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| **Pensions – Fortnightly** |  |  |  |  |
| **Adult Pension Rates** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single\* |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
|   | Base | $860.60 | $860.60 | - |  pf  |
|   | Supplement | $69.60 | $69.60 | - |  pf  |
|   | Energy Supplement | $14.10 | $14.10 | - |  pf  |
|   | Total | $944.30 | $944.30 | - |  pf  |
| Partnered (each) |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Base | $648.70 | $648.70 | - |  pf  |
|   | Supplement | $52.50 | $52.50 | - |  pf  |
|   | Energy Supplement | $10.60 | $10.60 | - |  pf  |
|   | Total | $711.80 | $711.80 | - |  pf  |
| *\* Also illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Adult Transitional Pension Rate** |  |  |  |  |
| **Resident in Australia** |  |   |   |   |   |
| Single |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
|   | Maximum Transitional Pension Rate | $775.20 | $775.20 | - |  pf  |
|   | Energy Supplement | $14.10 | $14.10 | - |  pf  |
|   | Total | $789.30 | $789.30 | - |  pf  |
| Partnered (each) |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Maximum Transitional Pension Rate | $626.20 | $626.20 | - |  pf  |
|   | Energy Supplement | $10.60 | $10.60 | - |  pf  |
|   | Total | $636.80 | $636.80 | - |  pf  |
| **Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks** |   |   |   |   |
| Single |   | $711.00 | $711.00 | - |  pf  |
| Partnered (each) |   | $594.30 | $594.30 | - |  pf  |
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| **Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single |   | $24.20 | $24.20 | - |  pf  |
| Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol | $24.20 | $24.20 | - |  pf  |
| Partnered (each) |   | $19.90 | $19.90 | - |  pf  |
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| **Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single |   | $37.40 | $37.40 | - |  pf  |
| Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol | $37.40 | $37.40 | - |  pf  |
| Partnered (each) |   | $28.20 | $28.20 | - |  pf  |
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| **Pension Disqualifying Income Limits** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single |   | $2,066.60 | $2,066.60 | - |  pf  |
| Couple (combined) |   | $3,163.20 | $3,163.20 | - |  pf  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | $4,093.20 | $4,093.20 | - |  pf  |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single |   | $1,947.60 | $1,947.60 | - |  pf  |
| Couple (combined) |   | $2,990.40 | $2,990.40 | - |  pf  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | $3,855.20 | $3,855.20 | - |  pf  |
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| **Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Transitional Pension Disqualifying Income Limits** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single |   | $2,151.25 | $2,151.25 | - |  pf  |
| Single + 1 dependent child | $2,175.85 | $2,175.85 | - |  pf  |
| Couple (combined) |   | $3,500.00 | $3,500.00 | - |  pf  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | $4,262.50 | $4,262.50 | - |  pf  |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single |   | $1,955.50 | $1,955.50 | - |  pf  |
| Single + 1 dependent child | $1,980.10 | $1,980.10 | - |  pf  |
| Couple (combined) |   | $3,287.50 | $3,287.50 | - |  pf  |
| Illness-separated (couple combined) | $3,871.00 | $3,871.00 | - |  pf  |
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| **Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits**  |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, homeowner |   | $583,000 | $583,000 | - |   |
| Single, non-homeowner | $797,500 | $797,500 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), homeowner | $876,500 | $876,500 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner | $1,091,000 | $1,091,000 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | $876,500 | $876,500 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,091,000 | $1,091,000 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | $1,031,500 | $1,031,500 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,246,000 | $1,246,000 | - |   |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, homeowner |  | $563,000 | $563,000 | - |   |
| Single, non-homeowner |  | $777,500 | $777,500 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), homeowner  | $847,500 | $847,500 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner  | $1,062,000 | $1,062,000 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | $847,500 | $847,500 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,062,000 | $1,062,000 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | $991,500 | $991,500 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,206,000 | $1,206,000 | - |   |
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| **Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation - Resident** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, homeowner |   | $531,250 | $531,250 | - |   |
| Single, non-homeowner | $745,750 | $745,750 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), homeowner | $826,500 | $826,500 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner | $1,041,000 | $1,041,000 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | $826,500 | $826,500 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,041,000 | $1,041,000 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | $928,000 | $928,000 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,142,500 | $1,142,500 | - |   |
| **Family Situation - Non-Resident** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, homeowner |   | $505,000 | $505,000 | - |   |
| Single, non-homeowner | $719,500 | $719,500 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), homeowner | $798,000 | $798,000 | - |   |
| Couple (combined), non-homeowner | $1,012,500 | $1,012,500 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner | $798,000 | $798,000 | - |   |
| One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,012,500 | $1,012,500 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner | $875,500 | $875,500 | - |   |
| Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner | $1,090,000 | $1,090,000 | - |   |
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| **Pensions – Fortnightly (continued)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Pension Bonus Scheme\*** |   |   |   |   |
| **Single** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Years (Bonus Periods) |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| 1 |   | $2,162.50 | $2,162.50 | - |   |
| 2 |   | $8,649.80 | $8,649.80 | - |   |
| 3 |   | $19,462.10 | $19,462.10 | - |   |
| 4 |   | $34,599.20 | $34,599.20 | - |   |
| 5 |   | $54,061.30 | $54,061.30 | - |   |
| **Partnered (each)** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Years (Bonus Periods) |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| 1 |   | $1,634.10 | $1,634.10 | - |   |
| 2 |   | $6,536.20 | $6,536.20 | - |   |
| 3 |   | $14,706.50 | $14,706.50 | - |   |
| 4 |   | $26,144.90 | $26,144.90 | - |   |
| 5 |   | $40,851.50 | $40,851.50 | - |   |
| *\*No new entrants post-20 September 2009.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single |   | $629.20 | $629.20 | - | pa  |
| Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol | $629.20 | $629.20 | - | pa  |
| Partnered (each) |   | $517.40 | $517.40 | - | pa  |
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| **Allowances – Fortnightly** |  |  |  |  |
| **Allowance Rates (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit)** |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 22 or over, no children | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, with children | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Single, 60 or over, after 9 months | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |   | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | $790.10 | $793.10 | $3.00 | pf |
| *\* Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Energy Supplement (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit)\*** |   |
| **Family Situation - under Age Pension age** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **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 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single |   | $14.10 | $14.10 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |   | $10.60 | $10.60 | - | pf |
| *\*Energy Supplement is not indexed.* |   |   |   |   |   |
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| **Pension Supplement for Allowance Recipients Over Age Pension Age (Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit, ABSTUDY)** |   |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single Allowance Supplement | $69.60 | $69.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered Allowance Supplement | $52.50 | $52.50 | - | pf |
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| **Allowances – Fortnightly (continued)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Income Limits for Adult Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Widow Allowance, Partner Allowance)#** |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, 22 or over, no children | $1,088.50 | $1,088.50 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, with children | $1,166.84 | $1,166.84 | - | pf |
| Single, 60 or over, after 9 months\* | $1,177.17 | $1,177.17 | - | pf |
| Partnered (each) |  | $995.50 | $995.50 | - | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children\* | $1,675.25 | $1,675.25 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test\* | $2,126.75 | $2,134.25 | $7.50 | pf |
| Single income couple (excluding JobSeeker Payment) | $1,860.50 | $1,860.50 | - | pf |
| Single income couple (JobSeeker Payment) | $3,070.80 | $3,070.80 | - | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |   |
| *#Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Partner Income Free Areas for Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Partner Allowance, Parenting Payment Partnered, Youth Allowance, Austudy)~** |
| Partner income test - partner income free area~ |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | $996.00 | $996.00 | - |  pf  |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | $944.00 | $944.00 | - |  pf  |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | $1,021.00 | $1,021.00 | - |  pf  |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* |  |  |  |  |
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| **Youth Allowance Rates** |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | $790.10 | $793.10 | $3.00 | pf |
| *\*Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Income Limits for Youth Allowance** |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | $1,508.00 | $1,513.00 | $5.00 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |   |   |   |   |   |
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| **ABSTUDY** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Living Allowance Rates** |  |  |  |   |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Standard |  |  |  |  |   |
| 22 years or over, at home | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| Away from home |  |  |  |  |   |
| 22 years or over |  | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| Independent single, no children |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $565.70 | $565.70 | - | pf |
| 60 years or over |   | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Independent partnered, no children |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |  | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
| Independent, single with dependent child |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |   | $612.00 | $612.00 | - | pf |
| Independent, partnered with dependent child |  |  |  |  |
| 22 years or over |   | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
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| **Energy Supplement for Living Allowance\*** |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **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 |
| *\*Energy Supplement is not indexed.* |  |  |   |   |   |
