

## Pensions - Fortnightly

### Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Base	\$ 788.40	\$ 794.80	\$ 6.40	pf
Supplement	\$ 64.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 0.50	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 867.00</b>	<b>\$ 873.90</b>	<b>\$ 6.90</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered (ea)				
Base	\$ 594.30	\$ 599.10	\$ 4.80	pf
Supplement	\$ 48.60	\$ 49.00	\$ 0.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 653.50</b>	<b>\$ 658.70</b>	<b>\$ 5.20</b>	<b>pf</b>

\* Also Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol

### Adult Transitional Pension Rate

#### Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 717.40	\$ 723.10	\$ 5.70	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 731.50</b>	<b>\$ 737.20</b>	<b>\$ 5.70</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered (ea)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 579.40	\$ 584.00	\$ 4.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 590.00</b>	<b>\$ 594.60</b>	<b>\$ 4.60</b>	<b>pf</b>

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

Single	\$ 658.00	\$ 663.30	\$ 5.30	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 549.90	\$ 554.30	\$ 4.40	pf

### Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.70	\$ 0.20	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.70	\$ 0.20	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 18.60	\$ 18.70	\$ 0.10	pf

### Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 34.60	\$ 34.90	\$ 0.30	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 34.60	\$ 34.90	\$ 0.30	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 26.10	\$ 26.30	\$ 0.20	pf

### Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 1,909.80	\$ 13.80	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 1,909.80	\$ 13.80	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 2,902.00	\$ 2,922.80	\$ 20.80	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,756.00	\$ 3,783.60	\$ 27.60	pf

### Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,990.75	\$ 2,005.00	\$ 14.25	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 2,015.35	\$ 2,029.60	\$ 14.25	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 3,238.00	\$ 3,261.00	\$ 23.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,945.50	\$ 3,974.00	\$ 28.50	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,807.00	\$ 1,820.25	\$ 13.25	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,831.60	\$ 1,844.85	\$ 13.25	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 3,037.50	\$ 3,059.50	\$ 22.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,578.00	\$ 3,604.50	\$ 26.50	pf

## **Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits**

<b>Family Situation</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Single, homeowner	\$ 783,500	\$ 788,250	\$ 4,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 932,500	\$ 937,250	\$ 4,750
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$ 1,163,000	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 7,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,312,000	\$ 1,319,000	\$ 7,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,163,000	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 7,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,312,000	\$ 1,319,000	\$ 7,000
Illness separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,447,500	\$ 1,457,000	\$ 9,500
Illness separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,596,500	\$ 1,606,000	\$ 9,500

## **Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits**

<b>Family Situation - Resident</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Single, homeowner	\$ 693,250	\$ 697,000	\$ 3,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 842,250	\$ 846,000	\$ 3,750
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$ 1,078,500	\$ 1,084,500	\$ 6,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,227,500	\$ 1,233,500	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,078,500	\$ 1,084,500	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,227,500	\$ 1,233,500	\$ 6,000
Illness separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,267,000	\$ 1,274,500	\$ 7,500
Illness separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,416,000	\$ 1,423,500	\$ 7,500
<b>Family Situation - Non-Resident</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Single, homeowner	\$ 644,250	\$ 647,750	\$ 3,500
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 793,250	\$ 796,750	\$ 3,500
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 1,031,000	\$ 6,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,174,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 1,031,000	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,174,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 6,000
Illness separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,169,000	\$ 1,176,000	\$ 7,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,318,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 7,000

## **Pension Bonus Scheme\***

### **Single**

<b>Years (Bonus Periods)</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>
1	\$ 1,981.80	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 16.20
2	\$ 7,927.40	\$ 7,991.90	\$ 64.50
3	\$ 17,836.60	\$ 17,981.70	\$ 145.10
4	\$ 31,709.40	\$ 31,967.50	\$ 258.10
5	\$ 49,546.00	\$ 49,949.30	\$ 403.30

