

Youth Allowance	Previous amount	1 Jan 2018	Increase	
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate				
Family Situation				
Single, no children				
Under 18, at home	\$239.50	\$244.10	\$4.60	pf
Under 18, away from home	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
18 or over, away from home	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
18 or over, at home	\$288.10	\$293.60	\$5.50	pf
Single, with children	\$573.30	\$584.20	\$10.90	pf
Partnered, no children	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
Partnered, with children	\$480.50	\$489.60	\$9.10	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
Single, living at home	\$353.50	\$360.20	\$6.70	pf
Single, living away from home	\$531.60	\$541.70	\$10.10	pf
Partnered, no children	\$480.50	\$489.60	\$9.10	pf
<i>* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i>				
Income limits				
Full allowance income thresholds				
Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices)				
Personal income threshold	\$437.00	\$437.00	-	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$524.00	\$524.00	-	pf
Part allowance income limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$857.17	\$864.84	\$7.67	pf
Job seekers	\$566.50	\$574.17	\$7.67	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$939.34	\$948.50	\$9.16	pf
Job seekers	\$648.67	\$657.84	\$9.17	pf
Single or partnered, away from home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,192.34	\$1,206.17	\$13.83	pf
Job seekers	\$901.67	\$915.50	\$13.83	pf
Partnered, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,265.17	\$1,280.34	\$15.17	pf
Job seekers	\$974.50	\$989.67	\$15.17	pf
Single, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,422.34	\$1,440.50	\$18.16	pf
Job seekers	\$1,131.67	\$1,149.84	\$18.17	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
Single, living at home	\$1,050.17	\$1,061.34	\$11.17	pf
Single, living away from home	\$1,351.84	\$1,368.67	\$16.83	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,265.17	\$1,280.34	\$15.17	pf
<i>* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i>				
Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance				
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$51,903	\$52,706	\$803	pa
Maintenance Income Free Areas				
Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance	\$1,587.75	\$1,587.75	-	pa
For each additional child add	\$529.25	\$529.25	-	pa

Austudy	Previous amount	1 Jan 2018	Increase	
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate				
Family Situation				
Single	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
Single, with children	\$573.30	\$584.20	\$10.90	pf
Partnered, with children	\$480.50	\$489.60	\$9.10	pf
Partnered, no children	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
Special rate of Austudy Payment*				
Single, living away from home	\$531.60	\$541.70	\$10.10	pf
Partnered, no children	\$480.50	\$489.60	\$9.10	pf

* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.

Income limits				
Full allowance income thresholds				
Personal income threshold	\$437.00	\$437.00	-	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$524.00	\$524.00	-	pf
Part allowance income limits#				
Family Situation				
Single	\$1,192.34	\$1,206.17	\$13.83	pf
Single, with children	\$1,422.34	\$1,440.50	\$18.16	pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,265.17	\$1,280.34	\$15.17	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,192.34	\$1,206.17	\$13.83	pf
Special rate of Austudy Payment*				
Single, living away from home	\$1,351.84	\$1,368.67	\$16.83	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,265.17	\$1,280.34	\$15.17	pf

Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.

* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.

ABSTUDY	Previous amount	1 Jan 2018	Increase	
Basic rates of payment				
Living Allowance rates				
Family Situation				
Standard				
Under 16 years, tertiary	\$33.00	\$33.60	\$0.60	pf
16 to 17 years	\$239.50	\$244.10	\$4.60	pf
18 to 21 years	\$288.10	\$293.60	\$5.50	pf
Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid				
Under 16 years	\$239.50	\$244.10	\$4.60	pf
16 to 17 years	\$239.50	\$244.10	\$4.60	pf
18 to 21 years	\$288.10	\$293.60	\$5.50	pf
Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)				
Under 16 years	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
Away from home				
Under 16 years	\$239.50	\$244.10	\$4.60	pf
16 to 21 years	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
Independent single, no children				
Under 16 years	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$239.50	\$244.10	\$4.60	pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$239.50	\$244.10	\$4.60	pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$288.10	\$293.60	\$5.50	pf

ABSTUDY (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2018	Increase	
Independent partnered, no children				
Under 16 years	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$437.50	\$445.80	\$8.30	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$573.30	\$584.20	\$10.90	pf
16 to 21 years	\$573.30	\$584.20	\$10.90	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$480.50	\$489.60	\$9.10	pf
16 to 21 years	\$480.50	\$489.60	\$9.10	pf
Masters and Doctorate Students	\$1,023.40	\$1,038.80	\$15.40	pf
Income limits				
Part allowance income limits				
Family Situation				
Under 22 years				
Single, under 18 years, at home	\$857.17	\$864.84	\$7.67	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$939.34	\$948.50	\$9.16	pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,192.34	\$1,206.17	\$13.83	pf
Single with dependants	\$1,422.34	\$1,440.50	\$18.16	pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,265.17	\$1,280.34	\$15.17	pf
Personal Income Test for Living Allowance				
Family Situation				
Over 22 years				
Single, no children	\$1,364.17	\$1,364.17	-	pf
Partnered	\$1,275.50	\$1,275.50	-	pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,438.67	\$1,438.67	-	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,438.67	\$1,438.67	-	pf
Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY				
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$51,903.00	\$52,706.00	\$803.00	pa
Supplementary assistance				
School Fees Allowance (boarding)				
Maximum rate	\$10,417	\$10,615	\$198	pa
Non income testing component	\$8,095	\$8,249	\$154	pa
Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$84.60	\$86.20	\$1.60	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$148.30	\$151.10	\$2.80	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$294.90	\$300.50	\$5.60	pa
24 week to one year course	\$599.30	\$610.70	\$11.40	pa
Additional Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$145.60	\$148.40	\$2.80	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$288.40	\$293.90	\$5.50	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$576.50	\$587.50	\$11.00	pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,154.80	\$1,176.70	\$21.90	pa
Boarding Supplement				
Under 16 years	\$2,581.10	\$2,629.30	\$48.20	pa
Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs				
Maximum amount	\$4,761.00	\$4,851.00	\$90.00	pa

