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| **Youth Allowance** | **Previous amount** | 1 Jan 2024 | **Increase** |  |
| **Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum basic rate |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children |  |  |  |  |
| Under 18, living at home | $372.90 | $395.30 | $22.40 | pf |
| Under 18, living away from home | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| 18 or over, living away from home | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| 18 or over, living at home | $429.40 | $455.20 | $25.80 | pf |
| Single, with children | $760.40 | $806.00 | $45.60 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| Partnered, with children | $652.60 | $691.80 | $39.20 | pf |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living at home | $505.20 | $535.50 | $30.30 | pf |
| Single, living away from home | $711.90 | $754.60 | $42.70 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $652.60 | $691.80 | $39.20 | pf |
| *\*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* | | | | |
| **Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| Full allowance income thresholds |  |  |  |  |
| Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices) |  |  |  |  |
| Lower income threshold (income free area) | $480.00 | $509.00 | $29.00 | pf |
| Upper income threshold | $575.00 | $610.00 | $35.00 | pf |
| Part allowance income limits |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18, at home |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,123.84 | $1,191.17 | $67.33 | pf |
| Job seekers | $794.67 | $832.00 | $37.33 | pf |
| Single, 18 and over, at home |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,219.17 | $1,292.17 | $73.00 | pf |
| Job seekers | $890.00 | $933.00 | $43.00 | pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,512.17 | $1,602.50 | $90.33 | pf |
| Job seekers | $1,183.00 | $1,243.34 | $60.34 | pf |
| Partnered, with dependants |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,596.34 | $1,691.67 | $95.33 | pf |
| Job seekers | $1,267.17 | $1,332.50 | $65.33 | pf |
| Single, with dependants |  |  |  |  |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | $1,778.50 | $1,884.50 | $106.00 | pf |
| Job seekers | $1,449.34 | $1,525.34 | $76.00 | pf |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, living at home | $1,347.34 | $1,427.84 | $80.50 | pf |
| Single, living away from home | $1,696.67 | $1,797.84 | $101.17 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $1,596.34 | $1,691.67 | $95.33 | pf |
| *\*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* | | | | |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test\* | $1,814.67 | $1,815.00 | $0.33 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |
| Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced payment if income exceeds | $58,108 | $62,634 | $4,526 | pa |
| Maintenance income free areas |  |  |  |  |
| Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance | $1,883.40 | $1,883.40 | - | pa |
| For each additional child add | $627.80 | $627.80 | - | pa |
| Partner income test - partner income free area~ |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | $1,325.00 | $1,325.00 | - | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | $1,183.00 | $1,244.00 | $61.00 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | $1,268.00 | $1,333.00 | $65.00 | pf |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* |  |  |  |  |

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| **Austudy** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2024** | **Increase** |  |
| **Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum basic rate |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| Single, with children | $760.40 | $806.00 | $45.60 | pf |
| Partnered, with children | $652.60 | $691.80 | $39.20 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| Special rate\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children | $711.90 | $754.60 | $42.70 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $652.60 | $691.80 | $39.20 | pf |
| *\*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.* | | | | |
| **Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| Full allowance income thresholds |  |  |  |  |
| Lower income threshold (income free area) | $480.00 | $509.00 | $29.00 | pf |
| Upper income threshold | $575.00 | $610.00 | $35.00 | pf |
| Part allowance income limits# |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single | $1,512.17 | $1,602.50 | $90.33 | pf |
| Single, with children | $1,778.50 | $1,884.50 | $106.00 | pf |
| Partnered, with children | $1,596.34 | $1,691.67 | $95.33 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $1,512.17 | $1,602.50 | $90.33 | pf |
| Special rate\* |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children | $1,696.67 | $1,797.84 | $101.17 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | $1,596.34 | $1,691.67 | $95.33 | 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.* | | | | |
| Partner income test - partner income free area~ |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | $1,325.00 | $1,325.00 | - | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | $1,183.00 | $1,244.00 | $61.00 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | $1,268.00 | $1,333.00 | $65.00 | pf |
| *~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.* |  |  |  |  |