### **Partnered (ea)**

<b>Years (Bonus Periods)</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>
1	\$ 1,497.90	\$ 1,509.90	\$ 12.00
2	\$ 5,991.70	\$ 6,039.60	\$ 47.90
3	\$ 13,481.30	\$ 13,589.10	\$ 107.80
4	\$ 23,966.80	\$ 24,158.50	\$ 191.70
5	\$ 37,448.20	\$ 37,747.60	\$ 299.40

\* No new entrants post 20 September 2009

## **Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus**

<b>Family Situation</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
Single	\$ 585.00	\$ 590.20	\$ 5.20	pa
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 585.00	\$ 590.20	\$ 5.20	pa
Partnered (ea)	\$ 483.60	\$ 486.20	\$ 2.60	pa

## Allowances - Fortnightly

### Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 523.40	\$ 527.60	\$ 4.20	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 566.30	\$ 570.80	\$ 4.50	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$ 566.30	\$ 570.80	\$ 4.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 472.60	\$ 476.40	\$ 3.80	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 731.20	\$ 737.10	\$ 5.90	pf

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

### Energy Supplement (NSA, WA, PA, SA)\*

Family Situation - under Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	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 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf

\* The indexation of the Energy Supplement was frozen from 1 January 2015

### Allowance Supplement Amount (NSA, WA, PA, SA: Over Age Pension Age)

	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single Allowance Supplement	\$ 64.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 0.50	pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$ 48.60	\$ 49.00	\$ 0.40	pf

### Youth Allowance Rates

	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 731.20	\$ 737.10	\$ 5.90	pf

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

### Income Test Cutoffs for NSA, WA, PA, SA#

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 1,021.00	\$ 7.00	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 1,086.67	\$ 1,094.17	\$ 7.50	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$ 1,097.00	\$ 1,104.50	\$ 7.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 927.84	\$ 934.17	\$ 6.33	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 1,974.75	\$ 14.75	pf
NSA, Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 1,541.50	\$ 1,552.75	\$ 11.25	pf
NSA, Single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$ 1,557.00	\$ 1,568.25	\$ 11.25	pf

\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance

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

### Income Support Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 110.60	\$ 111.50	\$ 0.90	ba
Partnered	\$ 92.10	\$ 92.80	\$ 0.70	ba

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### Living Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase
Standard			
22 years or over, at home	\$ 523.40	\$ 527.60	\$ 4.20 pf
Away from home			
22 years or over	\$ 523.40	\$ 527.60	\$ 4.20 pf
Independent single, no children			
22 years or over	\$ 523.40	\$ 527.60	\$ 4.20 pf
60 years or over	\$ 566.30	\$ 570.80	\$ 4.50 pf
Independent partnered, no children			
22 years or over	\$ 472.60	\$ 476.40	\$ 3.80 pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$ 566.30	\$ 570.80	\$ 4.50 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$ 472.60	\$ 476.40	\$ 3.80 pf

### Energy Supplement for Living Allowance\*

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	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 was frozen from 1 January 2015

### Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase
Over 22 years			
Single, no children	\$ 1,334.34	\$ 1,341.34	\$ 7.00 pf
Partnered	\$ 1,248.17	\$ 1,254.50	\$ 6.33 pf
Single, with dependants	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 1,414.50	\$ 7.50 pf
Aged 60 or over	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 1,414.50	\$ 7.50 pf

## Family Payments - Fortnightly

### Parenting Payment Rates

		Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
<b>Under Age Pension age</b>					
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$ 708.70	\$ 714.40	\$ 5.70	pf
	Supplement	\$ 22.50	\$ 22.70	\$ 0.20	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 743.20</b>	<b>\$ 749.10</b>	<b>\$ 5.90</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$ 472.60	\$ 476.40	\$ 3.80	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 7.90	\$ 7.90	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 480.50</b>	<b>\$ 484.30</b>	<b>\$ 3.80</b>	<b>pf</b>
<b>Over Age Pension age</b>					
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$ 708.70	\$ 714.40	\$ 5.70	pf
	Supplement	\$ 64.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 0.50	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 787.30</b>	<b>\$ 793.50</b>	<b>\$ 6.20</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$ 472.60	\$ 476.40	\$ 3.80	pf
	Supplement	\$ 48.60	\$ 49.00	\$ 0.40	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 531.80</b>	<b>\$ 536.00</b>	<b>\$ 4.20</b>	<b>pf</b>

