

## Pensions - Fortnightly

### Adult Pension Rates

Single*		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
	Base	\$843.60	\$850.40	\$6.80	pf
	Supplement	\$68.50	\$68.90	\$0.40	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$926.20</b>	<b>\$933.40</b>	<b>\$7.20</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered (each)					
	Base	\$635.90	\$641.00	\$5.10	pf
	Supplement	\$51.60	\$51.90	\$0.30	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$698.10</b>	<b>\$703.50</b>	<b>\$5.40</b>	<b>pf</b>

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

### Adult Transitional Pension Rate

#### Resident in Australia

Single		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
	Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$761.40	\$766.00	\$4.60	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$775.50</b>	<b>\$780.10</b>	<b>\$4.60</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered (each)					
	Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$615.10	\$618.80	\$3.70	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$625.70</b>	<b>\$629.40</b>	<b>\$3.70</b>	<b>pf</b>

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

Single		\$698.40	\$702.60	\$4.20	pf
Partnered (each)		\$583.80	\$587.30	\$3.50	pf

### Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single		\$23.80	\$23.90	\$0.10	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol		\$23.80	\$23.90	\$0.10	pf
Partnered (each)		\$19.60	\$19.70	\$0.10	pf

### Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single		\$36.70	\$37.00	\$0.30	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol		\$36.70	\$37.00	\$0.30	pf
Partnered (each)		\$27.70	\$27.90	\$0.20	pf

### Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single		\$2,026.40	\$2,040.80	\$14.40	pf
Couple (combined)		\$3,100.40	\$3,122.00	\$21.60	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)		\$4,012.80	\$4,041.60	\$28.80	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident					
Single		\$1,908.80	\$1,922.60	\$13.80	pf
Couple (combined)		\$2,930.00	\$2,950.80	\$20.80	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)		\$3,777.60	\$3,805.20	\$27.60	pf

### Transitional Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single		\$2,112.75	\$2,124.25	\$11.50	pf
Single + 1 dependent child		\$2,137.35	\$2,148.85	\$11.50	pf
Couple (combined)		\$3,436.50	\$3,455.00	\$18.50	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)		\$4,185.50	\$4,208.50	\$23.00	pf

## Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)

Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single	\$1,920.00	\$1,930.50	\$10.50	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$1,944.60	\$1,955.10	\$10.50	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,227.00	\$3,244.50	\$17.50	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$3,800.00	\$3,821.00	\$21.00	pf

### Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$572,000	\$574,500	\$2,500
Single, non-homeowner	\$782,500	\$785,000	\$2,500
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$860,000	\$863,500	\$3,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,070,500	\$1,074,000	\$3,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$860,000	\$863,500	\$3,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,070,500	\$1,074,000	\$3,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,012,000	\$1,017,000	\$5,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,222,500	\$1,227,500	\$5,000
<b>Family Situation – Non-Resident</b>			
Single, homeowner	\$552,500	\$554,750	\$2,250
Single, non-homeowner	\$763,000	\$765,250	\$2,250
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$831,500	\$835,000	\$3,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,042,000	\$1,045,500	\$3,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$831,500	\$835,000	\$3,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,042,000	\$1,045,500	\$3,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$973,000	\$977,500	\$4,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,183,500	\$1,188,000	\$4,500

### Transitional Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$521,750	\$523,500	\$1,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$732,250	\$734,000	\$1,750
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$812,000	\$814,500	\$2,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,022,500	\$1,025,000	\$2,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$812,000	\$814,500	\$2,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,022,500	\$1,025,000	\$2,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$911,500	\$915,000	\$3,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,122,000	\$1,125,500	\$3,500
<b>Family Situation - Non-Resident</b>			
Single, homeowner	\$496,250	\$497,500	\$1,250
Single, non-homeowner	\$706,750	\$708,000	\$1,250
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$784,000	\$786,500	\$2,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$994,500	\$997,000	\$2,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$784,000	\$786,500	\$2,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$994,500	\$997,000	\$2,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$860,500	\$863,000	\$2,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,071,000	\$1,073,500	\$2,500

