

Pensions

Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Base	\$ 766.00	\$ 776.70	\$ 10.70	pf
Supplement	\$ 62.90	\$ 63.50	\$ 0.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 13.90	\$ 14.10	\$ 0.20	pf
Total	\$ 842.80	\$ 854.30	\$ 11.50	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Base	\$ 577.40	\$ 585.50	\$ 8.10	pf
Supplement	\$ 47.40	\$ 47.90	\$ 0.50	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.60	\$ 0.10	pf
Total	\$ 635.30	\$ 644.00	\$ 8.70	pf

* Also Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 699.80	\$ 706.80	\$ 7.00	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 13.90	\$ 14.10	\$ 0.20	pf
Total	\$ 713.70	\$ 720.90	\$ 7.20	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 565.10	\$ 570.80	\$ 5.70	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.60	\$ 0.10	pf
Total	\$ 575.60	\$ 581.40	\$ 5.80	pf

Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$ 641.90	\$ 648.30	\$ 6.40	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 536.30	\$ 541.70	\$ 5.40	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Single	\$ 21.90	\$ 22.10	\$ 0.20	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 21.90	\$ 22.10	\$ 0.20	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 18.20	\$ 18.40	\$ 0.20	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Single	\$ 33.70	\$ 34.10	\$ 0.40	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 33.70	\$ 34.10	\$ 0.40	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 25.40	\$ 25.70	\$ 0.30	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,845.60	\$ 1,868.60	\$ 23.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,845.60	\$ 1,868.60	\$ 23.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 2,825.20	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 34.80	pf
Illness separated couple (combined)	\$ 3,655.20	\$ 3,701.20	\$ 46.00	pf

Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,944.25	\$ 1,962.25	\$ 18.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,968.85	\$ 1,986.85	\$ 18.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 3,162.00	\$ 3,191.00	\$ 29.00	pf
Illness separated couple (combined)	\$ 3,852.50	\$ 3,888.50	\$ 36.00	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,764.75	\$ 1,780.75	\$ 16.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,789.35	\$ 1,805.35	\$ 16.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 2,965.50	\$ 2,992.50	\$ 27.00	pf
Illness separated couple (combined)	\$ 3,493.50	\$ 3,525.50	\$ 32.00	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$ 764,000	\$ 771,750	\$ 7,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 910,500	\$ 918,250	\$ 7,750
Couple, homeowner (combined)	\$ 1,134,000	\$ 1,145,500	\$ 11,500
Couple, non-homeowner (combined)	\$ 1,280,500	\$ 1,292,000	\$ 11,500
One partner eligible, homeowner	\$ 1,134,000	\$ 1,145,500	\$ 11,500
One partner eligible, non-homeowner	\$ 1,280,500	\$ 1,292,000	\$ 11,500
Illness separated couple, homeowner	\$ 1,410,500	\$ 1,426,000	\$ 15,500
Illness separated couple, non-homeowner	\$ 1,557,000	\$ 1,572,500	\$ 15,500

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$ 678,000	\$ 682,750	\$ 4,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 824,500	\$ 829,250	\$ 4,750
Couple, homeowner (combined)	\$ 1,054,000	\$ 1,062,000	\$ 8,000
Couple, non-homeowner (combined)	\$ 1,200,500	\$ 1,208,500	\$ 8,000
One partner eligible, homeowner	\$ 1,054,000	\$ 1,062,000	\$ 8,000
One partner eligible, non-homeowner	\$ 1,200,500	\$ 1,208,500	\$ 8,000
Illness separated couple, homeowner	\$ 1,238,500	\$ 1,248,000	\$ 9,500
Illness separated couple, non-homeowner	\$ 1,385,000	\$ 1,394,500	\$ 9,500
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$ 630,000	\$ 634,250	\$ 4,250
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 776,500	\$ 780,750	\$ 4,250
Couple, homeowner (combined)	\$ 1,002,000	\$ 1,009,000	\$ 7,000
Couple, non-homeowner (combined)	\$ 1,148,500	\$ 1,155,500	\$ 7,000
One partner eligible, homeowner	\$ 1,002,000	\$ 1,009,000	\$ 7,000
One partner eligible, non-homeowner	\$ 1,148,500	\$ 1,155,500	\$ 7,000
Illness separated couple, homeowner	\$ 1,142,500	\$ 1,151,000	\$ 8,500
Illness separated couple, non-homeowner	\$ 1,289,000	\$ 1,297,500	\$ 8,500

Pension Bonus Scheme***Single**

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
1	\$ 1,925.60	\$ 1,952.30	\$ 26.70
2	\$ 7,702.50	\$ 7,809.10	\$ 106.60
3	\$ 17,330.60	\$ 17,570.40	\$ 239.80
4	\$ 30,810.00	\$ 31,236.30	\$ 426.30
5	\$ 48,140.70	\$ 48,806.70	\$ 666.00

