

Youth Allowance	Previous amount	1 Jan 2016	Increase	
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate				
Family Situation				
Single, no children				
Under 18, at home	\$233.60	\$237.10	\$3.50	pf
Under 18, away from home	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
18 or over, away from home	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
18 or over, at home	\$281.00	\$285.20	\$4.20	pf
Single, with children				
Partnered, no children	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
Partnered, with children	\$468.70	\$475.70	\$7.00	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
Single, living at home	\$344.80	\$350.00	\$5.20	pf
Single, living away from home	\$518.50	\$526.30	\$7.80	pf
Partnered, no children	\$468.70	\$475.70	\$7.00	pf
<i>* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i>				
Income limits				
Full allowance income limits				
Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices)				
Personal income threshold	\$427.00	\$433.00	\$6.00	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$512.00	\$519.00	\$7.00	pf
Part allowance income limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$837.00	\$849.00	\$12.00	pf
Job seekers	\$556.67	\$562.50	\$5.83	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$917.17	\$930.34	\$13.17	pf
Job seekers	\$636.84	\$643.84	\$7.00	pf
Single or partnered, away from home				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,164.17	\$1,181.00	\$16.83	pf
Job seekers	\$883.84	\$894.50	\$10.66	pf
Partnered, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,235.17	\$1,253.00	\$17.83	pf
Job seekers	\$954.84	\$966.50	\$11.66	pf
Single, with dependants				
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,388.50	\$1,408.67	\$20.17	pf
Job seekers	\$1,108.17	\$1,122.17	\$14.00	pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*				
single, living at home	\$1,025.34	\$1,040.17	\$14.83	pf
single, living away from home	\$1,319.67	\$1,338.84	\$19.17	pf
partnered, no children	\$1,235.17	\$1,253.00	\$17.83	pf
<i>* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i>				
Parental income limit for Youth Allowance				
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$50,151	\$51,027	\$876	pa

Austudy	Previous amount	1 Jan 2016	Increase	
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate				
Family Situation				
Single	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
Single, with children	\$559.20	\$567.60	\$8.40	pf
Partnered, with children	\$468.70	\$475.70	\$7.00	pf
Partnered, no children	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
Special rate of Austudy Payment*				
single, living away from home	\$518.50	\$526.30	\$7.80	pf
partnered, no children	\$468.70	\$475.70	\$7.00	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 limits				
Personal income threshold	\$427.00	\$433.00	\$6.00	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$512.00	\$519.00	\$7.00	pf
Part allowance income limits #				
Family Situation				
Single	\$1,164.17	\$1,181.00	\$16.83	pf
Single, with children	\$1,388.50	\$1,408.67	\$20.17	pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,235.17	\$1,253.00	\$17.83	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,164.17	\$1,181.00	\$16.83	pf
Special rate of Austudy Payment*				
Single, living away from home	\$1,319.67	\$1,338.84	\$19.17	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,235.17	\$1,253.00	\$17.83	pf
# Income limits for Allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.				
* For long-term unemployed or migrant English students 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.				

ABSTUDY	Previous amount	1 Jan 2016	Increase	
Basic rates of payment				
Living Allowance rates				
Family Situation				
Standard				
Under 16 years, tertiary	\$32.20	\$32.70	\$0.50	pf
16 to 17 years	\$233.60	\$237.10	\$3.50	pf
18 to 21 years	\$281.00	\$285.20	\$4.20	pf
Standard, in State Care and Foster Care Allowance paid				
Under 16 years	\$233.60	\$237.10	\$3.50	pf
16 to 17 years	\$233.60	\$237.10	\$3.50	pf
18 to 21 years	\$281.00	\$285.20	\$4.20	pf
Standard, in State Care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)				
Under 16 years	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf

ABSTUDY (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2016	Increase	
Away from home				
Under 16 years	\$233.60	\$237.10	\$3.50	pf
16 to 21 years	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
Independent single, no children				
Under 16 years	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$233.60	\$237.10	\$3.50	pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$233.60	\$237.10	\$3.50	pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$281.00	\$285.20	\$4.20	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
Under 16 years	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$426.80	\$433.20	\$6.40	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$559.20	\$567.60	\$8.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$559.20	\$567.60	\$8.40	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$468.70	\$475.70	\$7.00	pf
16 to 21 years	\$468.70	\$475.70	\$7.00	pf
Masters and Doctorate Students	\$991.50	\$1,005.60	\$14.10	pf

Income limits

Part allowance income limits

Family Situation

Under 22 years

Single, under 18 years, at home	\$837.00	\$849.00	\$12.00	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$917.17	\$930.34	\$13.17	pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,164.17	\$1,181.00	\$16.83	pf
Single with dependants	\$1,388.50	\$1,408.67	\$20.17	pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,235.17	\$1,253.00	\$17.83	pf

