

Youth Allowance

Previous amount 1 January 2017 Increase

Maximum rates of payment

Maximum Basic Rate

Family Situation

Single, no children

Under 18, at home	\$237.10	\$239.50	\$2.40	pf
Under 18, away from home	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
18 or over, away from home	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
18 or over, at home	\$285.20	\$288.10	\$2.90	pf

Single, with children

Partnered, no children	\$567.60	\$573.30	\$5.70	pf
Partnered, with children	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
	\$475.70	\$480.50	\$4.80	pf

Special rate of Youth Allowance*

Single, living at home	\$350.00	\$353.50	\$3.50	pf
Single, living away from home	\$526.30	\$531.60	\$5.30	pf
Partnered, no children	\$475.70	\$480.50	\$4.80	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

Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices)

Personal income threshold	\$433.00	\$437.00	\$4.00	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$519.00	\$524.00	\$5.00	pf

Part allowance income limits

Family Situation

Single, under 18, at home

Students and Australian Apprentices	\$849.00	\$857.17	\$8.17	pf
Job seekers	\$562.50	\$566.50	\$4.00	pf

Single, 18 and over, at home

Students and Australian Apprentices	\$930.34	\$939.34	\$9.00	pf
Job seekers	\$643.84	\$648.67	\$4.83	pf

Single or partnered, away from home

Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,181.00	\$1,192.34	\$11.34	pf
Job seekers	\$894.50	\$901.67	\$7.17	pf

Partnered, with dependants

Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,253.00	\$1,265.17	\$12.17	pf
Job seekers	\$966.50	\$974.50	\$8.00	pf

Single, with dependants

Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,408.67	\$1,422.34	\$13.67	pf
Job seekers	\$1,122.17	\$1,131.67	\$9.50	pf

Special rate of Youth Allowance*

single, living at home	\$1,040.17	\$1,050.17	\$10.00	pf
single, living away from home	\$1,338.84	\$1,351.84	\$13.00	pf
partnered, no children	\$1,253.00	\$1,265.17	\$12.17	pf

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

Parental income limit for Youth Allowance

Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$51,027	\$51,903	\$876	pa
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Maintenance Income Free Areas

Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance		\$1,565.85	\$1,565.85	pa
For each additional child add		\$521.95	\$521.95	pa

Austudy	Previous amount	1 January 2017	Increase	
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate				
Family Situation				
Single	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
Single, with children	\$567.60	\$573.30	\$5.70	pf
Partnered, with children	\$475.70	\$480.50	\$4.80	pf
Partnered, no children	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
Maximum rates of payment				
Maximum Basic Rate				
Family Situation				
Special rate of Austudy Payment*				
single, living away from home	\$526.30	\$531.60	\$5.30	pf
partnered, no children	\$475.70	\$480.50	\$4.80	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	\$433.00	\$437.00	\$4.00	pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$519.00	\$524.00	\$5.00	pf
Part allowance income limits #				
Family Situation				
Single	\$1,181.00	\$1,192.34	\$11.34	pf
Single, with children	\$1,408.67	\$1,422.34	\$13.67	pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,253.00	\$1,265.17	\$12.17	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,181.00	\$1,192.34	\$11.34	pf
Special rate of Austudy Payment*				
Single, living away from home	\$1,338.84	\$1,351.84	\$13.00	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,253.00	\$1,265.17	\$12.17	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 January 2017	Increase	
Basic rates of payment				
Living Allowance rates				
Family Situation				
Standard				
Under 16 years, tertiary	\$32.70	\$33.00	\$0.30	pf
16 to 17 years	\$237.10	\$239.50	\$2.40	pf
18 to 21 years	\$285.20	\$288.10	\$2.90	pf
Standard, in State care and Foster Care Allowance paid				
Under 16 years	\$237.10	\$239.50	\$2.40	pf
16 to 17 years	\$237.10	\$239.50	\$2.40	pf
18 to 21 years	\$285.20	\$288.10	\$2.90	pf
Standard, in State Care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)				
Under 16 years	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
Away from home				
Under 16 years	\$237.10	\$239.50	\$2.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
Independent single, no children				
Under 16 years	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$237.10	\$239.50	\$2.40	pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$237.10	\$239.50	\$2.40	pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$285.20	\$288.10	\$2.90	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
Under 16 years	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$433.20	\$437.50	\$4.30	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$567.60	\$573.30	\$5.70	pf
16 to 21 years	\$567.60	\$573.30	\$5.70	pf

