

Pensions

Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase	
Base	\$712.00	\$733.70	\$21.70	pf
Supplement	\$60.60	\$61.20	\$0.60	pf
Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$13.50	\$13.50	pf
Total	\$772.60	\$808.40	\$35.80	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Base	\$536.70	\$553.10	\$16.40	pf
Supplement	\$45.70	\$46.10	\$0.40	pf
Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$10.20	pf
Total	\$582.40	\$609.40	\$27.00	pf

* Also Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$675.20	\$681.30	\$6.10	pf
Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$13.50	\$13.50	pf
Total	\$675.20	\$694.80	\$19.60	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$545.30	\$550.20	\$4.90	pf
Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$10.20	pf
Total	\$545.30	\$560.40	\$15.10	pf

Not Resident in Australia or absent for period > 13 weeks

Single	\$619.30	\$624.90	\$5.60	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$517.40	\$522.10	\$4.70	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount*

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase	
Single	\$21.10	\$21.30	\$0.20	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$21.10	\$21.30	\$0.20	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$17.60	\$17.80	\$0.20	pf

* Formerly paid as (GST) Supplement. Not applicable for Transitional Rate customers

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase	
Single	\$32.50	\$32.80	\$0.30	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$32.50	\$32.80	\$0.30	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$24.50	\$24.70	\$0.20	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase	
Single	\$1,697.20	\$1,768.80	\$71.60	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,697.20	\$1,768.80	\$71.60	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,597.60	\$2,705.60	\$108.00	pf
Illness Separated couple (combined)	\$3,358.40	\$3,501.60	\$143.20	pf

Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase	
Single	\$1,840.00	\$1,889.00	\$49.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,864.60	\$1,913.60	\$49.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,994.50	\$3,070.00	\$75.50	pf
Illness Separated couple (combined)	\$3,644.00	\$3,742.00	\$98.00	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase	
Single	\$1,700.25	\$1,714.25	\$14.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,724.85	\$1,738.85	\$14.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,855.00	\$2,878.50	\$23.50	pf
Illness Separated couple (combined)	\$3,364.50	\$3,392.50	\$28.00	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$707,750	\$731,500	\$23,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$847,250	\$871,000	\$23,750
Couple, homeowner (combined)	\$1,050,000	\$1,086,000	\$36,000
Couple, non-homeowner (combined)	\$1,189,500	\$1,225,500	\$36,000
One partner eligible, homeowner	\$1,050,000	\$1,086,000	\$36,000
One partner eligible, non-homeowner	\$1,189,500	\$1,225,500	\$36,000
Illness separated couple, homeowner	\$1,303,500	\$1,351,000	\$47,500
Illness separated couple, non-homeowner	\$1,443,000	\$1,490,500	\$47,500

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$642,750	\$655,750	\$13,000
Single, non-homeowner	\$782,250	\$795,250	\$13,000
Couple, homeowner (combined)	\$1,000,500	\$1,020,500	\$20,000
Couple, non-homeowner (combined)	\$1,140,000	\$1,160,000	\$20,000
One partner eligible, homeowner	\$1,000,500	\$1,020,500	\$20,000
One partner eligible, non-homeowner	\$1,140,000	\$1,160,000	\$20,000
Illness separated couple, homeowner	\$1,173,500	\$1,199,500	\$26,000
Illness separated couple, non-homeowner	\$1,313,000	\$1,339,000	\$26,000
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$605,500	\$609,250	\$3,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$745,000	\$748,750	\$3,750
Couple, homeowner (combined)	\$963,000	\$969,500	\$6,500
Couple, non-homeowner (combined)	\$1,102,500	\$1,109,000	\$6,500
One partner eligible, homeowner	\$963,000	\$969,500	\$6,500
One partner eligible, non-homeowner	\$1,102,500	\$1,109,000	\$6,500
Illness separated couple, homeowner	\$1,099,000	\$1,106,500	\$7,500
Illness separated couple, non-homeowner	\$1,238,500	\$1,246,000	\$7,500

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Years (Bonus Periods)			
1	\$1,791.70	\$1,845.20	\$53.50
2	\$7,166.80	\$7,380.90	\$214.10
3	\$16,125.30	\$16,607.00	\$481.70
4	\$28,667.10	\$29,523.50	\$856.40
5	\$44,792.40	\$46,130.50	\$1,338.10

