

Pensions - Fortnightly

Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Base	\$ 808.30	\$ 814.00	\$ 5.70	pf
Supplement	\$ 65.90	\$ 66.30	\$ 0.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
Total	\$ 888.30	\$ 894.40	\$ 6.10	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Base	\$ 609.30	\$ 613.60	\$ 4.30	pf
Supplement	\$ 49.70	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.30	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
Total	\$ 669.60	\$ 674.20	\$ 4.60	pf

* Also Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 733.90	\$ 738.30	\$ 4.40	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
Total	\$ 748.00	\$ 752.40	\$ 4.40	pf
Partnered (ea)				
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$ 592.80	\$ 596.40	\$ 3.60	pf
Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
Total	\$ 603.40	\$ 607.00	\$ 3.60	pf

Not Resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$ 673.20	\$ 677.20	\$ 4.00	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 562.60	\$ 566.00	\$ 3.40	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.10	\$ 0.10	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.10	\$ 0.10	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 18.90	\$ 19.00	\$ 0.10	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 35.40	\$ 35.70	\$ 0.30	pf
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 35.40	\$ 35.70	\$ 0.30	pf
Partnered (ea)	\$ 26.70	\$ 26.90	\$ 0.20	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,944.60	\$ 1,956.80	\$ 12.20	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,944.60	\$ 1,956.80	\$ 12.20	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 2,978.40	\$ 2,996.80	\$ 18.40	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,853.20	\$ 3,877.60	\$ 24.40	pf

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Transitional Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 2,038.00	\$ 2,049.00	\$ 11.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 2,062.60	\$ 2,073.60	\$ 11.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 3,317.00	\$ 3,335.00	\$ 18.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 4,040.00	\$ 4,062.00	\$ 22.00	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,851.00	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 10.00	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$ 1,875.60	\$ 1,885.60	\$ 10.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$ 3,113.00	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 17.00	pf
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$ 3,666.00	\$ 3,686.00	\$ 20.00	pf

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase
Single, home owner	\$ 550,000	\$ 552,000	\$ 2,000
Single, non-home owner	\$ 753,000	\$ 755,000	\$ 2,000
Couple (combined), home owner	\$ 827,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 3,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 1,033,000	\$ 3,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$ 827,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 3,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 1,033,000	\$ 3,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$ 973,000	\$ 977,000	\$ 4,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$ 1,176,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 4,000

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase
Single, home owner	\$ 503,250	\$ 504,750	\$ 1,500
Single, non-home owner	\$ 706,250	\$ 707,750	\$ 1,500
Couple (combined), home owner	\$ 783,000	\$ 785,500	\$ 2,500
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$ 986,000	\$ 988,500	\$ 2,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$ 783,000	\$ 785,500	\$ 2,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$ 986,000	\$ 988,500	\$ 2,500
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$ 879,500	\$ 882,500	\$ 3,000
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$ 1,082,500	\$ 1,085,500	\$ 3,000
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase
Single, home owner	\$ 478,250	\$ 479,500	\$ 1,250
Single, non-home owner	\$ 681,250	\$ 682,500	\$ 1,250
Couple (combined), home owner	\$ 756,000	\$ 758,000	\$ 2,000
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$ 959,000	\$ 961,000	\$ 2,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$ 756,000	\$ 758,000	\$ 2,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$ 959,000	\$ 961,000	\$ 2,000
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$ 829,500	\$ 832,000	\$ 2,500
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$ 1,032,500	\$ 1,035,000	\$ 2,500

Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase
1	\$ 2,031.70	\$ 2,045.90	\$ 14.20
2	\$ 8,126.80	\$ 8,183.50	\$ 56.70
3	\$ 18,285.30	\$ 18,412.90	\$ 127.60
4	\$ 32,507.20	\$ 32,734.00	\$ 226.80
5	\$ 50,792.40	\$ 51,146.80	\$ 354.40