Partnered (ea)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
1	\$ 1,455.60	\$ 1,475.90	\$ 20.30
2	\$ 5,822.60	\$ 5,903.70	\$ 81.10
3	\$ 13,100.80	\$ 13,283.40	\$ 182.60
4	\$ 23,290.30	\$ 23,614.90	\$ 324.60
5	\$ 36,391.20	\$ 36,898.30	\$ 507.10

* No new entrants post 20 September 2009

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single	\$ 569.40	\$ 574.60	\$ 5.20 pa
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 569.40	\$ 574.60	\$ 5.20 pa
Partnered (ea)	\$ 473.20	\$ 478.40	\$ 5.20 pa

Allowances**Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA)**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 510.50	\$ 515.60	\$ 5.10 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 552.40	\$ 557.90	\$ 5.50 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$ 552.40	\$ 557.90	\$ 5.50 pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 460.90	\$ 465.50	\$ 4.60 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 713.20	\$ 720.30	\$ 7.10 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 September 2014	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.80	\$ 0.10 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.50	\$ 0.10 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.50	\$ 0.10 pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.90	\$ 0.10 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$ 11.90	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.10 pf
Family Situation - over Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single	\$ 13.90	\$ 14.10	\$ 0.20 pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.60	\$ 0.10 pf

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

	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single Allowance Supplement	\$ 62.90	\$ 63.50	\$ 0.60 pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$ 47.40	\$ 47.90	\$ 0.50 pf

Youth Allowance Rates

	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 713.20	\$ 720.30	\$ 7.10 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 September 2014	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 990.34	\$ 999.00	\$ 8.66 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 1,061.34	\$ 1,070.67	\$ 9.33 pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$ 1,071.67	\$ 1,081.00	\$ 9.33 pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 906.17	\$ 914.00	\$ 7.83 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$ 1,912.75	\$ 1,930.75	\$ 18.00 pf

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

Income Support Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single	\$ 107.80	\$ 108.90	\$ 1.10 ba
Partnered	\$ 89.90	\$ 90.80	\$ 0.90 ba

ABSTUDY**Living Allowance Rates**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Standard			
22 years or over, at home	\$ 510.50	\$ 515.60	\$ 5.10 pf
Away from home			
22 years or over	\$ 510.50	\$ 515.60	\$ 5.10 pf
Independent single, no children			
22 years or over	\$ 510.50	\$ 515.60	\$ 5.10 pf
60 years or over	\$ 552.40	\$ 557.90	\$ 5.50 pf
Independent partnered, no children			
22 years or over	\$ 460.90	\$ 465.50	\$ 4.60 pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$ 552.40	\$ 557.90	\$ 5.50 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$ 460.90	\$ 465.50	\$ 4.60 pf

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Standard			
22 years or over, at home	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.80	\$ 0.10 pf
Away from home			
22 years or over	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.80	\$ 0.10 pf
Independent single, no children			
22 years or over	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.80	\$ 0.10 pf
60 years or over	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.50	\$ 0.10 pf
Independent partnered, no children			
22 years or over	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.90	\$ 0.10 pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.50	\$ 0.10 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.90	\$ 0.10 pf
Over Age Pension age			
Single	\$ 13.90	\$ 14.10	\$ 0.20 pf
Partnered	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.60	\$ 0.10 pf

Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Over 22 years			
Single, no children	\$ 1,294.17	\$ 1,302.84	\$ 8.67 pf
Partnered	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,217.84	\$ 7.84 pf
Single, with dependants	\$ 1,365.17	\$ 1,374.50	\$ 9.33 pf
Aged 60 or over	\$ 1,365.17	\$ 1,374.50	\$ 9.33 pf

Family Payments**Parenting Payment Rates**

Under Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single Parent			
Base Pension	\$ 691.30	\$ 698.20	\$ 6.90 pf
Supplement	\$ 21.90	\$ 22.10	\$ 0.20 pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 11.90	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.10 pf
Total	\$ 725.10	\$ 732.30	\$ 7.20 pf
Partnered Parents			
Base Allowance	\$ 460.90	\$ 465.50	\$ 4.60 pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.90	\$ 0.10 pf
Total	\$ 468.70	\$ 473.40	\$ 4.70 pf
Over Age Pension age			
Single Parent			
Base Pension	\$ 691.30	\$ 698.20	\$ 6.90 pf
Supplement	\$ 62.90	\$ 63.50	\$ 0.60 pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 13.90	\$ 14.10	\$ 0.20 pf
Total	\$ 768.10	\$ 775.80	\$ 7.70 pf
Partnered			
Base Allowance	\$ 460.90	\$ 465.50	\$ 4.60 pf
Supplement	\$ 47.40	\$ 47.90	\$ 0.50 pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.60	\$ 0.10 pf
Total	\$ 518.80	\$ 524.00	\$ 5.20 pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment#

