

Youth Allowance

Previous
amount

1 Jan 2019

Increase

Maximum rates of payment

Maximum Basic Rate

Family Situation

Single, no children

Under 18, at home \$244.10 \$249.20 \$5.10 pf

Under 18, away from home \$445.80 \$455.20 \$9.40 pf

18 or over, away from home \$445.80 \$455.20 \$9.40 pf

18 or over, at home \$293.60 \$299.80 \$6.20 pf

Single, with children \$584.20 \$596.50 \$12.30 pf

Partnered, no children \$445.80 \$455.20 \$9.40 pf

Partnered, with children \$489.60 \$499.90 \$10.30 pf

Special rate of Youth Allowance*

Single, living at home \$360.20 \$367.80 \$7.60 pf

Single, living away from home \$541.70 \$553.10 \$11.40 pf

Partnered, no children \$489.60 \$499.90 \$10.30 pf

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

Income limits

Full allowance income thresholds

Youth Allowance (students and Australian Apprentices)

Personal income threshold¹ \$437.00 \$437.00 - pf

Personal income upper threshold¹ \$524.00 \$524.00 - pf

¹ Indexation of these thresholds have been paused for three years. Indexation will resume on 1 January 2021.

Part allowance income limits

Family Situation

Single, under 18, at home

Students and Australian Apprentices \$864.84 \$873.34 \$8.50 pf

Job seekers \$574.17 \$582.67 \$8.50 pf

Single, 18 and over, at home

Students and Australian Apprentices \$948.50 \$958.84 \$10.34 pf

Job seekers \$657.84 \$668.17 \$10.33 pf

Single or partnered, away from home

Students and Australian Apprentices \$1,206.17 \$1,221.84 \$15.67 pf

Job seekers \$915.50 \$931.17 \$15.67 pf

Partnered, with dependants

Students and Australian Apprentices \$1,280.34 \$1,297.50 \$17.16 pf

Job seekers \$989.67 \$1,006.84 \$17.17 pf

Single, with dependants

Students and Australian Apprentices \$1,440.50 \$1,461.00 \$20.50 pf

Job seekers \$1,149.84 \$1,170.34 \$20.50 pf

Special rate of Youth Allowance*

Single, living at home \$1,061.34 \$1,074.00 \$12.66 pf

Single, living away from home \$1,368.67 \$1,387.67 \$19.00 pf

Partnered, no children \$1,280.34 \$1,297.50 \$17.16 pf

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

Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance

Reduced payment if income exceeds \$52,706 \$53,728 \$1,022 pa

Maintenance Income Free Areas

Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance \$1,620.60 \$1,620.60 - pa

For each additional child add \$540.20 \$540.20 - pa

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Special rate*				
Single, living away from home	\$541.70	\$553.10	\$11.40	pf
Partnered, no children	\$489.60	\$499.90	\$10.30	pf

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

Income limits

Full allowance income thresholds

Personal income threshold ¹	\$437.00	\$437.00	-	pf
Personal income upper threshold ¹	\$524.00	\$524.00	-	pf

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Part allowance income limits[#]**Family Situation**

Single	\$1,206.17	\$1,221.84	\$15.67	pf
Single, with children	\$1,440.50	\$1,461.00	\$20.50	pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,280.34	\$1,297.50	\$17.16	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,206.17	\$1,221.84	\$15.67	pf
Special rate*				
Single, living away from home	\$1,368.67	\$1,387.67	\$19.00	pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,280.34	\$1,297.50	\$17.16	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.