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| **ABSTUDY (continued)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Energy Supplement for Living Allowance (continued)\*** |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| *\*Energy Supplement is not indexed.* |  |  |   |   |   |
| **Personal Income Limits for Living Allowance** |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Over 22 years |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children |  | $1,409.00 | $1,409.00 | - | pf |
| Partnered |  | $1,316.00 | $1,316.00 | - | pf |
| Single, with dependants | $1,487.34 | $1,487.34 | - | pf |
| Aged 60 or over\* |  | $1,497.67 | $1,497.67 | - | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |   |
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| **Parenting Payment – Fortnightly** |  |  |  |  |
| **Parenting Payment Rates** |  |  |  |  |
| **Under Age Pension age** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single Parent | Base Pension | $765.90 | $768.90 | $3.00 | pf |
|   | Supplement  | $24.20 | $24.20 | - | pf |
|   | Energy Supplement | $12.00 | $12.00 | - | pf |
|   | Total | $802.10 | $805.10 | $3.00 | pf |
| Partnered Parents | Base Allowance | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
|   | Energy Supplement | $7.90 | $7.90 | - | pf |
|   | Total | $518.70 | $518.70 | - | pf |
| **Over Age Pension age** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single Parent | Base Pension | $765.90 | $768.90 | $3.00 | pf |
|   | Supplement  | $69.60 | $69.60 | - | pf |
|   | Energy Supplement | $14.10 | $14.10 | - | pf |
|   | Total | $849.60 | $852.60 | $3.00 | pf |
| Partnered | Base Allowance | $510.80 | $510.80 | - | pf |
|   | Supplement  | $52.50 | $52.50 | - | pf |
|   | Energy Supplement | $10.60 | $10.60 | - | pf |
|   | Total | $573.90 | $573.90 | - | pf |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Income Test for Parenting Payment#** |  |  |  |  |
| **Partnered** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Partner income free area | $996.00 | $996.00 | - | pf |
| *For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:*  |   |  |
| - recipient's income must be less than | $995.50 | $995.50 | - | pf |
| - partner's income must be less than | $1,860.50 | $1,860.50 | - | pf |
| - combined income must be less than | $1,991.50 | $1,991.50 | - | pf |
| *If partner is on pension,* |   |   |   |   |
| couple's combined income must be less than | $1,991.00 | $1,991.00 | - | pf |
| *#Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Parenting Payment – Fortnightly (continued)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Income Test for Parenting Payment (continued)#** |  |  |  |  |
| **Single\*** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Income Free area |   | $192.60 | $192.60 | - | pf |
| *Disqualifying Income Limits* |   |   |   |  |
| - under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance | $2,213.35 | $2,220.85 | $7.50 | pf |
| *\*Income free areas and income limits for parents with more than one child may differ from these amounts.* |   |   |   |
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| **Rent Assistance – for payments under the Social Security Act** |   |   |
| **Maximum Payment per Fortnight** |  |  |  |   |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, no children |   | $139.60 | $139.60 | - | pf |
| Single, no children, sharer | $93.07 | $93.07 | - | pf |
| Couple, no children |   | $131.60 | $131.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered, illness-separated, no children | $139.60 | $139.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered, temporarily separated, no children | $131.60 | $131.60 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Threshold** |   |  |  |  |   |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, no children |   | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
| Single, no children, sharer | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
| Couple, no children |   | $201.80 | $201.80 | - | pf |
| Partnered, illness-separated, no children | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
| Partnered, temporarily separated, no children | $124.60 | $124.60 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Ceiling** |   |  |  |  |   |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, no children |   | $310.73 | $310.73 | - | pf |
| Single, no children, sharer | $248.69 | $248.69 | - | pf |
| Couple, no children |   | $377.27 | $377.27 | - | pf |
| Partnered, illness-separated, no children | $310.73 | $310.73 | - | pf |
| Partnered, temporarily separated, no children | $300.07 | $300.07 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Assistance – for payments under the Family Assistance Act** |   |   |
| **Maximum Payment per Fortnight** |  |  |  |   |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, 1 or 2 children |   | $164.08 | $164.08 | - | pf |
| Single, 3 or more children | $185.36 | $185.36 | - | pf |
| Couple, 1 or 2 children |   | $164.08 | $164.08 | - | pf |
| Couple, 3 or more children | $185.36 | $185.36 | - | pf |
| **Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| 1 or 2 children |   | $164.08 | $164.08 | - | pf |
| 3 or more children |   | $185.36 | $185.36 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Threshold** |   |  |  |  |   |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, 1 or 2 children |   | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
| Single, 3 or more children | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
| Couple, 1 or 2 children |   | $241.92 | $241.92 | - | pf |
| Couple, 3 or more children | $241.92 | $241.92 | - | pf |
| **Couple, Illness-Separated, Temporarily Separated** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| 1 or 2 children |   | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
| 3 or more children |   | $163.52 | $163.52 | - | pf |
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| **Rent Assistance – for payments under the Family Assistance Act (continued)**  |   |
| **Rent Ceiling** |   |  |  |  |   |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single, 1 or 2 children |   | $382.29 | $382.29 | - | pf |