### Income Test for Parenting Payment#

		Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
<b>Partnered</b>					
	Partner's Free Area	\$ 928.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 7.00	pf
	<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
	- customer's income must be less than	\$ 927.84	\$ 934.17	\$ 6.33	pf
	- partner's income must be less than	\$ 1,728.83	\$ 1,742.17	\$ 13.34	pf
	- combined income must be less than	\$ 1,855.84	\$ 1,869.17	\$ 13.33	pf
	<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
	couple's combined income must be less than	\$ 1,855.68	\$ 1,868.34	\$ 12.66	pf
<b>Single</b>					
	- under Age Pension age	\$ 2,044.60	\$ 2,059.35	\$ 14.75	pf
	- under Age Pension age, including PhA	\$ 2,060.10	\$ 2,074.85	\$ 14.75	pf

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

## Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Social Security Act

### Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 129.40	\$ 130.40	\$ 1.00	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 86.27	\$ 86.93	\$ 0.66	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 121.80	\$ 122.80	\$ 1.00	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 129.40	\$ 130.40	\$ 1.00	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 121.80	\$ 122.80	\$ 1.00	pf

### Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 115.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 1.00	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 115.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 1.00	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 186.80	\$ 188.20	\$ 1.40	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 115.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 1.00	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 115.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 1.00	pf

### Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 287.53	\$ 289.87	\$ 2.34	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 230.02	\$ 231.91	\$ 1.89	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 349.20	\$ 351.93	\$ 2.73	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 287.53	\$ 289.87	\$ 2.34	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 277.40	\$ 279.73	\$ 2.33	pf

## Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

### Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 151.76	\$ 153.02	\$ 1.26	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 171.50	\$ 172.90	\$ 1.40	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 151.76	\$ 153.02	\$ 1.26	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 171.50	\$ 172.90	\$ 1.40	pf
<b>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
1 or 2 children	\$ 151.76	\$ 153.02	\$ 1.26	pf
3 or more children	\$ 171.50	\$ 172.90	\$ 1.40	pf

### Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 151.34	\$ 152.60	\$ 1.26	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 151.34	\$ 152.60	\$ 1.26	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 224.00	\$ 225.82	\$ 1.82	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 224.00	\$ 225.82	\$ 1.82	pf
<b>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
1 or 2 children	\$ 151.34	\$ 152.60	\$ 1.26	pf
3 or more children	\$ 151.34	\$ 152.60	\$ 1.26	pf

### Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 353.69	\$ 356.63	\$ 2.94	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 380.01	\$ 383.13	\$ 3.12	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 426.35	\$ 429.85	\$ 3.50	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 452.67	\$ 456.35	\$ 3.68	pf
<b>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 March 2016</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
1 or 2 children	\$ 353.69	\$ 356.63	\$ 2.94	pf
3 or more children	\$ 380.01	\$ 383.13	\$ 3.12	pf

## Miscellaneous Amounts

### Utilities Allowance (Paid Quarterly: 20 Mar, 20 June, 20 Sept, 20 Dec)

*Payable to Widow and Partner Allowance customers under Age Pension age and DSP under 21 without children*

	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 603.20	\$ 608.00	\$ 4.80	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 150.80	\$ 152.00	\$ 1.20	pq

*People 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 previous to applying:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$ 531.00	\$ 536.00	\$ 5.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 919.00	\$ 926.00	\$ 7.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 919.00	\$ 926.00	\$ 7.00	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00	-	pw

### Cutoffs for Health Care Cards (HCC)

Average weekly income for eight weeks previous to applying:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2016	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$ 663.75	\$ 670.00	\$ 6.25	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 1,148.75	\$ 1,157.50	\$ 8.75	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 1,148.75	\$ 1,157.50	\$ 8.75	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 March 2016	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 1,223.67	\$ 8.67	pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$ 1,734.00	\$ 1,747.00	\$ 13.00	pf
Couple	\$ 1,117.67	\$ 1,125.67	\$ 8.00	pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$ 2,235.34	\$ 2,251.34	\$ 16.00	pf