

Pensions – Fortnightly

Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Base	\$826.20	\$834.40	\$8.20	pf
Supplement	\$67.30	\$67.80	\$0.50	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$907.60	\$916.30	\$8.70	pf
Partnered (each)				
Base	\$622.80	\$629.00	\$6.20	pf
Supplement	\$50.70	\$51.10	\$0.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$684.10	\$690.70	\$6.60	pf

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

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$747.90	\$753.90	\$6.00	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$762.00	\$768.00	\$6.00	pf
Partnered (each)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$604.20	\$609.00	\$4.80	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$614.80	\$619.60	\$4.80	pf

Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$686.00	\$691.50	\$5.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$573.40	\$578.00	\$4.60	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single	\$23.40	\$23.60	\$0.20	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$23.40	\$23.60	\$0.20	pf
Partnered (each)	\$19.20	\$19.40	\$0.20	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single	\$36.10	\$36.30	\$0.20	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$36.10	\$36.30	\$0.20	pf
Partnered (each)	\$27.20	\$27.40	\$0.20	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,987.20	\$2,004.60	\$17.40	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,040.40	\$3,066.80	\$26.40	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,934.40	\$3,969.20	\$34.80	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,871.20	\$1,888.00	\$16.80	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,872.00	\$2,897.60	\$25.60	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,702.40	\$3,736.00	\$33.60	pf

Transitional Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single	\$2,077.00	\$2,092.00	\$15.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,101.60	\$2,116.60	\$15.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,378.00	\$3,402.00	\$24.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,114.00	\$4,144.00	\$30.00	pf

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Family Situation – Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,887.00	\$1,900.75	\$13.75	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,911.60	\$1,925.35	\$13.75	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,171.00	\$3,194.00	\$23.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,734.00	\$3,761.50	\$27.50	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, home owner	\$561,250	\$564,000	\$2,750	
Single, non-home owner	\$768,250	\$771,000	\$2,750	
Couple (combined), home owner	\$844,000	\$848,000	\$4,000	
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,051,000	\$1,055,000	\$4,000	
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$844,000	\$848,000	\$4,000	
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,051,000	\$1,055,000	\$4,000	
Illness-separated (couple combined), home owner	\$993,000	\$998,500	\$5,500	
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,200,000	\$1,205,500	\$5,500	
Family Situation – Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, home owner	\$541,750	\$544,500	\$2,750	
Single, non-home owner	\$748,750	\$751,500	\$2,750	
Couple (combined), home owner	\$815,500	\$820,000	\$4,500	
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,022,500	\$1,027,000	\$4,500	
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$815,500	\$820,000	\$4,500	
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,022,500	\$1,027,000	\$4,500	
Illness-separated (couple combined), home owner	\$954,000	\$959,500	\$5,500	
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,161,000	\$1,166,500	\$5,500	

Transitional Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, home owner	\$512,500	\$514,500	\$2,000	
Single, non-home owner	\$719,500	\$721,500	\$2,000	
Couple (combined), home owner	\$797,500	\$801,000	\$3,500	
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,004,500	\$1,008,000	\$3,500	
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$797,500	\$801,000	\$3,500	
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,004,500	\$1,008,000	\$3,500	
Illness-separated (couple combined), home owner	\$895,500	\$899,500	\$4,000	
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,102,500	\$1,106,500	\$4,000	
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, home owner	\$487,250	\$489,000	\$1,750	
Single, non-home owner	\$694,250	\$696,000	\$1,750	
Couple (combined), home owner	\$770,000	\$773,000	\$3,000	
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$977,000	\$980,000	\$3,000	
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$770,000	\$773,000	\$3,000	
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$977,000	\$980,000	\$3,000	
Illness-separated (couple combined), home owner	\$845,000	\$848,500	\$3,500	
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,052,000	\$1,055,500	\$3,500	

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
1	\$2,076.40	\$2,097.00	\$20.60	
2	\$8,305.70	\$8,387.80	\$82.10	
3	\$18,687.80	\$18,872.60	\$184.80	
4	\$33,222.80	\$33,551.20	\$328.40	
5	\$51,910.60	\$52,423.80	\$513.20	