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Increase

Basic rates of payment

Living Allowance rates

Family Situation

Standard

Under 16 years, tertiary	\$33.60	\$34.30	\$0.70	pf
16 to 17 years	\$244.10	\$249.20	\$5.10	pf
18 to 21 years	\$293.60	\$299.80	\$6.20	pf

Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid

Under 16 years	\$244.10	\$249.20	\$5.10	pf
16 to 17 years	\$244.10	\$249.20	\$5.10	pf
18 to 21 years	\$293.60	\$299.80	\$6.20	pf

Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)

Under 16 years	\$445.80	\$455.20	\$9.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$445.80	\$455.20	\$9.40	pf

Away from home

Under 16 years ²	\$244.10	\$455.20	\$211.10	pf
16 to 21 years	\$445.80	\$455.20	\$9.40	pf

² Due to 50 Years of ABSTUDY measure in Budget 2018-19, rate has been aligned to those aged over 16 years.

Independent single, no children

ABSTUDY (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2019	Increase	
Under 16 years	\$445.80	\$455.20	\$9.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$445.80	\$455.20	\$9.40	pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$244.10	\$249.20	\$5.10	pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$244.10	\$249.20	\$5.10	pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$293.60	\$299.80	\$6.20	pf
Independent partnered, no children				
Under 16 years	\$445.80	\$455.20	\$9.40	pf
16 to 21 years	\$445.80	\$455.20	\$9.40	pf
Independent, single with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$584.20	\$596.50	\$12.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$584.20	\$596.50	\$12.30	pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child				
Under 16 years	\$489.60	\$499.90	\$10.30	pf
16 to 21 years	\$489.60	\$499.90	\$10.30	pf
Masters and Doctorate Students	\$1,038.80	\$1,058.50	\$19.70	pf

Income limits

Part allowance income limits

Family Situation

Under 22 years

Single, under 18 years, at home	\$864.84	\$873.34	\$8.50	pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$948.50	\$958.84	\$10.34	pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,206.17	\$1,221.84	\$15.67	pf
Single with dependants	\$1,440.50	\$1,461.00	\$20.50	pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,280.34	\$1,297.50	\$17.16	pf

Personal Income Test for Living Allowance

Family Situation

Over 22 years

Single, no children	\$1,383.17	\$1,383.17	-	pf
Partnered	\$1,292.50	\$1,292.50	-	pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,459.17	\$1,459.17	-	pf
Aged 60 or over	\$1,459.17	\$1,459.17	-	pf

Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY

Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$52,706.00	\$53,728.00	\$1,022.00	pa
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Supplementary assistance

School Fees Allowance (boarding)

Maximum rate	\$10,615	\$10,838	\$223	pa
Non income testing component	\$8,249	\$8,422	\$173	pa

Incidentals Allowance

Less than 12 week course	\$86.20	\$88.00	\$1.80	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$151.10	\$154.30	\$3.20	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$300.50	\$306.80	\$6.30	pa
24 week to one year course	\$610.70	\$623.50	\$12.80	pa

Additional Incidentals Allowance

Less than 12 week course	\$148.40	\$151.50	\$3.10	pa
12 to 16 week course	\$293.90	\$300.10	\$6.20	pa
17 to 23 week course	\$587.50	\$599.80	\$12.30	pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,176.70	\$1,201.40	\$24.70	pa

Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs

ABSTUDY (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2019	Increase	
Maximum amount	\$4,851.00	\$4,953.00	\$102.00	pa

Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold³

Scholarship value	-	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	pa
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³ This is a new parameter as a result of the 50 Years of ABSTUDY measure in Budget 2018-19.

Energy Supplement²

Recipients not receiving Youth Disability Supplement

Away from home

Under 16 years	\$3.90	\$7.00	\$3.10	pf
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Recipients receiving Youth Disability Supplement

Away from home

Under 16 years	\$5.90	\$8.50	\$2.60	pf
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² Due to 50 Years of ABSTUDY measure in Budget 2018-19, rate has been aligned to those aged over 16 years.

