

Pensions

Adult Pension Rates

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single*				
Base	\$ 782.20	\$ 788.40	\$ 6.20	pf
Supplement	\$ 63.90	\$ 64.50	\$ 0.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
Total	\$ 860.20	\$ 867.00	\$ 6.80	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Base	\$ 589.60	\$ 594.30	\$ 4.70	pf
Supplement	\$ 48.20	\$ 48.60	\$ 0.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
Total	\$ 648.40	\$ 653.50	\$ 5.10	pf

* Also Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 711.70	\$ 717.40	\$ 5.70	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
Total	\$ 725.80	\$ 731.50	\$ 5.70	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 574.80	\$ 579.40	\$ 4.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
Total	\$ 585.40	\$ 590.00	\$ 4.60	pf

Not Resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$ 652.80	\$ 658.00	\$ 5.20	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 545.50	\$ 549.90	\$ 4.40	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Single	\$ 22.30	\$ 22.50	\$ 0.20	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 22.30	\$ 22.50	\$ 0.20	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 18.50	\$ 18.60	\$ 0.10	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Single	\$ 34.40	\$ 34.60	\$ 0.20	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 34.40	\$ 34.60	\$ 0.20	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 25.90	\$ 26.10	\$ 0.20	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Single	\$ 1,882.40	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 13.60	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,882.40	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 13.60	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 2,881.60	\$ 2,902.00	\$ 20.40	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,728.80	\$ 3,756.00	\$ 27.20	pf

Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation - Resident				
Single	\$ 1,976.50	\$ 1,990.75	\$ 14.25	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 2,001.10	\$ 2,015.35	\$ 14.25	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 3,215.00	\$ 3,238.00	\$ 23.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,917.00	\$ 3,945.50	\$ 28.50	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident				
Single	\$ 1,794.00	\$ 1,807.00	\$ 13.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,818.60	\$ 1,831.60	\$ 13.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 3,015.50	\$ 3,037.50	\$ 22.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,552.00	\$ 3,578.00	\$ 26.00	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase
Family Situation			
Single, homeowner	\$ 779,000	\$ 783,500	\$ 4,500
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 928,000	\$ 932,500	\$ 4,500
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$ 1,156,500	\$ 1,163,000	\$ 6,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,305,500	\$ 1,312,000	\$ 6,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,156,500	\$ 1,163,000	\$ 6,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,305,500	\$ 1,312,000	\$ 6,500
Illness separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,438,500	\$ 1,447,500	\$ 9,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,587,500	\$ 1,596,500	\$ 9,000

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase
Family Situation - Resident			
Single, homeowner	\$ 689,500	\$ 693,250	\$ 3,750
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 838,500	\$ 842,250	\$ 3,750
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$ 1,072,500	\$ 1,078,500	\$ 6,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,221,500	\$ 1,227,500	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,072,500	\$ 1,078,500	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,221,500	\$ 1,227,500	\$ 6,000
Illness separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,259,500	\$ 1,267,000	\$ 7,500
Illness separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,408,500	\$ 1,416,000	\$ 7,500
Family Situation - Non-Resident			
Single, homeowner	\$ 640,750	\$ 644,250	\$ 3,500
Single, non-homeowner	\$ 789,750	\$ 793,250	\$ 3,500
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$ 1,019,000	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 6,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,168,000	\$ 1,174,000	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,019,000	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 6,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,168,000	\$ 1,174,000	\$ 6,000
Illness separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$ 1,162,000	\$ 1,169,000	\$ 7,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$ 1,311,000	\$ 1,318,000	\$ 7,000

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase
1	\$ 1,966.20	\$ 1,981.80	\$ 15.60
2	\$ 7,864.80	\$ 7,927.40	\$ 62.60
3	\$ 17,695.80	\$ 17,836.60	\$ 140.80
4	\$ 31,459.20	\$ 31,709.40	\$ 250.20
5	\$ 49,155.00	\$ 49,546.00	\$ 391.00

Partnered (ea)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase
1	\$ 1,486.20	\$ 1,497.90	\$ 11.70
2	\$ 5,944.80	\$ 5,991.70	\$ 46.90
3	\$ 13,375.80	\$ 13,481.30	\$ 105.50
4	\$ 23,779.10	\$ 23,966.80	\$ 187.70
5	\$ 37,154.90	\$ 37,448.20	\$ 293.30

* No new entrants post 20 September 2009

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase
Single	\$ 579.80	\$ 585.00	\$ 5.20 pa
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 579.80	\$ 585.00	\$ 5.20 pa
Partnered (ea)	\$ 481.00	\$ 483.60	\$ 2.60 pa

Allowances

Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA)

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 519.20	\$ 523.40	\$ 4.20	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 561.80	\$ 566.30	\$ 4.50	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$ 561.80	\$ 566.30	\$ 4.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 468.80	\$ 472.60	\$ 3.80	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 725.40	\$ 731.20	\$ 5.80	pf

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

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

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single Allowance Supplement	\$ 63.90	\$ 64.50	\$ 0.60	pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$ 48.20	\$ 48.60	\$ 0.40	pf

Youth Allowance Rates

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 725.40	\$ 731.20	\$ 5.80	pf

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

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

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 1,007.00	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 7.00	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 1,079.17	\$ 1,086.67	\$ 7.50	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$ 1,089.50	\$ 1,097.00	\$ 7.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 921.50	\$ 927.84	\$ 6.34	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$ 1,945.50	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 14.50	pf

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

Income Support Bonus

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Single	\$ 109.70	\$ 110.60	\$ 0.90	ba
Partnered	\$ 91.40	\$ 92.10	\$ 0.70	ba