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Partnered (each)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase
1	\$1,569.00	\$1,584.70	\$15.70
2	\$6,276.20	\$6,338.80	\$62.60
3	\$14,121.40	\$14,262.20	\$140.80
4	\$25,104.80	\$25,355.00	\$250.20
5	\$39,226.20	\$39,617.20	\$391.00

* No new entrants post-20 September 2009

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase
Single	\$608.40	\$613.60	\$5.20 pa
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$608.40	\$613.60	\$5.20 pa
Partnered (each)	\$499.20	\$504.40	\$5.20 pa

Allowances - Fortnightly

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

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$545.80	\$550.20	\$4.40 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$590.40	\$595.10	\$4.70 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$590.40	\$595.10	\$4.70 pf
Partnered (each)	\$492.80	\$496.70	\$3.90 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$762.40	\$768.50	\$6.10 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 Sep 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 Sep 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 (Newstart Allowance, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance: Over Age Pension Age)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase
Single Allowance Supplement	\$67.30	\$67.80	\$0.50 pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$50.70	\$51.10	\$0.40 pf

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

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,053.34	\$1,060.67	\$7.33 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,128.84	\$1,136.67	\$7.83 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,139.17	\$1,147.00	\$7.83 pf
Partnered (each)	\$963.50	\$970.00	\$6.50 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$2,040.00	\$2,055.25	\$15.25 pf
NSA, single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,603.75	\$1,615.50	\$11.75 pf
NSA, single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,619.25	\$1,631.00	\$11.75 pf

* Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance

[#]Income cut-outs for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.

Allowances – Fortnightly (continued)

Youth Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$762.40	\$768.50	\$6.10	pf

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

Income limits for Youth Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$1,451.50	\$1,461.67	\$10.17	pf

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Living Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Standard				
22 years or over, at home	\$545.80	\$550.20	\$4.40	pf
Away from home				
22 years or over	\$545.80	\$550.20	\$4.40	pf
Independent single, no children				
22 years or over	\$545.80	\$550.20	\$4.40	pf
60 years or over	\$590.40	\$595.10	\$4.70	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
22 years or over	\$492.80	\$496.70	\$3.90	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$590.40	\$595.10	\$4.70	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$492.80	\$496.70	\$3.90	pf

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 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.

Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Over 22 years				
Single, no children	\$1,375.84	\$1,383.17	\$7.33	pf
Partnered	\$1,286.00	\$1,292.50	\$6.50	pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,451.34	\$1,459.17	\$7.83	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,451.34	\$1,459.17	\$7.83	pf

Parenting Payments - Fortnightly

Parenting Payment Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$739.00	\$744.90	\$5.90	pf
	Supplement	\$23.40	\$23.60	\$0.20	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	-	pf
	Total	\$774.40	\$780.50	\$6.10	pf
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$492.80	\$496.70	\$3.90	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-	pf
	Total	\$500.70	\$504.60	\$3.90	pf
Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$739.00	\$744.90	\$5.90	pf
	Supplement	\$67.30	\$67.80	\$0.50	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
	Total	\$820.40	\$826.80	\$6.40	pf
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$492.80	\$496.70	\$3.90	pf
	Supplement	\$50.70	\$51.10	\$0.40	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
	Total	\$554.10	\$558.40	\$4.30	pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment[#]

Partnered		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Partner's Free Area		\$964.00	\$970.00	\$6.00	pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>					
- recipient's income must be less than		\$963.50	\$970.00	\$6.50	pf
- partner's income must be less than		\$1,798.50	\$1,811.00	\$12.50	pf
- combined income must be less than		\$1,927.50	\$1,940.00	\$12.50	pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>					
couple's combined income must be less than		\$1,927.00	\$1,940.00	\$13.00	pf
Single		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Income Free area		\$188.60	\$188.60	-	pf
<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>					
- under Age Pension age		\$2,124.60	\$2,139.85	\$15.25	pf
- under Age Pension age, including PhA		\$2,140.10	\$2,155.35	\$15.25	pf