Partnered (ea)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
1	\$1,354.70	\$1,395.30	\$40.60
2	\$5,418.80	\$5,581.10	\$162.30
3	\$12,192.40	\$12,557.50	\$365.10
4	\$21,675.30	\$22,324.50	\$649.20
5	\$33,867.70	\$34,882.00	\$1,014.30

* No new entrants eligible post 20 September 2009

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single	\$548.60	\$553.80	\$5.20 pa
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$548.60	\$553.80	\$5.20 pa
Partnered (ea)	\$457.60	\$462.80	\$5.20 pa

Adult Allowances

Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$492.60	\$497.00	\$4.40 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$533.00	\$537.80	\$4.80 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$533.00	\$537.80	\$4.80 pf
Partnered (each)	\$444.70	\$448.70	\$4.00 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$663.70	\$683.50	\$19.80 pf

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

Clean Energy Supplement (NSA, WA, PA, SA)

Family Situation - under Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$0.00	\$8.40	\$8.40 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$0.00	\$9.10	\$9.10 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$0.00	\$9.10	\$9.10 pf
Partnered (each)	\$0.00	\$7.60	\$7.60 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$0.00	\$11.60	\$11.60 pf

Family Situation - over Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single	\$0.00	\$13.50	\$13.50 pf
Partnered (each)	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$10.20 pf

Allowance Supplement Amount (Over Age Pension Age)

	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single Allowance Supplement	\$60.60	\$61.20	\$0.60 pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$45.70	\$46.10	\$0.40 pf

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	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$663.70	\$683.50	\$19.80 pf

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

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

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$914.34	\$935.67	\$21.33 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$981.67	\$1,004.84	\$23.17 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$992.00	\$1,015.17	\$23.17 pf
Partnered (each)	\$834.50	\$853.84	\$19.34 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$1,721.25	\$1,799.75	\$78.50 pf
NSA, Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,394.50	\$1,429.25	\$34.75 pf
NSA, Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$1,410.00	\$1,444.75	\$34.75 pf

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

Family Payments

Parenting Payment Basic Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single Parent	Base Rate of Pension	\$642.60	\$662.20	\$19.60 pf
	Supplement Amount	\$21.10	\$21.30	\$0.20 pf
	Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$11.60	\$11.60 pf
	Total	\$663.70	\$695.10	\$31.40 pf
Partnered Parents	Base Rate of Allowance	\$444.70	\$448.70	\$4.00 pf
	Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$7.60	\$7.60 pf
	Total	\$444.70	\$456.30	\$11.60 pf
Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single Parent	Base Rate of Pension	\$642.60	\$662.20	\$19.60 pf
	Supplement Amount	\$60.60	\$61.20	\$0.60 pf
	Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$13.50	\$13.50 pf
	Total	\$703.20	\$736.90	\$33.70 pf
Partnered	Base Rate of Allowance	\$444.70	\$448.70	\$4.00 pf
	Supplement Amount	\$45.70	\$46.10	\$0.40 pf
	Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$10.20 pf
	Total	\$490.40	\$505.00	\$14.60 pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment#

Partnered	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Partner's Free Area	\$835.00	\$842.00	\$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	\$834.50	\$853.84	\$19.34 pf
- partner's income must be less than	\$1,576.17	\$1,602.50	\$26.33 pf
- combined income must be less than	\$1,669.50	\$1,695.84	\$26.34 pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>			
couple's combined income must be less than	\$1,669.00	\$1,707.68	\$38.68 pf
Single	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
- under Age Pension age	\$1,835.85	\$1,914.35	\$78.50 pf
- under Age Pension age, including PhA	\$1,851.35	\$1,929.85	\$78.50 pf

Income cutouts for Allowance recipients 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 2013	Increase
Single, no children	\$121.00	\$123.00	\$2.00 pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$80.67	\$82.00	\$1.33 pf
Couple, no children	\$113.80	\$115.60	\$1.80 pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$121.00	\$123.00	\$2.00 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$113.80	\$115.60	\$1.80 pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, no children	\$107.40	\$109.20	\$1.80 pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$107.40	\$109.20	\$1.80 pf
Couple, no children	\$174.80	\$177.60	\$2.80 pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$107.40	\$109.20	\$1.80 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$107.40	\$109.20	\$1.80 pf