### Pension Bonus Scheme\*

#### Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase
1	\$2,119.90	\$2,136.80	\$16.90
2	\$8,479.70	\$8,547.20	\$67.50
3	\$19,079.30	\$19,231.10	\$151.80
4	\$33,918.80	\$34,188.60	\$269.80
5	\$52,998.10	\$53,419.70	\$421.60

## Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)

### Partnered (each)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase
1	\$1,602.00	\$1,614.80	\$12.80
2	\$6,408.20	\$6,459.00	\$50.80
3	\$14,418.40	\$14,532.80	\$114.40
4	\$25,632.70	\$25,836.00	\$203.30
5	\$40,051.10	\$40,368.80	\$317.70

\* No new entrants post-20 September 2009.

### Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase
Single	\$618.80	\$621.40	\$2.60 pa
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$618.80	\$621.40	\$2.60 pa
Partnered (each)	\$509.60	\$512.20	\$2.60 pa

## Allowances - Fortnightly

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

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$555.70	\$559.00	\$3.30 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$601.10	\$604.70	\$3.60 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$601.10	\$604.70	\$3.60 pf
Partnered (each)	\$501.70	\$504.70	\$3.00 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$776.10	\$780.70	\$4.60 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 2019	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 2019	Increase
Single	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
Partnered (each)	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf

\* 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 2019	Increase
Single Allowance Supplement	\$68.50	\$68.90	\$0.40 pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$51.60	\$51.90	\$0.30 pf

### Income Test Cut-offs for Newstart Allowance, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Sickness Allowance<sup>#</sup>

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,069.84	\$1,075.34	\$5.50 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,146.67	\$1,152.67	\$6.00 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,157.00	\$1,163.00	\$6.00 pf
Partnered (each)	\$978.34	\$983.34	\$5.00 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$2,074.25	\$2,085.75	\$11.50 pf
NSA, single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,630.50	\$1,639.50	\$9.00 pf
NSA, single, 60 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,646.00	\$1,655.00	\$9.00 pf

\* Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

<sup>#</sup>Income cut-outs for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.

## Youth Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$776.10	\$780.70	\$4.60	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 2019	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$1,474.34	\$1,482.00	\$7.66	pf

## **ABSTUDY - Fortnightly**

### Living Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Standard				
22 years or over, at home	\$555.70	\$559.00	\$3.30	pf
Away from home				
22 years or over	\$555.70	\$559.00	\$3.30	pf
Independent single, no children				
22 years or over	\$555.70	\$559.00	\$3.30	pf
60 years or over	\$601.10	\$604.70	\$3.60	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
22 years or over	\$501.70	\$504.70	\$3.00	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$601.10	\$604.70	\$3.60	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$501.70	\$504.70	\$3.00	pf

### Energy Supplement for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	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

\* Indexation of the Energy Supplement has been frozen since 1 January 2015.

### Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Over 22 years				
Single, no children	\$1,392.34	\$1,397.84	\$5.50	pf
Partnered	\$1,300.84	\$1,305.84	\$5.00	pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,469.17	\$1,475.17	\$6.00	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,469.17	\$1,475.17	\$6.00	pf

## Parenting Payment - Fortnightly

### Parenting Payment Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$752.30	\$756.80	\$4.50	pf
	Supplement	\$23.80	\$23.90	\$0.10	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$788.10</b>	<b>\$792.70</b>	<b>\$4.60</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$501.70	\$504.70	\$3.00	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$509.60</b>	<b>\$512.60</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>pf</b>

### Parenting Payment – Fortnightly (continued)

Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$752.30	\$756.80	\$4.50	pf
	Supplement	\$68.50	\$68.90	\$0.40	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$834.90</b>	<b>\$839.80</b>	<b>\$4.90</b>	<b>pf</b>
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$501.70	\$504.70	\$3.00	pf
	Supplement	\$51.60	\$51.90	\$0.30	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$563.90</b>	<b>\$567.20</b>	<b>\$3.30</b>	<b>pf</b>

