

Pensions - Fortnightly

Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Base	\$797.90	\$808.30	\$10.40	pf
Supplement	\$65.10	\$65.90	\$0.80	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$877.10	\$888.30	\$11.20	pf
Partnered (each)				
Base	\$601.50	\$609.30	\$7.80	pf
Supplement	\$49.10	\$49.70	\$0.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$661.20	\$669.60	\$8.40	pf

* Also Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$724.50	\$733.90	\$9.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$738.60	\$748.00	\$9.40	pf
Partnered (each)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$585.20	\$592.80	\$7.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$595.80	\$603.40	\$7.60	pf

Not Resident in Australia or long term absence from Australia

Single	\$664.60	\$673.20	\$8.60	pf
Partnered (each)	\$555.40	\$562.60	\$7.20	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single	\$22.70	\$23.00	\$0.30	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$22.70	\$23.00	\$0.30	pf
Partnered (each)	\$18.70	\$18.90	\$0.20	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single	\$35.00	\$35.40	\$0.40	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$35.00	\$35.40	\$0.40	pf
Partnered (each)	\$26.40	\$26.70	\$0.30	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single	\$1,918.20	\$1,940.60	\$22.40	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,918.20	\$1,940.60	\$22.40	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,936.80	\$2,970.40	\$33.60	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$3,800.40	\$3,845.20	\$44.80	pf

Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single	\$2,010.50	\$2,034.00	\$23.50	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,035.10	\$2,058.60	\$23.50	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,271.00	\$3,309.00	\$38.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$3,985.00	\$4,032.00	\$47.00	pf

Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single	\$1,825.50	\$1,847.00	\$21.50	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,850.10	\$1,871.60	\$21.50	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,069.00	\$3,105.00	\$36.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$3,615.00	\$3,658.00	\$43.00	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase
Single, home owner	\$542,500	\$546,250	\$3,750
Single, non-home owner	\$742,500	\$746,250	\$3,750
Couple (combined), home owner	\$816,000	\$821,500	\$5,500
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,016,000	\$1,021,500	\$5,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$816,000	\$821,500	\$5,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,016,000	\$1,021,500	\$5,500
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$960,000	\$967,500	\$7,500
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,160,000	\$1,167,500	\$7,500

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase
Single, home owner	\$496,250	\$499,500	\$3,250
Single, non-home owner	\$696,250	\$699,500	\$3,250
Couple (combined), home owner	\$772,500	\$777,500	\$5,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$972,500	\$977,500	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$772,500	\$777,500	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$972,500	\$977,500	\$5,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$867,500	\$874,000	\$6,500
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,067,500	\$1,074,000	\$6,500
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase
Single, home owner	\$471,750	\$474,500	\$2,750
Single, non-home owner	\$671,750	\$674,500	\$2,750
Couple (combined), home owner	\$745,500	\$750,500	\$5,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$945,500	\$950,500	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$745,500	\$750,500	\$5,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$945,500	\$950,500	\$5,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$818,500	\$824,000	\$5,500
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,018,500	\$1,024,000	\$5,500

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase
1	\$2,005.50	\$2,031.70	\$26.20
2	\$8,022.20	\$8,126.80	\$104.60
3	\$18,049.90	\$18,285.30	\$235.40
4	\$32,088.70	\$32,507.20	\$418.50
5	\$50,138.70	\$50,792.40	\$653.70

Partnered (each)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase
1	\$1,515.80	\$1,535.30	\$19.50
2	\$6,063.10	\$6,141.30	\$78.20
3	\$13,641.90	\$13,817.90	\$176.00
4	\$24,252.30	\$24,565.10	\$312.80
5	\$37,894.20	\$38,383.00	\$488.80

* No new entrants post 20 September 2009

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single	\$590.20	\$598.00	\$7.80	pa
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$590.20	\$598.00	\$7.80	pa
Partnered (each)	\$486.20	\$491.40	\$5.20	pa