Partnered (ea)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase
1	\$ 1,535.30	\$ 1,546.10	\$ 10.80
2	\$ 6,141.30	\$ 6,184.30	\$ 43.00
3	\$ 13,817.90	\$ 13,914.70	\$ 96.80
4	\$ 24,565.10	\$ 24,737.20	\$ 172.10
5	\$ 38,383.00	\$ 38,651.90	\$ 268.90

* No new entrants post 20 September 2009

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 598.00	\$ 600.60	\$ 2.60	pa
Illness Separated, Respite Care or Partner in Gaol	\$ 598.00	\$ 600.60	\$ 2.60	pa
Partnered (ea)	\$ 491.40	\$ 494.00	\$ 2.60	pa

Allowances - Fortnightly

Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 535.60	\$ 538.80	\$ 3.20	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 579.30	\$ 582.80	\$ 3.50	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months	\$ 579.30	\$ 582.80	\$ 3.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 483.60	\$ 486.50	\$ 2.90	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 748.10	\$ 752.60	\$ 4.50	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 2017	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 September 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf

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

	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single Allowance Supplement	\$ 65.90	\$ 66.30	\$ 0.40	pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$ 49.70	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.30	pf

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	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$ 748.10	\$ 752.60	\$ 4.50	pf

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

Allowances – Fortnightly (continued)

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

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$ 1,036.34	\$ 1,041.67	\$ 5.33	pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$ 1,110.34	\$ 1,116.17	\$ 5.83	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$ 1,120.67	\$ 1,126.50	\$ 5.83	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 948.17	\$ 953.00	\$ 4.83	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$ 2,004.25	\$ 2,015.50	\$ 11.25	pf

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

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Living Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Standard				
22 years or over, at home	\$ 535.60	\$ 538.80	\$ 3.20	pf
Away from home				
22 years or over	\$ 535.60	\$ 538.80	\$ 3.20	pf
Independent single, no children				
22 years or over	\$ 535.60	\$ 538.80	\$ 3.20	pf
60 years or over	\$ 579.30	\$ 582.80	\$ 3.50	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
22 years or over	\$ 483.60	\$ 486.50	\$ 2.90	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$ 579.30	\$ 582.80	\$ 3.50	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
22 years or over	\$ 483.60	\$ 486.50	\$ 2.90	pf

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	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

Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Over 22 years				
Single, no children	\$ 1,358.84	\$ 1,364.17	\$ 5.33	pf
Partnered	\$ 1,270.67	\$ 1,275.50	\$ 4.83	pf
Single, with dependants	\$ 1,432.84	\$ 1,438.67	\$ 5.83	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$ 1,432.84	\$ 1,438.67	\$ 5.83	pf

Family Payments - Fortnightly

Parenting Payment Rates

		Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Under Age Pension age					
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$ 725.10	\$ 729.50	\$ 4.40	pf
	Supplement	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.10	\$ 0.10	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	-	pf
	Total	\$ 760.10	\$ 764.60	\$ 4.50	pf
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$ 483.60	\$ 486.50	\$ 2.90	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 7.90	\$ 7.90	-	pf
	Total	\$ 491.50	\$ 494.40	\$ 2.90	pf
Over Age Pension age					
		Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$ 725.10	\$ 729.50	\$ 4.40	pf
	Supplement	\$ 65.90	\$ 66.30	\$ 0.40	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.10	-	pf
	Total	\$ 805.10	\$ 809.90	\$ 4.80	pf
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$ 483.60	\$ 486.50	\$ 2.90	pf
	Supplement	\$ 49.70	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.30	pf
	Energy Supplement	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.60	-	pf
	Total	\$ 543.90	\$ 547.10	\$ 3.20	pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment[#]

		Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Partnered					
	Partner's Free Area	\$ 949.00	\$ 953.00	\$ 4.00	pf
	<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
	- customer's income must be less than	\$ 948.17	\$ 953.00	\$ 4.83	pf
	- partner's income must be less than	\$ 1,768.17	\$ 1,777.00	\$ 8.83	pf
	- combined income must be less than	\$ 1,897.17	\$ 1,906.00	\$ 8.83	pf
	<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
	couple's combined income must be less than	\$ 1,896.34	\$ 1,906.00	\$ 9.66	pf
Single					
	Income Free area	\$188.60	\$188.60	-	pf
	<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>				
	- under Age Pension age	\$ 2,088.85	\$ 2,100.10	\$ 11.25	pf
	- under Age Pension age, including PhA	\$ 2,104.35	\$ 2,115.60	\$ 11.25	pf