Partnered	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Partner's Free Area	\$ 894.00	\$ 914.00	\$ 20.00 pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>			
- customer's income must be less than	\$ 906.17	\$ 914.00	\$ 7.83 pf
- partner's income must be less than	\$ 1,675.17	\$ 1,703.00	\$ 27.83 pf
- combined income must be less than	\$ 1,800.17	\$ 1,828.00	\$ 27.83 pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>			
couple's combined income must be less than	\$ 1,812.34	\$ 1,828.00	\$ 15.66 pf
Single			
- under Age Pension age	\$ 1,997.35	\$ 2,015.35	\$ 18.00 pf
- under Age Pension age, including PhA	\$ 2,012.85	\$ 2,030.85	\$ 18.00 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 September 2014	Increase
Single, no children	\$ 126.40	\$ 127.60	\$ 1.20 pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 84.27	\$ 85.07	\$ 0.80 pf
Couple, no children	\$ 118.80	\$ 120.00	\$ 1.20 pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 126.40	\$ 127.60	\$ 1.20 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 118.80	\$ 120.00	\$ 1.20 pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, no children	\$ 112.00	\$ 113.20	\$ 1.20 pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 112.00	\$ 113.20	\$ 1.20 pf
Couple, no children	\$ 182.40	\$ 184.20	\$ 1.80 pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 112.00	\$ 113.20	\$ 1.20 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 112.00	\$ 113.20	\$ 1.20 pf

Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, no children	\$ 280.53	\$ 283.33	\$ 2.80 pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 224.36	\$ 226.62	\$ 2.27 pf
Couple, no children	\$ 340.80	\$ 344.20	\$ 3.40 pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 280.53	\$ 283.33	\$ 2.80 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 270.40	\$ 273.20	\$ 2.80 pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act**Maximum Payment per Fortnight**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 147.98	\$ 149.52	\$ 1.54 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 167.30	\$ 168.98	\$ 1.68 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 147.98	\$ 149.52	\$ 1.54 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 167.30	\$ 168.98	\$ 1.68 pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated			
1 or 2 children	\$ 147.98	\$ 149.52	\$ 1.54 pf
3 or more children	\$ 167.30	\$ 168.98	\$ 1.68 pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 147.56	\$ 149.10	\$ 1.54 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 147.56	\$ 149.10	\$ 1.54 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 218.40	\$ 220.64	\$ 2.24 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 218.40	\$ 220.64	\$ 2.24 pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$ 147.56	\$ 149.10	\$ 1.54 pf
3 or more children	\$ 147.56	\$ 149.10	\$ 1.54 pf

Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 344.87	\$ 348.46	\$ 3.59 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 370.63	\$ 374.41	\$ 3.78 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 415.71	\$ 420.00	\$ 4.29 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 441.47	\$ 445.95	\$ 4.48 pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$ 344.87	\$ 348.46	\$ 3.59 pf
3 or more children	\$ 370.63	\$ 374.41	\$ 3.78 pf

Miscellaneous Amounts

Telephone Allowance

	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 105.60	\$ 108.80	\$ 3.20 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 26.40	\$ 27.20	\$ 0.80 pq

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

Higher Rate Telephone Allowance

Req. Home Internet Access

	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 157.60	\$ 162.40	\$ 4.80 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 39.40	\$ 40.60	\$ 1.20 pq

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

Seniors Supplement - Annual

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase	
Single*	Base Component	\$ 876.20	\$ 886.60	\$ 10.40 pa
	Energy Supplement	\$ 361.40	\$ 366.60	\$ 5.20 pa
	Total	\$ 1,237.60	\$ 1,253.20	\$ 15.60 pa
Partnered	Base Component	\$ 660.40	\$ 668.20	\$ 7.80 pa
	Energy Supplement	\$ 273.00	\$ 275.60	\$ 2.60 pa
	Total	\$ 933.40	\$ 943.80	\$ 10.40 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 under 21 without children

	Previous Amount	20 September 2014	Increase
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 588.40	\$ 594.40	\$ 6.00 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 147.10	\$ 148.60	\$ 1.50 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 September 2014	Increase
Single (no children)	\$ 519.00	\$ 524.00	\$ 5.00 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 899.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 7.00 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 899.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 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 September 2014	Increase
Single (no children)	\$ 648.75	\$ 655.00	\$ 6.25 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 1,123.75	\$ 1,132.50	\$ 8.75 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 1,123.75	\$ 1,132.50	\$ 8.75 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 September 2014	Increase
Single*	\$ 50,000	\$ 51,500	\$ 1,500 pa
Partnered (ea)	\$ 40,000	\$ 41,200	\$ 1,200 pa
Couple (combined)	\$ 80,000	\$ 82,400	\$ 2,400 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 September 2014	Increase
Single	\$ 1,186.50	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 10.50 pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$ 1,692.25	\$ 1,708.00	\$ 15.75 pf
Couple	\$ 1,091.17	\$ 1,100.84	\$ 9.67 pf
Total income of both partners must be under:	\$ 2,182.34	\$ 2,201.68	\$ 19.34 pf