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Living Allowance Rates

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Standard				
22 years or over, at home	\$ 519.20	\$ 523.40	\$ 4.20	pf
Away from home				
22 years or over	\$ 519.20	\$ 523.40	\$ 4.20	pf
Independent single, no children				
22 years or over	\$ 519.20	\$ 523.40	\$ 4.20	pf
60 years or over	\$ 561.80	\$ 566.30	\$ 4.50	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
22 years or over	\$ 468.80	\$ 472.60	\$ 3.80	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$ 561.80	\$ 566.30	\$ 4.50	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$ 468.80	\$ 472.60	\$ 3.80	pf

Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Family Situation				
Over 22 years				
Single, no children	\$ 1,321.17	\$ 1,328.17	\$ 7.00	pf
Partnered	\$ 1,235.67	\$ 1,242.00	\$ 6.33	pf
Single, with dependants	\$ 1,393.34	\$ 1,400.84	\$ 7.50	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$ 1,393.34	\$ 1,400.84	\$ 7.50	pf

Family Payments

Parenting Payment Rates

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Under Age Pension age				
Single Parent				
Base Pension	\$ 703.10	\$ 708.70	\$ 5.60	pf
Supplement	\$ 22.30	\$ 22.50	\$ 0.20	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	-	pf
Total	\$ 737.40	\$ 743.20	\$ 5.80	pf
Partnered Parents				
Base Allowance	\$ 468.80	\$ 472.60	\$ 3.80	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 7.90	\$ 7.90	-	pf
Total	\$ 476.70	\$ 480.50	\$ 3.80	pf
Single Parent				
Base Pension	\$ 703.10	\$ 708.70	\$ 5.60	pf
Supplement	\$ 63.90	\$ 64.50	\$ 0.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
Total	\$ 781.10	\$ 787.30	\$ 6.20	pf
Partnered				
Base Allowance	\$ 468.80	\$ 472.60	\$ 3.80	pf
Supplement	\$ 48.20	\$ 48.60	\$ 0.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
Total	\$ 527.60	\$ 531.80	\$ 4.20	pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment[#]

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Partnered				
Partner's Free Area	\$ 922.00	\$ 928.00	\$ 6.00	pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
- customer's income must be less than	\$ 921.50	\$ 927.84	\$ 6.34	pf
- partner's income must be less than	\$ 1,716.50	\$ 1,728.83	\$ 12.33	pf
- combined income must be less than	\$ 1,843.50	\$ 1,855.84	\$ 12.34	pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
couple's combined income must be less than	\$ 1,843.00	\$ 1,855.68	\$ 12.68	pf
Single				
- under Age Pension age	\$ 2,030.10	\$ 2,044.60	\$ 14.50	pf
- under Age Pension age, including PhA	\$ 2,045.60	\$ 2,060.10	\$ 14.50	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 2015	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 128.40	\$ 129.40	\$ 1.00	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 85.60	\$ 86.27	\$ 0.67	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 120.80	\$ 121.80	\$ 1.00	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 128.40	\$ 129.40	\$ 1.00	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 120.80	\$ 121.80	\$ 1.00	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 114.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1.00	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 114.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1.00	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 185.40	\$ 186.80	\$ 1.40	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 114.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1.00	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 114.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 1.00	pf

Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 285.20	\$ 287.53	\$ 2.33	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 228.13	\$ 230.02	\$ 1.89	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 346.47	\$ 349.20	\$ 2.73	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 285.20	\$ 287.53	\$ 2.33	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 275.07	\$ 277.40	\$ 2.33	Pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 150.50	\$ 151.76	\$ 1.26	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 170.10	\$ 171.50	\$ 1.40	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 150.50	\$ 151.76	\$ 1.26	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 170.10	\$ 171.50	\$ 1.40	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated				
	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$ 150.50	\$ 151.76	\$ 1.26	pf
3 or more children	\$ 170.10	\$ 171.50	\$ 1.40	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 150.08	\$ 151.34	\$ 1.26	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 150.08	\$ 151.34	\$ 1.26	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 222.18	\$ 224.00	\$ 1.82	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 222.18	\$ 224.00	\$ 1.82	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated				
	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$ 150.08	\$ 151.34	\$ 1.26	pf
3 or more children	\$ 150.08	\$ 151.34	\$ 1.26	pf

Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 350.75	\$ 353.69	\$ 2.94	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 376.88	\$ 380.01	\$ 3.13	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 422.85	\$ 426.35	\$ 3.50	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 448.98	\$ 452.67	\$ 3.69	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated				
	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$ 350.75	\$ 353.69	\$ 2.94	pf
3 or more children	\$ 376.88	\$ 380.01	\$ 3.13	pf

Miscellaneous Amounts

Telephone Allowance

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 108.80	\$ 111.20	\$ 2.40	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 27.20	\$ 27.80	\$ 0.60	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

	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 162.40	\$ 165.60	\$ 3.20	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 40.60	\$ 41.40	\$ 0.80	pq

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

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 2015	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 598.40	\$ 603.20	\$ 4.80	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 149.60	\$ 150.80	\$ 1.20	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 2015	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$ 528.00	\$ 531.00	\$ 3.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 913.00	\$ 919.00	\$ 6.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 913.00	\$ 919.00	\$ 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 previous to applying:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2015	Increase
Single (no children)	\$ 660.00	\$ 663.75	\$ 3.75 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 1,141.25	\$ 1,148.75	\$ 7.50 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 1,141.25	\$ 1,148.75	\$ 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 September 2015	Increase
Single*	\$ 51,500	\$ 52,273	\$ 773 pa
Partnered (ea)	\$ 41,200	\$ 41,818	\$ 618 pa
Couple (combined)	\$ 82,400	\$ 83,636	\$ 1,236 pa
Additional amount for each dependent child of the person	\$ 639.60	\$ 639.60	- pa

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