Other Student payments	Previous amount	1 Jan 2018	Increase	
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)				
Allowances				
Basic Boarding Allowance	\$8,095	\$8,249	\$154	pa
Additional Boarding Allowance	\$2,322	\$2,366	\$44	pa
Second Home Allowance	\$6,148	\$6,265	\$117	pa
Distance Education Allowance	\$4,047	\$4,124	\$77	pa
Thresholds and Limits				
Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$10,417	\$10,615	\$198	pa
Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$7,845	\$7,999	\$154	pa
Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$18,444	\$18,795	\$351	pa
Parental Income Test				
Parental income threshold	\$51,903	\$52,706	\$803	pa
Upper Income Limit	\$63,481	\$64,504	\$1,023	pa
Student Scholarships				
Student Relocation Scholarship				
Initial full payment	\$4,376.00	\$4,459.00	\$83.00	pa
Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,094.00	\$1,115.00	\$21.00	pa
Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,189.00	\$2,231.00	\$42.00	pa
Student Payment Parameters				
Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$10,900.00	\$10,900.00	-	pa
Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold	\$7,904.00	\$8,054.00	\$150.00	pa
Student Start-Up Payment				
Student Start-Up Loan Payment	\$1,035.00	\$1,055.00	\$20.00	pa
Disability Support Pension				
Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate including Youth Disability Supplement				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18				
Dependent	\$364.20	\$371.20	\$7.00	pf
Independent	\$562.20	\$572.90	\$10.70	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$412.80	\$420.70	\$7.90	pf
Independent	\$562.20	\$572.90	\$10.70	pf
Member of a couple	\$562.20	\$572.90	\$10.70	pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$124.70	\$127.10	\$2.40	pf
Under 21 with no dependent children: Income limits				
Income Limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18				
Dependent	\$920.60	\$934.60	\$14.00	pf
Independent	\$1,323.00	\$1,344.40	\$21.40	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$1,019.20	\$1,035.00	\$15.80	pf
Independent	\$1,323.00	\$1,344.40	\$21.40	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,597.60	\$2,640.40	\$42.80	pf

Disability Support Pension (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2018	Increase
Under 21 with no dependent children: Part pension assets limits			
Family Situation - Home Owners			
Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$379,250	\$381,750	\$2,500
Independent	\$446,250	\$450,000	\$3,750
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$395,750	\$398,250	\$2,500
Independent	\$446,250	\$450,000	\$3,750
Couple (combined)	\$763,500	\$771,000	\$7,500
Family Situation - Non-Home Owners			
Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$582,250	\$584,750	\$2,500
Independent	\$649,250	\$653,000	\$3,750
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$598,750	\$601,250	\$2,500
Independent	\$649,250	\$653,000	\$3,750
Couple (combined)	\$966,500	\$974,000	\$7,500

Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts	Previous amount	1 Jan 2018	Increase
Pharmaceutical Allowance			
Family Situation			
Single	\$6.20	\$6.20	- pf
Couple	\$3.10	\$3.10	- pf
Illness-separated	\$6.20	\$6.20	- pf
Double Orphan Pension Basic Rate			
Double Orphan Pension	\$62.60	\$63.80	\$1.20 pf
Carer Allowance - Rate			
Carer Allowance	\$124.70	\$127.10	\$2.40 pf
Carer Payment - Care Receivers Income and Asset Limits			
Income limit	\$109,917	\$112,006	\$2,089 pa
Lower asset limit	\$678,000	\$691,000	\$13,000
Higher asset limit	\$1,007,250	\$1,026,500	\$19,250
Mobility Allowance			
Standard rate - single or couple	\$94.10	\$95.90	\$1.80 pf
Increased rate - single or couple	\$131.60	\$134.10	\$2.50 pf
Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements)			
Child aged under 13	\$124.10	\$126.50	\$2.40 pf
Child aged 13 - 15	\$172.90	\$176.20	\$3.30 pf
Payment to single parent *	\$59.10	\$60.20	\$1.10 pf
* Formerly Guardian Allowance.			
Permissible Child Earnings Limits			
Dependent child under 16	\$205.30	\$209.20	\$3.90 pw
Dependent child 16 - 21	\$11,251.70	\$11,465.50	\$213.80 pa