Allowances - Fortnightly

Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$528.70	\$535.60	\$6.90	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$571.90	\$579.30	\$7.40	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$571.90	\$579.30	\$7.40	pf
Partnered (each)	\$477.40	\$483.60	\$6.20	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$738.50	\$748.10	\$9.60	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 2017	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 2017	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 2017	Increase	
Single Allowance Supplement	\$65.10	\$65.90	\$0.80	pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$49.10	\$49.70	\$0.60	pf

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	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$738.50	\$748.10	\$9.60	pf

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

Income Test Cut outs for NSA, WA, PA, SA#

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,024.84	\$1,036.34	\$11.50	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,098.00	\$1,110.34	\$12.34	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$1,108.34	\$1,120.67	\$12.33	pf
Partnered (each)	\$937.84	\$948.17	\$10.33	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$1,980.25	\$2,004.25	\$24.00	pf
NSA, Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,557.50	\$1,576.00	\$18.50	pf
NSA, Single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,573.00	\$1,591.50	\$18.50	pf

*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance

Income cut outs for Allowance recipients of over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts

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Living Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase
Standard			
22 years or over, at home	\$528.70	\$535.60	\$6.90 pf
Away from home			
22 years or over	\$528.70	\$535.60	\$6.90 pf
Independent single, no children			
22 years or over	\$528.70	\$535.60	\$6.90 pf
60 years or over	\$571.90	\$579.30	\$7.40 pf
Independent partnered, no children			
22 years or over	\$477.40	\$483.60	\$6.20 pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$571.90	\$579.30	\$7.40 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$477.40	\$483.60	\$6.20 pf

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance*

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	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 2017	Increase
Over 22 years			
Single, no children	\$1,347.34	\$1,358.84	\$11.50 pf
Partnered	\$1,260.34	\$1,270.67	\$10.33 pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,420.50	\$1,432.84	\$12.34 pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,420.50	\$1,432.84	\$12.34 pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Social Security Act

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, no children	\$130.60	\$132.20	\$1.60	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$87.07	\$88.13	\$1.06	pf
Couple, no children	\$123.00	\$124.60	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$130.60	\$132.20	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$123.00	\$124.60	\$1.60	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, no children	\$116.20	\$117.80	\$1.60	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$116.20	\$117.80	\$1.60	pf
Couple, no children	\$188.60	\$191.00	\$2.40	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$116.20	\$117.80	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$116.20	\$117.80	\$1.60	pf

Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, no children	\$290.33	\$294.07	\$3.74	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$232.29	\$235.31	\$3.02	pf
Couple, no children	\$352.60	\$357.13	\$4.53	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$290.33	\$294.07	\$3.74	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$280.20	\$283.93	\$3.73	pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$153.30	\$155.26	\$1.96	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$173.18	\$175.42	\$2.24	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$153.30	\$155.26	\$1.96	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$173.18	\$175.42	\$2.24	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$153.30	\$155.26	\$1.96	pf
3 or more children	\$173.18	\$175.42	\$2.24	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$152.88	\$154.84	\$1.96	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$152.88	\$154.84	\$1.96	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$226.24	\$229.18	\$2.94	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$226.24	\$229.18	\$2.94	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$152.88	\$154.84	\$1.96	pf
3 or more children	\$152.88	\$154.84	\$1.96	pf

Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$357.28	\$361.85	\$4.57	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$383.79	\$388.73	\$4.94	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$430.64	\$436.19	\$5.55	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$457.15	\$463.07	\$5.92	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$357.28	\$361.85	\$4.57	pf
3 or more children	\$383.79	\$388.73	\$4.94	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 2017	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$609.20	\$617.20	\$8.00	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$152.30	\$154.30	\$2.00	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 2017	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$537.00	\$543.00	\$6.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$928.00	\$939.00	\$11.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$928.00	\$939.00	\$11.00	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00	-	pw