ABSTUDY (continued)	Previous amount	1 January 2017	Increase	
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$475.70	\$480.50	\$4.80	pf
16 to 21 years	\$475.70	\$480.50	\$4.80	pf
Masters and Doctorate Students	\$1,005.60	\$1,023.40	\$17.80	pf
Income limits				
Part allowance income limits				
Family Situation				
Under 22 years				
Single, under 18 years, at home	\$849.00	\$857.17	\$8.17	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$930.34	\$939.34	\$9.00	pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,181.00	\$1,192.34	\$11.34	pf
Single with dependants	\$1,408.67	\$1,422.34	\$13.67	pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,253.00	\$1,265.17	\$12.17	pf
Personal Income Test for Living Allowance				
Family Situation				
Over 22 years				
Single, no children	\$1,343.17	\$1,347.34	\$4.17	pf
Partnered	\$1,256.17	\$1,260.34	\$4.17	pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,416.34	\$1,420.50	\$4.16	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,416.34	\$1,420.50	\$4.16	pf
Parental income limit for ABSTUDY				
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$51,027.00	\$51,903.00	\$876.00	pf
Maintenance Income Free Areas				
Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance income		\$1,565.85	\$1,565.85	pa
For each additional child add		\$521.95	\$521.95	pa
Supplementary assistance				
School Fees Allowance (boarding)				
Maximum rate (subject to income test)	\$9,548	\$10,417	\$869	pa
Income test-free	\$8,015	\$8,095	\$80	pa
Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$83.80	\$84.60	\$0.80	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$146.80	\$148.30	\$1.50	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$292.00	\$294.90	\$2.90	pa
24 week to one year course	\$593.40	\$599.30	\$5.90	pa
Additional Incidentals Allowance				
Less than 12 week course	\$144.20	\$145.60	\$1.40	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$285.50	\$288.40	\$2.90	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$570.80	\$576.50	\$5.70	pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,143.40	\$1,154.80	\$11.40	pa
Boarding Supplement				
Under 16 years	\$2,563.30	\$2,581.10	\$17.80	ba
Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs				
Maximum amount	\$4,714.00	\$4,761.00	\$47.00	pa
Other Student payments				
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)				
Allowances				
Basic Boarding Allowance	\$8,015	\$8,095	\$80	pa
Additional Boarding Allowance	\$1,533	\$2,322	\$789	pa
Second Home Allowance	\$6,087	\$6,148	\$61	pa
Distance Education Allowance	\$4,007	\$4,047	\$40	pa
Thresholds and Limits				
Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$9,548	\$10,417	\$869	pa
Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$7,765	\$7,845	\$80	pa
Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$18,261	\$18,444	\$183	pa

Other Student payments (continued)	Previous amount	1 January 2017	Increase	
Parental Income Test				
Reduced payment if income exceeds Upper Income Limit	\$51,027	\$51,903	\$876	pa
	\$58,649	\$63,481	\$4,832	pa
Maintenance Income Free Areas				
Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance income		\$1,565.85	\$1,565.85	pa
For each additional child add		\$521.95	\$521.95	pa
Student Scholarships				
Student Relocation Scholarship				
Initial full payment	\$4,333.00	\$4,376.00	\$43.00	pa
Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,083.00	\$1,094.00	\$11.00	pa
Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,167.00	\$2,189.00	\$22.00	pa
Student Payments and Parameters				
Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$10,800.00	\$10,900.00	\$100.00	pa
Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold	\$7,826.00	\$7,904.00	\$78.00	pa
Student Start-Up Payment				
Student Start-Up Scholarship Payment	\$1,025.00	\$1,035.00	\$10.00	ba
Student Start-Up Loan Payment	\$1,025.00	\$1,035.00	\$10.00	ba
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	\$360.60	\$364.20	\$3.60	pf
independent	\$556.70	\$562.20	\$5.50	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$408.70	\$412.80	\$4.10	pf
independent	\$556.70	\$562.20	\$5.50	pf
Member of a couple	\$556.70	\$562.20	\$5.50	pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$123.50	\$124.70	\$1.20	pf
Under 21 with no dependent children: Income limits				
Income Limits				
Family Situation				
Single, under 18				
dependent	\$909.40	\$916.60	\$7.20	pf
independent	\$1,308.00	\$1,319.00	\$11.00	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$1,007.00	\$1,015.20	\$8.20	pf
independent	\$1,308.00	\$1,319.00	\$11.00	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,567.60	\$2,589.60	\$22.00	pf
Asset Limits				
Family Situation - Home Owners				
Single, under 18				
dependent	\$457,500	\$375,500	(\$82,000)	
independent	\$590,500	\$442,500	(\$148,000)	
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$490,000	\$392,000	(\$98,000)	
independent	\$590,500	\$442,500	(\$148,000)	
Couple (combined)	\$1,055,500	\$758,000	(\$297,500)	
Family Situation - Non-Home Owners				
Single, under 18				
dependent	\$609,000	\$575,500	(\$33,500)	
independent	\$742,000	\$642,500	(\$99,500)	
Single, 18 - 20				
dependent	\$641,500	\$592,000	(\$49,500)	
independent	\$742,000	\$642,500	(\$99,500)	
Couple (combined)	\$1,207,000	\$958,000	(\$249,000)	