Supplementary assistance

School Fees Allowance (boarding)

Maximum rate (subject to income test)	\$9,407	\$9,548	\$141	pa
Income test-free	\$7,897	\$8,015	\$118	pa

Incidentals Allowance

Less than 12 week course	\$82.60	\$83.80	\$1.20	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$144.60	\$146.80	\$2.20	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$287.70	\$292.00	\$4.30	pa
24 week to one year course	\$584.60	\$593.40	\$8.80	pa

Additional Incidentals Allowance

Less than 12 week course	\$142.10	\$144.20	\$2.10	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$281.30	\$285.50	\$4.20	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$562.40	\$570.80	\$8.40	pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,126.50	\$1,143.40	\$16.90	pa

Boarding Supplement

Under 16 years	\$2,518.50	\$2,563.30	\$44.80	ba
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Other Student payments	Previous amount	1 Jan 2016	Increase	
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)				
Allowances				
Basic Boarding Allowance	\$7,897	\$8,015	\$118	pa
Additional Boarding Allowance	\$1,510	\$1,533	\$23	pa
Second Home Allowance	\$5,997	\$6,087	\$90	pa
Distance Education Allowance	\$3,948	\$4,007	\$59	pa
Thresholds and Limits				
Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$9,407	\$9,548	\$141	pa
Maximum boarding change threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$7,647	\$7,765	\$118	pa
Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$17,991	\$18,261	\$270	pa
Parental Income Test				
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$50,151	\$51,027	\$876	pa
Upper Income Limit	\$57,680	\$58,649	\$969	pa
Student Scholarships				
Student Relocation Scholarship				
Initial full payment	\$4,269.00	\$4,333.00	\$64.00	pa
Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,067.00	\$1,083.00	\$16.00	pa
Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,135.00	\$2,167.00	\$32.00	pa
Student Payments and Parameters				
Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$10,600.00	\$10,800.00	\$200.00	pa
Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold	\$7,710.00	\$7,826.00	\$116.00	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	\$355.30	\$360.60	\$5.30	pf
independent	\$548.50	\$556.70	\$8.20	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$402.70	\$408.70	\$6.00	pf
independent	\$548.50	\$556.70	\$8.20	pf
Member of a couple	\$548.50	\$556.70	\$8.20	pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$121.70	\$123.50	\$1.80	pf
Under 21 with no dependent children: Income limits				
Income Limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18				
dependent	\$896.80	\$907.40	\$10.60	pf
independent	\$1,289.60	\$1,306.00	\$16.40	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$993.00	\$1,005.00	\$12.00	pf
independent	\$1,289.60	\$1,306.00	\$16.40	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,530.80	\$2,563.60	\$32.80	pf

Disability Support Pension (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2016	Increase	
Assets Limits				
Family Situation - Homeowners				
Single, under 18				
dependent	\$450,500	\$454,000	\$3,500	
independent	\$581,500	\$587,000	\$5,500	
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$482,500	\$486,500	\$4,000	
independent	\$581,500	\$587,000	\$5,500	
Couple (combined)	\$1,039,500	\$1,050,500	\$11,000	
Family Situation - Non-Homeowners				
Single, under 18				
dependent	\$599,500	\$603,000	\$3,500	
independent	\$730,500	\$736,000	\$5,500	
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$631,500	\$635,500	\$4,000	
independent	\$730,500	\$736,000	\$5,500	
Couple (combined)	\$1,188,500	\$1,199,500	\$11,000	
Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts				
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	\$61.10	\$62.00	\$0.90	pf
Carer Allowance - Rate				
Carer Allowance	\$121.70	\$123.50	\$1.80	pf
Carer Payment – Care Receivers Income and Asset Limits				
Income limit	\$107,219	\$108,828	\$1,609	pa
Lower asset limit	\$661,250	\$671,250	\$10,000	
Higher asset limit	\$982,500	\$997,250	\$14,750	
Mobility Allowance				
Standard rate - single or couple	\$91.80	\$93.20	\$1.40	pf
Increased rate - single or couple	\$128.40	\$130.30	\$1.90	pf
Additional Child Amounts (Paid under some social security agreements)				
Child aged under 13	\$121.10	\$122.90	\$1.80	pf
Child aged 13 - 15	\$168.70	\$171.20	\$2.50	pf
Payment to unpartnered parent *	\$57.60	\$58.50	\$0.90	pf
* Formerly Guardians Allowance.				
Permissible Child Earnings Limits				
Dependent child under 16	\$200.25	\$203.25	\$3.00	pw
Dependent child 16 - 21	\$10,975.65	\$11,140.30	\$164.65	pa