### Income Test for Parenting Payment<sup>#</sup>

Partnered		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Partner's Free Area		\$979.00	\$984.00	\$5.00	pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>					
- recipient's income must be less than		\$978.34	\$983.34	\$5.00	pf
- partner's income must be less than		\$1,828.33	\$1,838.33	\$10.00	pf
- combined income must be less than		\$1,957.34	\$1,967.34	\$10.00	pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>					
couple's combined income must be less than		\$1,956.68	\$1,966.68	\$10.00	pf
Single		Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Income Free area		\$188.60	\$188.60	-	pf
<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>					
- under Age Pension age		\$2,158.85	\$2,170.35	\$11.50	pf
- under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance		\$2,174.35	\$2,185.85	\$11.50	pf

<sup>#</sup>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 2019	Increase	
Single, no children	\$137.20	\$138.00	\$0.80	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$91.47	\$92.00	\$0.53	pf
Couple, no children	\$129.20	\$130.00	\$0.80	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$137.20	\$138.00	\$0.80	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$129.20	\$130.00	\$0.80	pf

### Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single, no children	\$122.40	\$123.20	\$0.80	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$122.40	\$123.20	\$0.80	pf
Couple, no children	\$198.20	\$199.40	\$1.20	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$122.40	\$123.20	\$0.80	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$122.40	\$123.20	\$0.80	pf

## Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single, no children	\$305.33	\$307.20	\$1.87	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$244.36	\$245.87	\$1.51	pf
Couple, no children	\$370.47	\$372.73	\$2.26	pf
Partnered, illness-separated, no children	\$305.33	\$307.20	\$1.87	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$294.67	\$296.53	\$1.86	pf

## **Rent Assistance - for payments under the Family Assistance Act**

### Maximum Rent Assistance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$161.14	\$162.12	\$0.98	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$182.00	\$183.12	\$1.12	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$161.14	\$162.12	\$0.98	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$182.00	\$183.12	\$1.12	pf
<b>Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
1 or 2 children	\$161.14	\$162.12	\$0.98	pf
3 or more children	\$182.00	\$183.12	\$1.12	pf

### Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$160.58	\$161.56	\$0.98	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$160.58	\$161.56	\$0.98	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$237.72	\$239.12	\$1.40	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$237.72	\$239.12	\$1.40	pf
<b>Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
1 or 2 children	\$160.58	\$161.56	\$0.98	pf
3 or more children	\$160.58	\$161.56	\$0.98	pf

## Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$375.43	\$377.72	\$2.29	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$403.25	\$405.72	\$2.47	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$452.57	\$455.28	\$2.71	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$480.39	\$483.28	\$2.89	pf
<b>Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
1 or 2 children	\$375.43	\$377.72	\$2.29	pf
3 or more children	\$403.25	\$405.72	\$2.47	pf

## **Miscellaneous Amounts**

### Telephone Allowance

	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2019	Increase	
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$118.40	\$120.80	\$2.40	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$29.60	\$30.20	\$0.60	ppq

*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 2019	Increase	
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$175.20	\$178.40	\$3.20	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$43.80	\$44.60	\$0.80	ppq

*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.*

	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$640.40	\$644.40	\$4.00	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$160.10	\$161.10	\$1.00	pq

*Recipients 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:**

<b>Family Situation</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
Single (no children)	\$561.00	\$564.00	\$3.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$969.00	\$974.00	\$5.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$969.00	\$974.00	\$5.00	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$34.00	\$34.00	-	pw

## **Miscellaneous Amounts (continued)**

### **Cut-offs for Health Care Cards (HCC)**

**Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:**

<b>Family Situation</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
Single (no children)	\$701.25	\$705.00	\$3.75	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,211.25	\$1,217.50	\$6.25	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,211.25	\$1,217.50	\$6.25	pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$42.50	\$42.50	-	pw

### **Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards (CSHC) - Taxable Income Limits**

<b>Family Situation</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
Single*	\$54,929	\$55,808	\$879	pa
Partnered (each)	\$43,942	\$44,645	\$703	pa
Couple (combined)	\$87,884	\$89,290	\$1,406	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:**

<b>Family Situation</b>	<b>Previous Amount</b>	<b>20 Sep 2019</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
Single	\$1,283.84	\$1,290.67	\$6.83	pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$1,836.25	\$1,846.50	\$10.25	pf
Couple	\$1,180.50	\$1,186.84	\$6.34	pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$2,361.00	\$2,373.68	\$12.68	pf