Pension asset limits	Previous amount	1 January 2017	Increase
Adult pensions - Full pension assets limits			
Home owners			
Single	\$209,000	\$250,000	\$41,000
Couple (combined)	\$296,500	\$375,000	\$78,500
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$296,500	\$375,000	\$78,500
Non-home owners			
Single	\$360,500	\$450,000	\$89,500
Couple (combined)	\$448,000	\$575,000	\$127,000
Illness separated (couple combined)	\$448,000	\$575,000	\$127,000
Retirement village and granny flat residents			
Extra allowable amount	\$151,500	\$200,000	\$48,500
Adult pensions - Part pension assets limits			
Family Situation - Resident			
Single, home owner	\$793,750	\$542,500	(\$251,250)
Single, non-home owner	\$945,250	\$742,500	(\$202,750)
Couple (combined), home owner	\$1,178,500	\$816,000	(\$362,500)
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,330,000	\$1,016,000	(\$314,000)
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$1,178,500	\$816,000	(\$362,500)
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,330,000	\$1,016,000	(\$314,000)
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$1,466,000	\$960,000	(\$506,000)
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,617,500	\$1,160,000	(\$457,500)
Family situation - Non-Resident			
Single, home owner	\$756,250	\$523,750	(\$232,500)
Single, non-home owner	\$907,750	\$723,750	(\$184,000)
Couple, home owner (combined)	\$1,123,500	\$788,500	(\$335,000)
Couple, non-home owner (combined)	\$1,275,000	\$988,500	(\$286,500)
One partner eligible, home owner	\$1,123,500	\$788,500	(\$335,000)
One partner eligible, non-home owner	\$1,275,000	\$988,500	(\$286,500)
Illness separated, home owner (couple combined)	\$1,391,000	\$922,500	(\$468,500)
Illness separated, non-home owner (couple combined)	\$1,542,500	\$1,122,500	(\$420,000)
Transitional pensions - Part pension assets limits			
Family Situation - Resident			
Single, home owner	\$701,500	\$496,250	(\$205,250)
Single, non-home owner	\$853,000	\$696,250	(\$156,750)
Couple (combined), home owner	\$1,091,000	\$772,500	(\$318,500)
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,242,500	\$972,500	(\$270,000)
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$1,091,000	\$772,500	(\$318,500)
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,242,500	\$972,500	(\$270,000)
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$1,281,500	\$867,500	(\$414,000)
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,433,000	\$1,067,500	(\$365,500)
Family Situation - Non-Resident			
Single, home owner	\$652,250	\$471,750	(\$180,500)
Single, non-home owner	\$803,750	\$671,750	(\$132,000)
Couple (combined), home owner	\$1,037,500	\$745,500	(\$292,000)
Couple (combined), non-home owner	\$1,189,000	\$945,500	(\$243,500)
One partner eligible (couple combined), home owner	\$1,037,500	\$745,500	(\$292,000)
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,189,000	\$945,500	(\$243,500)
Illness separated (couple combined), home owner	\$1,183,000	\$818,500	(\$364,500)
Illness separated (couple combined), non-home owner	\$1,334,500	\$1,018,500	(\$316,000)

Asset Limits for Allowances (independent)		Previous amount	1 January 2017	Increase
Home owners				
Single		\$202,000	\$250,000	\$48,000
Couple (combined)		\$286,500	\$375,000	\$88,500
Non-home owners				
Single		\$348,500	\$450,000	\$101,500
Couple (combined)		\$433,000	\$575,000	\$142,000
Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts		Previous amount	1 January 2017	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		\$62.00	\$62.60	\$0.60 pf
Carer Allowance - Rate				
Carer Allowance		\$123.50	\$124.70	\$1.20 pf
Carer Payment - Care Receivers Income and Asset Limits				
Income limit		\$108,828	\$109,917	\$1,089 pa
Lower asset limit		\$671,250	\$678,000	\$6,750
Higher asset limit		\$997,250	\$1,007,250	\$10,000
Mobility Allowance				
Standard rate - single or couple		\$93.20	\$94.10	\$0.90 pf
Increased rate - single or couple		\$130.30	\$131.60	\$1.30 pf
Additional Child Amounts (Paid under some social security agreements)				
Child aged under 13		\$122.90	\$124.10	\$1.20 pf
Child aged 13 - 15		\$171.20	\$172.90	\$1.70 pf
Payment to unpartnered parent *		\$58.50	\$59.10	\$0.60 pf
* Formerly Guardians Allowance.				
Permissible Child Earnings Limits				
Dependent child under 16		\$203.25	\$205.30	\$2.05 pw
Dependent child 16 - 21		\$11,140.30	\$11,251.70	\$111.40 pa

Family Payments

The amounts below apply from 1 July 2016 due to legislative changes in September 2016.

Family Tax Benefit (Part A) income limits

Income limit above which only the base rate of Family Tax Benefit (Part A) may be paid, per year

1 July 2016		Number of children 13-15 years or secondary students 16-19 years			
		Nil	1	2	3
Number children aged 0-12 yrs	Nil		\$75,665	na	na
	1	\$68,365	\$92,126	na	na
	2	\$84,826	na	na	na
	3	-	na	na	na

Income limits at which Family Tax Benefit (Part A), excluding supplement, may not be paid, per year

1 July 2016		Number of children 13-15 years or secondary students 16-19 years			
		Nil	1	2	3
Number children aged 0-12 yrs	Nil		\$99,536	\$115,085	\$146,676
	1	\$99,536	\$107,785	\$139,376	\$170,966
	2	\$104,755	\$132,076	\$163,666	\$195,257
	3	\$124,776	\$156,366	\$187,957	\$219,548