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| **ABSTUDY** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2024** | **Increase** |  |
| **Basic rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Living Allowance rates |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Standard |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years, tertiary | $38.20 | $40.50 | $2.30 | pf |
| 16 to 17 years | $372.90 | $395.30 | $22.40 | pf |
| 18 to 21 years | $429.40 | $455.20 | $25.80 | pf |
| Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $372.90 | $395.30 | $22.40 | pf |
| 16 to 17 years | $372.90 | $395.30 | $22.40 | pf |
| 18 to 21 years | $429.40 | $455.20 | $25.80 | pf |
| Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid) |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| Away from home |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| Independent single, no children |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| Under 16 years, at home | $372.90 | $395.30 | $22.40 | pf |
| 16 to 17 years, at home | $372.90 | $395.30 | $22.40 | pf |
| 18 to 21 years, at home | $429.40 | $455.20 | $25.80 | pf |
| Independent partnered, no children |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $602.80 | $639.00 | $36.20 | pf |
| Independent, single with dependent child |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $760.40 | $806.00 | $45.60 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $760.40 | $806.00 | $45.60 | pf |
| Independent, partnered with dependent child |  |  |  |  |
| Under 16 years | $652.60 | $691.80 | $39.20 | pf |
| 16 to 21 years | $652.60 | $691.80 | $39.20 | pf |
| Masters and Doctorate Students | $1,145.40 | $1,231.40 | $86.00 | pf |
| **Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| Part allowance income limits |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Under 22 years |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 years, at home | $1,123.84 | $1,191.17 | $67.33 | pf |
| Single, 18 and over, at home | $1,219.17 | $1,292.17 | $73.00 | pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants | $1,512.17 | $1,602.50 | $90.33 | pf |
| Single with dependants | $1,778.50 | $1,884.50 | $106.00 | pf |
| Partnered with dependants | $1,596.34 | $1,691.67 | $95.33 | pf |
| Over 22 years |  |  |  |  |
| Single, no children | $1,759.17 | $1,789.17 | $30.00 | pf |
| Partnered | $1,652.34 | $1,682.34 | $30.00 | pf |
| Single, with dependants | $1,849.17 | $1,879.17 | $30.00 | pf |
| Aged 55 or over | $1,860.17 | $1,890.50 | $30.33 | pf |
| **Partner income test – partner income free area** |  |  |  |  |
| Partner aged 22 and over, no dependent children | $1,325.00 | $1,325.00 | - | pf |
| **Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY** |  |  |  |  |
| Reduced payment if income exceeds | $58,108.00 | $62,634.00 | $4,526.00 | pa |

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| **ABSTUDY - Supplementary assistance** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2024** | **Increase** |  |
| School Fees Allowance (boarding) |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum rate | $12,091 | $12,816 | $725 | pa |
| Non-income tested component | $9,396 | $9,960 | $564 | pa |
| Incidentals Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 12 week course | $98.10 | $104.00 | $5.90 | pa |
| 12 to 16 week course | $172.20 | $182.50 | $10.30 | pa |
| 17 to 23 week course | $342.30 | $362.80 | $20.50 | pa |
| 24 week to one year course | $695.70 | $737.40 | $41.70 | pa |
| Additional Incidentals Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 12 week course | $169.00 | $179.10 | $10.10 | pa |
| 12 to 16 week course | $334.90 | $355.00 | $20.10 | pa |
| 17 to 23 week course | $669.20 | $709.40 | $40.20 | pa |
| 24 week to one year course | $1,340.40 | $1,420.80 | $80.40 | pa |
| Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum amount | $5,526.00 | $5,858.00 | $332.00 | pa |
| Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarship value | $6,694.00 | $7,096.00 | $402.00 | pa |
| Supplementary Masters and Doctorate allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Thesis Allowance one-off payment |  |  |  |  |
| Masters thesis | $420 | $420 | - | ea |
| Doctorate thesis | $840 | $840 | - | ea |
| Relocation Allowance | $1,520 | $1,520 | - | pa |
| **Other Student payments** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2024** | **Increase** |  |
| **Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)** |  |  |  |  |
| Allowances |  |  |  |  |
| Basic Boarding Allowance | $9,396 | $9,960 | $564 | pa |
| Additional Boarding Allowance | $2,695 | $2,856 | $161 | pa |
| Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance | $12,091 | $12,816 | $725 | pa |
| Second Home Allowance | $7,136 | $7,564 | $428 | pa |
| Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children) | $21,408 | $22,692 | $1,284 | pa |
| Distance Education Allowance | $4,698 | $4,980 | $282 | pa |
| Thresholds and Limits |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance | $9,146 | $9,710 | $564 | pa |
| Parental income test |  |  |  |  |
| Parental income threshold | $58,108 | $62,634 | $4,526 | pa |
| **Other student payments** |  |  |  |  |
| Student Relocation Scholarship |  |  |  |  |
| Initial full payment | $5,080 | $5,385 | $305 | pa |
| Subsequent payment - metropolitan | $1,269 | $1,345 | $76 | pa |
| Subsequent payment - regional/remote | $2,541 | $2,693 | $152 | pa |
| Student payment parameters |  |  |  |  |
| Student Income Bank Balance Threshold | $12,000 | $12,700 | $700 | pa |
| Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold | $9,174 | $9,724 | $550 | pa |
| Student Start-Up Loan |  |  |  |  |
| Student Start-Up Loan | $1,201 | $1,273 | $72 | ba |

