\$359.40	\$363.93	\$4.53	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$295.93	\$299.93	\$4.00	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$285.80	\$289.53	\$3.73	pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$156.24	\$158.34	\$2.10	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$176.54	\$178.78	\$2.24	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$156.24	\$158.34	\$2.10	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$176.54	\$178.78	\$2.24	pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$156.24	\$158.34	\$2.10	pf
3 or more children	\$176.54	\$178.78	\$2.24	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$155.82	\$157.78	\$1.96	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$155.82	\$157.78	\$1.96	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$230.58	\$233.52	\$2.94	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$230.58	\$233.52	\$2.94	pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$155.82	\$157.78	\$1.96	pf
3 or more children	\$155.82	\$157.78	\$1.96	pf

Maximum payment if rent is

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$364.14	\$368.90	\$4.76	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$391.21	\$396.15	\$4.94	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$438.90	\$444.64	\$5.74	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$465.97	\$471.89	\$5.92	pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$364.14	\$368.90	\$4.76	pf
3 or more children	\$391.21	\$396.15	\$4.94	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 2018	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$620.80	\$628.80	\$8.00	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$155.20	\$157.20	\$2.00	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 2018	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$546.00	\$552.00	\$6.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$943.00	\$954.00	\$11.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$943.00	\$954.00	\$11.00	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$34.00	\$34.00	-	pw

Cutoffs for Health Care Cards (HCC)

Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2018	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$682.50	\$690.00	\$7.50	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,178.75	\$1,192.50	\$13.75	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,178.75	\$1,192.50	\$13.75	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 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,248.67	\$1,263.34	\$14.67	pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$1,783.50	\$1,805.50	\$22.00	pf
Each member of a couple	\$1,148.84	\$1,162.00	\$13.16	pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$2,297.68	\$2,324.00	\$26.32	pf