Minimum Rent to receive Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, no children	\$268.73	\$273.20	\$4.47 pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$214.96	\$218.53	\$3.58 pf
Couple, no children	\$326.53	\$331.73	\$5.20 pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$268.73	\$273.20	\$4.47 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$259.13	\$263.33	\$4.20 pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$141.82	\$144.06	\$2.24 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$160.44	\$162.96	\$2.52 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$141.82	\$144.06	\$2.24 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$160.44	\$162.96	\$2.52 pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$141.82	\$144.06	\$2.24 pf
3 or more children	\$160.44	\$162.96	\$2.52 pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$141.40	\$143.64	\$2.24 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$141.40	\$143.64	\$2.24 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$209.30	\$212.66	\$3.36 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$209.30	\$212.66	\$3.36 pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$141.40	\$143.64	\$2.24 pf
3 or more children	\$141.40	\$143.64	\$2.24 pf

Minimum Rent to receive Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$330.49	\$335.72	\$5.23 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$355.32	\$360.92	\$5.60 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$398.39	\$404.74	\$6.35 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$423.22	\$429.94	\$6.72 pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$330.49	\$335.72	\$5.23 pf
3 or more children	\$355.32	\$360.92	\$5.60 pf

Default Minimums for Shared Care Situations

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single	\$121.52	\$123.48	\$1.96 pf
Partnered	\$114.24	\$116.06	\$1.82 pf
Partnered, Partner in Gaol, Illness Separated Couple, Respite Care Couple	\$121.52	\$123.48	\$1.96 pf
Partnered, Temporary Separated	\$114.24	\$116.06	\$1.82 pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single	\$107.38	\$109.06	\$1.68 pf
Partnered	\$175.14	\$177.94	\$2.80 pf
Partnered, Partner in Gaol, Illness Separated Couple, Respite Care Couple	\$107.38	\$109.06	\$1.68 pf
Partnered, Temporary Separated	\$107.38	\$109.06	\$1.68 pf

Minimum Rent to receive Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single	\$269.41	\$273.70	\$4.29 pf
Partnered	\$327.46	\$332.69	\$5.23 pf
Partnered, Partner in Gaol, Illness Separated Couple, Respite Care Couple	\$269.41	\$273.70	\$4.29 pf
Partnered, Temporary Separated	\$259.70	\$263.81	\$4.11 pf

Miscellaneous Amounts

Seniors Supplement - Annual Amount

Replaces Seniors Concession Allowance and Telephone Allowance for CSHC holders from 20 September 2009

Family Situation		Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single*	Base Component	\$845.00	\$852.80	\$7.80 pa
	Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$351.00	\$351.00 pa
	Total	\$845.00	\$1,203.80	\$358.80 pa
Partnered	Base Component	\$637.00	\$642.20	\$5.20 pa
	Clean Energy Supplement	\$0.00	\$265.20	\$265.20 pa
	Total	\$845.00	\$907.40	\$270.40 pa

* Also Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol

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 customers under 21 without children

	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$564.00	\$573.20	\$9.20 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$141.00	\$143.30	\$2.30 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 2013	Increase
Single (no children)	\$486.00	\$497.00	\$11.00 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$843.00	\$862.00	\$19.00 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$843.00	\$862.00	\$19.00 pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$0.00 pw

Cutoffs for Health Care Cards (HCC)

Average weekly income for eight weeks previous to applying:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single (no children)	\$607.50	\$621.25	\$13.75 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,053.75	\$1,077.50	\$23.75 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,053.75	\$1,077.50	\$23.75 pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$42.50	\$42.50	\$0.00 pw

CDEP Participation Supplement (CPS) Income Test

CPS is payable if income is below:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 March 2013	Increase
Single	\$1,116.00	\$1,126.00	\$10.00 pf
Couple	\$1,024.00	\$1,033.00	\$9.00 pf
NSA, Single, principal carer of child	\$1,596.00	\$1,612.00	\$16.00 pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$2,048.00	\$2,066.00	\$18.00 pf