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| **Disability Support Pension - under 21**  **with no dependent children** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2024** | **Increase** |  |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment** |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum basic rate including Youth Disability Supplement |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $517.70 | $548.80 | $31.10 | pf |
| Independent | $747.60 | $792.50 | $44.90 | pf |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $574.20 | $608.70 | $34.50 | pf |
| Independent | $747.60 | $792.50 | $44.90 | pf |
| Member of a couple | $747.60 | $792.50 | $44.90 | pf |
| Youth Disability Supplement | $144.80 | $153.50 | $8.70 | pf |
| *Note: recipients typically also receive Pharmaceutical Allowance (see rates below).* |  |  |  |  |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Income test** |  |  |  |  |
| **Income Limits** |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $1,264.40 | $1,327.00 | $62.60 | pf |
| Independent | $1,730.60 | $1,820.80 | $90.20 | pf |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $1,378.80 | $1,448.20 | $69.40 | pf |
| Independent | $1,730.60 | $1,820.80 | $90.20 | pf |
| Couple (combined) | $3,400.00 | $3,580.00 | $180.00 | pf |
| **Under 21 with no dependent children: Assets test** |  |  |  |  |
| Part pension asset limits |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation - Homeowners** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $478,500 | $489,000 | $10,500 |  |
| Independent | $556,250 | $571,250 | $15,000 |  |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $497,750 | $509,250 | $11,500 |  |
| Independent | $556,250 | $571,250 | $15,000 |  |
| Couple (combined) | $958,500 | $988,500 | $30,000 |  |
| **Family Situation - Non-Homeowners** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, under 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $720,500 | $731,000 | $10,500 |  |
| Independent | $798,250 | $813,250 | $15,000 |  |
| Single, 18 - 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent | $739,750 | $751,250 | $11,500 |  |
| Independent | $798,250 | $813,250 | $15,000 |  |
| Couple (combined) | $1,200,500 | $1,230,500 | $30,000 |  |

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| **Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts** | **Previous amount** | **1 Jan 2024** | **Increase** |  |
| Pharmaceutical Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single | $6.60 | $6.80 | $0.20 | pf |
| Couple | $3.30 | $3.40 | $0.10 | pf |
| Illness-separated | $6.60 | $6.80 | $0.20 | pf |
| Double Orphan Pension - Rate |  |  |  |  |
| Double Orphan Pension | $72.60 | $77.00 | $4.40 | pf |
| Carer Allowance - Rate |  |  |  |  |
| Carer Allowance | $144.80 | $153.50 | $8.70 | pf |
| Carer Payment - Care Receiver Income and Asset Limits |  |  |  |  |
| Income limit | $127,962 | $135,640 | $7,678 | pa |
| Lower asset limit | $789,500 | $836,750 | $47,250 |  |
| Higher asset limit | $1,172,750 | $1,243,000 | $70,250 |  |
| Mobility Allowance |  |  |  |  |
| Standard rate - single or couple | $109.30 | $115.90 | $6.60 | pf |
| Increased rate - single or couple | $152.80 | $162.00 | $9.20 | pf |
| Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements) | | | | |
| Child aged under 13 | $144.20 | $152.90 | $8.70 | pf |
| Child aged 13 - 15 | $200.70 | $212.70 | $12.00 | pf |
| Payment to single parent | $68.60 | $72.70 | $4.10 | pf |
| *Formerly Guardian Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |
| Permissible Child Earnings Limits |  |  |  |  |
| Dependent child under 16 | $238.30 | $252.60 | $14.30 | pw |
| Dependent child 16 - 21 | $13,060.80 | $13,844.45 | $783.65 | pa |
| Income Test for Parenting Payment - Single#\* |  |  |  |  |
| **Disqualifying Income Limits** |  |  |  |  |
| Under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance | $2,686.60 | $2,687.10 | $0.50 | pf |
| *# Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.* |  |  |  |  |
| *\*Income free areas and income limits for parents with more than one child differ from these amounts.* |  |  |  |  |
| Income Limits for JobSeeker Payment |  |  |  |  |
| **Family Situation** |  |  |  |  |
| Single, 55 or over, after 9 months\* | $1,532.00 | $1,532.34 | $0.34 | pf |
| Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children\* | $2,196.50 | $2,197.00 | $0.50 | pf |
| Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test\* | $2,622.00 | $2,622.50 | $0.50 | pf |
| *\*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.* |  |  |  |  |