Other Student payments	Previous amount	1 Jan 2019	Increase	
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Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

Allowances

Basic Boarding Allowance	\$8,249	\$8,422	\$173	pa
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Additional Boarding Allowance	\$2,366	\$2,416	\$50	pa
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Second Home Allowance	\$6,265	\$6,397	\$132	pa
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Distance Education Allowance	\$4,124	\$4,211	\$87	pa
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Thresholds and Limits

Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$10,615	\$10,838	\$223	pa
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Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$7,999	\$8,172	\$173	pa
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Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$18,795	\$19,191	\$396	pa
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Parental Income Test

Parental income threshold	\$52,706	\$53,728	\$1,022	pa
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Student Scholarships

Student Relocation Scholarship

Initial full payment	\$4,459.00	\$4,553.00	\$94.00	pa
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Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,115.00	\$1,138.00	\$23.00	pa
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Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,231.00	\$2,278.00	\$47.00	pa
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Student Payment Parameters

Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$10,900.00	\$10,900.00	-	pa
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Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold	\$8,054.00	\$8,223.00	\$169.00	pa
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Student Start-Up Payment

Student Start-Up Loan Payment	\$1,055.00	\$1,077.00	\$22.00	pa
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Disability Support Pension	Previous amount	1 Jan 2019	Increase	
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Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment

Maximum Basic Rate including Youth Disability Supplement

Family Situation

Single, under 18

Dependent	\$371.20	\$379.00	\$7.80	pf
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Independent	\$572.90	\$585.00	\$12.10	pf
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**Disability Support Pension
(continued)****Previous
amount 1 Jan 2019 Increase**

Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$420.70	\$429.60	\$8.90	pf
Independent	\$572.90	\$585.00	\$12.10	pf
Member of a couple	\$572.90	\$585.00	\$12.10	pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$127.10	\$129.80	\$2.70	pf

Under 21 with no dependent children: Income limits**Income Limits****Family Situation**

Single, under 18				
Dependent	\$938.60	\$954.20	\$15.60	pf
Independent	\$1,348.40	\$1,372.60	\$24.20	pf
Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$1,039.00	\$1,056.80	\$17.80	pf
Independent	\$1,348.40	\$1,372.60	\$24.20	pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,644.40	\$2,692.80	\$48.40	pf

Under 21 with no dependent children: Part pension assets limits**Family Situation - Home Owners**

Single, under 18				
Dependent	\$386,500	\$389,000	\$2,500	
Independent	\$454,750	\$458,750	\$4,000	
Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$403,000	\$406,000	\$3,000	
Independent	\$454,750	\$458,750	\$4,000	
Couple (combined)	\$778,000	\$786,000	\$8,000	

Family Situation - Non-Home Owners

Single, under 18				
Dependent	\$593,500	\$596,000	\$2,500	
Independent	\$661,750	\$665,750	\$4,000	
Single, 18 - 20				
Dependent	\$610,000	\$613,000	\$3,000	
Independent	\$661,750	\$665,750	\$4,000	
Couple (combined)	\$985,000	\$993,000	\$8,000	

Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts**Previous
amount 1 Jan 2019 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 - Rate				
Double Orphan Pension	\$63.80	\$65.10	\$1.30	pf
Carer Allowance - Rate				
Carer Allowance	\$127.10	\$129.80	\$2.70	pf
Carer Payment - Care Receivers Income and Asset Limits				
Income limit	\$112,006	\$114,359	\$2,353	pa
Lower asset limit	\$691,000	\$705,500	\$14,500	
Higher asset limit	\$1,026,500	\$1,048,000	\$21,500	
Mobility Allowance				
Standard rate - single or couple	\$95.90	\$97.90	\$2.00	pf
Increased rate - single or couple	\$134.10	\$136.90	\$2.80	pf

Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts (continued)

	Previous amount	1 Jan 2019	Increase	
Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements)				
Child aged under 13	\$126.50	\$129.20	\$2.70	pf
Child aged 13 - 15	\$176.20	\$179.90	\$3.70	pf
Payment to single parent [‡]	\$60.20	\$61.50	\$1.30	pf
[‡] Formerly Guardian Allowance.				
Permissible Child Earnings Limits				
Dependent child under 16	\$209.20	\$213.60	\$4.40	pw
Dependent child 16 - 21	\$11,465.50	\$11,706.30	\$240.80	pa