Cut outs for Health Care Cards (HCC)

Average weekly income for eight weeks previous to applying:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$671.25	\$678.75	\$7.50	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,160.00	\$1,173.75	\$13.75	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,160.00	\$1,173.75	\$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 March 2017	Increase	
Single	\$1,227.84	\$1,242.00	\$14.16	pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$1,752.25	\$1,773.50	\$21.25	pf
Couple	\$1,129.67	\$1,142.67	\$13.00	pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$2,259.34	\$2,285.34	\$26.00	pf

Family Payments - Fortnightly

Parenting Payment Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase		
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$715.80	\$725.10	\$9.30	pf	
	Supplement	\$22.70	\$23.00	\$0.30	pf	
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	-	pf	
	Total	\$750.50	\$760.10	\$9.60	pf	
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$477.40	\$483.60	\$6.20	pf	
	Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-	pf	
	Total	\$485.30	\$491.50	\$6.20	pf	
Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase		
	Single Parent	Base Pension	\$715.80	\$725.10	\$9.30	pf
		Supplement	\$65.10	\$65.90	\$0.80	pf
		Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
		Total	\$795.00	\$805.10	\$10.10	pf
	Partnered	Base Allowance	\$477.40	\$483.60	\$6.20	pf
		Supplement	\$49.10	\$49.70	\$0.60	pf
		Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
		Total	\$537.10	\$543.90	\$6.80	pf

Family Payments – Fortnightly (continued)

Income Test for Parenting Payment#

Partnered	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
Partner's Free Area	\$938.00	\$949.00	\$11.00	pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
- customer's income must be less than	\$937.84	\$948.17	\$10.33	pf
- partner's income must be less than	\$1,746.83	\$1,768.17	\$21.34	pf
- combined income must be less than	\$1,875.84	\$1,897.17	\$21.33	pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
couple's combined income must be less than	\$1,875.68	\$1,896.34	\$20.66	pf
Single	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase	
- under Age Pension age	\$2,064.85	\$2,088.85	\$24.00	pf
- under Age Pension age, including PhA	\$2,080.35	\$2,104.35	\$24.00	pf

Income cut outs for Allowance recipients of over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts

Family Tax Benefit (Part A) income limits

Income limits above which only the base rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A may be paid, per year

20 Mar 2017		Number of children aged 13-15 years or secondary students aged 16-19 years			
		Nil	1	2	3
Number children aged 0-12 years	Nil		\$75,263	n/a	n/a
	1	\$68,091	\$91,451	n/a	n/a
	2	\$84,279	n/a	n/a	n/a
	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: These amounts may be higher if Energy Supplement and/or Rent Assistance is paid with Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Income limits at which Family Tax Benefit Part A may not be paid, per year

20 Mar 2017		Number of children aged 13-15 years or secondary students aged 16-19 years			
		Nil	1	2	3
Number children aged 0-12 years	Nil		\$99,414	\$113,917	\$144,924
	1	\$99,414	\$106,745	\$137,751	\$168,758
	2	\$104,512	\$130,579	\$161,586	\$192,593
	3	\$123,407	\$154,414	\$185,420	\$216,427

Note: These amounts may be higher if certain supplements are also payable, such as Energy Supplement Multiple Birth Allowance and Rent Assistance.

Family Tax Benefit (Part B) income limits

Secondary earner income limits at which Family Tax Benefit Part B may not be paid, per year, with end-of-year supplement

	Previous Amount	20 March 2017	Increase
With Energy Supplement			
Youngest child aged under 5 years	\$27,886.00	\$27,886.00	\$-
Youngest child aged 5 – 18 years	\$21,663.00	\$21,663.00	\$-
Without Energy Supplement			
Youngest child aged under 5 years	\$-	\$27,521.00	\$27,521.00
Youngest child aged 5 – 18 years	\$-	\$21,408.00	\$21,408.00