| Single, 3 or more children | $410.67 | $410.67 | - | pf |
| Couple, 1 or 2 children |   | $460.69 | $460.69 | - | pf |
| Couple, 3 or more children | $489.07 | $489.07 | - | pf |
| **Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated** | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| 1 or 2 children |   | $382.29 | $382.29 | - | pf |
| 3 or more children |   | $410.67 | $410.67 | - | pf |
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| **Miscellaneous Amounts** |   |   |   |   |
| **Telephone Allowance** |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Annual Payment (single or couple combined) | $120.80 | $120.80 | - | pa |
| Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined) | $30.20 | $30.20 | - | 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 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Annual Payment (single or couple combined) | $178.40 | $178.40 | - | pa |
| Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined) | $44.60 | $44.60 | - | 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 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Annual Amount (single or couple combined) | $652.00 | $652.00 | - | pa |
| Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined) | $163.00 | $163.00 | - | pq |
| *Individuals 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 prior to applying:** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation** |   | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single (no children) |   | $571.00 | $571.00 | - | pw |
| Couple, combined (no children)  | $985.00 | $985.00 | - | pw |
| Single, one dependent child  | $985.00 | $985.00 | - | pw |
| For each additional dependent child add | $34.00 | $34.00 | - | pw |
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| **Income limits for Health Care Cards (HCC)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Average weekly income for eight weeks prior to applying:** |   |   |   |   |
| **Family Situation** |  | **Previous Amount** | **20 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single (no children) |   | $713.75 | $713.75 | - | pw |
| Couple, combined (no children)  | $1,231.25 | $1,231.25 | - | pw |
| Single, one dependent child  | $1,231.25 | $1,231.25 | - | 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 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Single\* |   | $55,808 | $55,808 | - | pa |
| Partnered (each) |   | $44,645 | $44,645 | - | pa |
| Couple (combined) |   | $89,290 | $89,290 | - | pa |
| Additional amount for each dependent child of the person  | $639.60 | $639.60 | - | pa |
| *\* Also illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Out-of-session COVID-19 changes (25 September 2020)** |   |   |   |
| **JobSeeker Payment income test** |   |   |   |   |
| **JobSeeker Payment personal income thresholds** | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Income free area (non-single principal carers) | $106 | $300 | $194 | pf |
| Income free area (single principal carers) | $106 | $106 | - | pf |
| **JobSeeker Payment income limits** |  |  |  |   |
| Single, 22 or over, no children | $1,088.50 | $1,257.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, with children | $1,166.84 | $1,335.84 | $169.00 | pf |
| Single, 60 or over, after 9 months\* | $1,177.17 | $1,346.17 | $169.00 | pf |
| Partnered (each) |   | $995.50 | $1,164.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children\* | $1,675.25 | $1,675.25 | - | pf |
| Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test\* | $2,134.25 | $2,134.25 | - | pf |
| Single income couple |   | $3,070.80 | $3,086.11 | $15.31 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Youth Allowance (Other) income test** |  |  |  |  |
| **Personal income thresholds** |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |   |
| Income free area |  | $143 | $300 | $157 | pf |
| **Youth Allowance (Other) income limits** |  |  |  |  |   |
| Single, under 18, at home | $589.34 | $728.50 | $139.16 | pf |
| Single, 18 or over, at home | $676.17 | $815.34 | $139.17 | pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home, no children | $943.34 | $1,082.50 | $139.16 | pf |
| Partnered, with children |  | $1,020.17 | $1,159.34 | $139.17 | pf |
| Single, with children |  | $1,186.17 | $1,325.34 | $139.17 | pf |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test | $1,513.00 | $1,652.17 | $139.17 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Partner income free areas (JobSeeker Payment, Partner Allowance, Youth Allowance, Austudy)** |  |
|  |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | $996 | $1,165 | $169 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | $944 | $1,083 | $139 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | $1,021 | $1,160 | $139 | pf |
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| **Parenting Payment income test** |  |  |  |  |
| **Partnered** |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Partner income free area (partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age) | $996 | $1,165 | $169 | pf |
| **For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:** |  |  |   |
| - recipient's income must be less than | $995.50 | $995.50 | - | pf |
| - partner's income must be less than | $1,860.50 | $2,029.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| - combined income must be less than | $1,991.50 | $2,160.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| **If partner is on pension,** |  |  |  |  |   |
| couples combined income must be less than | $1,991.00 | $1,991.00 | - | pf |
| *#Income limits for recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* |   |   |   |   |
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| **Other changes** |  | **20 Sep 2020** | **25 Sep 2020** | **Increase** |  |
| Coronavirus Supplement |  | $550.00 | $250.00 | -$300.00 | pf |
| Adult allowance (excl JSP) single income couple income limit | $1,860.50 | $2,029.50 | $169.00 | pf |
| ABSTUDY partner income free area, aged 22 and over | $996 | $1,165 | $169 | pf |
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