[#] Income cutouts for Allowance recipients of 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 Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 132.20	\$ 133.00	\$ 0.80	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 88.13	\$ 88.67	\$ 0.54	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 124.60	\$ 125.40	\$ 0.80	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 132.20	\$ 133.00	\$ 0.80	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 124.60	\$ 125.40	\$ 0.80	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 117.80	\$ 118.60	\$ 0.80	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 117.80	\$ 118.60	\$ 0.80	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 191.00	\$ 192.20	\$ 1.20	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 117.80	\$ 118.60	\$ 0.80	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 117.80	\$ 118.60	\$ 0.80	pf

Maximum payment if rent is

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, no children	\$ 294.07	\$ 295.93	\$ 1.86	pf
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 235.31	\$ 236.82	\$ 1.51	pf
Couple, no children	\$ 357.13	\$ 359.40	\$ 2.27	pf
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 294.07	\$ 295.93	\$ 1.86	pf
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 283.93	\$ 285.80	\$ 1.87	pf

Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

Maximum Payment per Fortnight

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 155.26	\$ 156.24	\$ 0.98	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 175.42	\$ 176.54	\$ 1.12	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 155.26	\$ 156.24	\$ 0.98	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 175.42	\$ 176.54	\$ 1.12	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$ 155.26	\$ 156.24	\$ 0.98	pf
3 or more children	\$ 175.42	\$ 176.54	\$ 1.12	pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 154.84	\$ 155.82	\$ 0.98	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 154.84	\$ 155.82	\$ 0.98	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 229.18	\$ 230.58	\$ 1.40	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 229.18	\$ 230.58	\$ 1.40	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$ 154.84	\$ 155.82	\$ 0.98	pf
3 or more children	\$ 154.84	\$ 155.82	\$ 0.98	pf

Maximum payment if rent is

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 361.85	\$ 364.14	\$ 2.29	pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$ 388.73	\$ 391.21	\$ 2.48	pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 436.19	\$ 438.90	\$ 2.71	pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 463.07	\$ 465.97	\$ 2.90	pf
Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
1 or 2 children	\$ 361.85	\$ 364.14	\$ 2.29	pf
3 or more children	\$ 388.73	\$ 391.21	\$ 2.48	pf

Miscellaneous Amounts

Telephone Allowance

	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 112.80	\$ 115.20	\$ 2.40	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 28.20	\$ 28.80	\$ 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

Req. Home Internet Access

	Previous Amount	20 September 2017	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 168.00	\$ 171.20	\$ 3.20	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.80	\$ 0.80	pq

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 2017	Increase	
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 617.20	\$ 620.80	\$ 3.60	pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 154.30	\$ 155.20	\$ 0.90	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 2017	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$ 543.00	\$ 546.00	\$ 3.00	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 939.00	\$ 943.00	\$ 4.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 939.00	\$ 943.00	\$ 4.00	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 2017	Increase	
Single (no children)	\$ 678.75	\$ 682.50	\$ 3.75	pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$ 1,173.75	\$ 1,178.75	\$ 5.00	pw
Single, one dependent child	\$ 1,173.75	\$ 1,178.75	\$ 5.00	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 2017	Increase	
Single*	\$ 52,796	\$ 53,799	\$ 1,003	pa
Partnered (ea)	\$ 42,236	\$ 43,038	\$ 802	pa
Couple (combined)	\$ 84,472	\$ 86,076	\$ 1,604	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 2017	Increase	
Single	\$ 1,242.00	\$ 1,248.67	\$ 6.67	pf
Single, principal carer of child	\$ 1,773.50	\$ 1,783.50	\$ 10.00	pf
Couple	\$ 1,142.67	\$ 1,148.84	\$ 6.17	pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$ 2,285.34	\$ 2,297.68	\$ 12.34	pf