[#]Income cut-outs for allowance recipients 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 Rent Assistance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, no children	\$134.80	\$135.80	\$1.00	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$89.87	\$90.53	\$0.66	pf
Couple, no children	\$127.00	\$128.00	\$1.00	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$134.80	\$135.80	\$1.00	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$127.00	\$128.00	\$1.00	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, no children	\$120.20	\$121.20	\$1.00	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$120.20	\$121.20	\$1.00	pf
Couple, no children	\$194.60	\$196.20	\$1.60	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$120.20	\$121.20	\$1.00	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$120.20	\$121.20	\$1.00	pf

Rent Assistance – for Payments under the Social Security Act (continued)

Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, no children	\$299.93	\$302.27	\$2.34	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$240.02	\$241.91	\$1.89	pf
Couple, no children	\$363.93	\$366.87	\$2.94	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$299.93	\$302.27	\$2.34	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$289.53	\$291.87	\$2.34	pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

Maximum Rent Assistance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$158.34	\$159.60	\$1.26	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$178.78	\$180.18	\$1.40	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$158.34	\$159.60	\$1.26	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$178.78	\$180.18	\$1.40	pf
Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$158.34	\$159.60	\$1.26	pf
3 or more children	\$178.78	\$180.18	\$1.40	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$157.78	\$159.04	\$1.26	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$157.78	\$159.04	\$1.26	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$233.52	\$235.34	\$1.82	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$233.52	\$235.34	\$1.82	pf
Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$157.78	\$159.04	\$1.26	pf
3 or more children	\$157.78	\$159.04	\$1.26	pf

Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$368.90	\$371.84	\$2.94	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$396.15	\$399.28	\$3.13	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$444.64	\$448.14	\$3.50	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$471.89	\$475.58	\$3.69	pf
Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$368.90	\$371.84	\$2.94	pf
3 or more children	\$396.15	\$399.28	\$3.13	pf

Miscellaneous Amounts

Telephone Allowance

	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$115.20	\$118.40	\$3.20	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$28.80	\$29.60	\$0.80	pq

Single rates shown. Each eligible member of a couple on maximum rate may receive half the single rate per annum.

Higher Rate Telephone Allowance

Requires home internet access.

	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$171.20	\$175.20	\$4.00	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$42.80	\$43.80	\$1.00	pq

Single rates shown. Each eligible member of a couple on maximum rate may receive half the single rate per annum.

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

Payable to Widow Allowance and Partner Allowance recipients under Age Pension age and Disability Support Pensioners aged under 21 without children.

	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$628.80	\$634.00	\$5.20	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$157.20	\$158.50	\$1.30	pq

Recipients of an income support payment that attracts a Pension Supplement do not receive Utilities Allowance.

Miscellaneous Amounts (continued)

Health Care Cards (HCC)

Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$552.00	\$556.00	\$4.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$954.00	\$960.00	\$6.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$954.00	\$960.00	\$6.00	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 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$690.00	\$695.00	\$5.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,192.50	\$1,200.00	\$7.50	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,192.50	\$1,200.00	\$7.50	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$42.50	\$42.50	-	pw

Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards (CSHC) - Taxable Income

Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single*	\$53,799	\$54,929	\$1,130	pa
Partnered (each)	\$43,038	\$43,942	\$904	pa
Couple (combined)	\$86,076	\$87,884	\$1,808	pa
Additional amount for each dependent child of the person	\$639.60	\$639.60	-	pa

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

CDEP Participation Supplement (CPS) Income Test

CPS is payable if income is below:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2018	Increase	
Single	\$1,263.34	\$1,272.34	\$9.00	pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$1,805.50	\$1,819.00	\$13.50	pf
Couple	\$1,162.00	\$1,170.17	\$8.17	pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$2,324.00	\$2,340.34	\$16.34	pf