

Youth Allowance	Previous amount	1 Jan 2021	Increase
Maximum rates of payment			
Maximum Basic Rate			
Family Situation			
Single, no children			
Under 18, at home	\$253.20	\$253.20	- pf
Under 18, away from home	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
18 or over, away from home	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
18 or over, at home	\$304.60	\$304.60	- pf
Single, with children	\$606.00	\$606.00	- pf
Partnered, no children	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
Partnered, with children	\$507.90	\$507.90	- pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*			
Single, living at home	\$373.70	\$373.70	- pf
Single, living away from home	\$561.90	\$561.90	- pf
Partnered, no children	\$507.90	\$507.90	- 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	\$880.00	\$880.00	- pf
Job seekers	\$728.50	\$728.50	- pf
Single, 18 and over, at home			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$966.84	\$966.84	- pf
Job seekers	\$815.34	\$815.34	- pf
Single or partnered, away from home			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,234.00	\$1,234.00	- pf
Job seekers	\$1,082.50	\$1,082.50	- pf
Partnered, with dependants			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,310.84	\$1,310.84	- pf
Job seekers	\$1,159.34	\$1,159.34	- pf
Single, with dependants			
Students and Australian Apprentices	\$1,476.84	\$1,476.84	- pf
Job seekers	\$1,325.34	\$1,325.34	- pf
Special rate of Youth Allowance*			
Single, living at home	\$1,083.84	\$1,083.84	- pf
Single, living away from home	\$1,402.34	\$1,402.34	- pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,310.84	\$1,310.84	- 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	\$54,677	\$55,626	\$949 pa
Maintenance Income Free Areas			
Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance	\$1,686.30	\$1,686.30	- pa
For each additional child add	\$562.10	\$562.10	- pa

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Partner Income Free Areas for Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Partner Allowance, Parenting Payment Partnered, Youth Allowance, Austudy)			
Partner income test – partner income free area~			
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,165.00	\$1,165.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,083.00	\$1,083.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00	- pf

~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

Austudy	Previous amount	1 Jan 2021	Increase
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Maximum Basic Rate			
Family Situation			
Single	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
Single, with children	\$606.00	\$606.00	- pf
Partnered, with children	\$507.90	\$507.90	- pf
Partnered, no children	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
Special rate*			
Single, living away from home	\$561.90	\$561.90	- pf
Partnered, no children	\$507.90	\$507.90	- 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	\$437.00	\$437.00	- pf
Personal income upper threshold	\$524.00	\$524.00	- pf

Part allowance income limits#

Family Situation			
Single	\$1,234.00	\$1,234.00	- pf
Single, with children	\$1,476.84	\$1,476.84	- pf
Partnered, with children	\$1,310.84	\$1,310.84	- pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,234.00	\$1,234.00	- pf
Special rate*			
Single, living away from home	\$1,402.34	\$1,402.34	- pf
Partnered, no children	\$1,310.84	\$1,310.84	- 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.

Part income test – partner income free area~			
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,165.00	\$1,165.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,083.00	\$1,083.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00	- pf

~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

ABSTUDY	Previous amount	1 Jan 2021	Increase
Basic rates of payment			
Living Allowance rates			
Family Situation			
Standard			
Under 16 years, tertiary	\$34.80	\$34.80	- pf
16 to 17 years	\$253.20	\$253.20	- pf
18 to 21 years	\$304.60	\$304.60	- pf
Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid			
Under 16 years	\$253.20	\$253.20	- pf
16 to 17 years	\$253.20	\$253.20	- pf
18 to 21 years	\$304.60	\$304.60	- pf
Standard, in state care only (no Foster Care Allowance paid)			
Under 16 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
16 to 21 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
Away from home			
Under 16 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
16 to 21 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
Independent single, no children			
Under 16 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
16 to 21 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
Under 16 years, at home	\$253.20	\$253.20	- pf
16 to 17 years, at home	\$253.20	\$253.20	- pf
18 to 21 years, at home	\$304.60	\$304.60	- pf
Independent partnered, no children			
Under 16 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
16 to 21 years	\$462.50	\$462.50	- pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
Under 16 years	\$606.00	\$606.00	- pf
16 to 21 years	\$606.00	\$606.00	- pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
Under 16 years	\$507.90	\$507.90	- pf
16 to 21 years	\$507.90	\$507.90	- pf
Masters and Doctorate Students	\$1,074.60	\$1,096.90	\$22.30 pf
Income limits			
Part allowance income limits			
Family Situation			
Under 22 years			
Single, under 18 years, at home	\$880.00	\$880.00	- pf
Single, 18 and over, at home	\$966.84	\$966.84	- pf
Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants	\$1,234.00	\$1,234.00	- pf
Single with dependants	\$1,476.84	\$1,476.84	- pf
Partnered with dependants	\$1,310.84	\$1,310.84	- pf
Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY			
Reduced payment if income exceeds	\$54,677.00	\$55,626.00	\$949.00 pa
Supplementary assistance			
School Fees Allowance (boarding)			
Maximum rate	\$11,011	\$11,011	- pa
Non income testing component	\$8,557	\$8,557	- pa
Incidentals Allowance			
Less than 12 week course	\$89.40	\$89.40	- pa
12 to 16 week course	\$156.80	\$156.80	- pa
17 to 23 week course	\$311.70	\$311.70	- pa
24 week to one year course	\$633.50	\$633.50	- pa

ABSTUDY (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2021	Increase
Additional Incidentals Allowance			
Less than 12 week course	\$153.90	\$153.90	- pa
12 to 16 week course	\$304.90	\$304.90	- pa
17 to 23 week course	\$609.40	\$609.40	- pa
24 week to one year course	\$1,220.60	\$1,220.60	- pa
Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs			
Maximum amount	\$5,032.00	\$5,032.00	- pa
Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold			
Scholarship value	\$6,096.00	\$6,096.00	- pa

Energy Supplement

Recipients not receiving Youth Disability Supplement

Away from home

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

Away from home

Under 16 years	\$8.50	\$8.50	- pf
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Other Student payments

Previous amount	1 Jan 2021	Increase
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Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

Allowances

Basic Boarding Allowance	\$8,557	\$8,557	- pa
Additional Boarding Allowance	\$2,454	\$2,454	- pa
Second Home Allowance	\$6,499	\$6,499	- pa
Distance Education Allowance	\$4,278	\$4,278	- pa

Thresholds and Limits

Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance	\$11,011	\$11,011	- pa
Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance	\$8,307	\$8,307	- pa
Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children)	\$19,497	\$19,497	- pa

Parental Income Test

Parental income threshold	\$54,677	\$55,626	\$949 pa
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Other student payments

Student Relocation Scholarship

Initial full payment	\$4,626	\$4,626	- pa
Subsequent payment - metropolitan	\$1,156	\$1,156	- pa
Subsequent payment - regional/remote	\$2,314	\$2,314	- pa

Student Payment Parameters

Student Income Bank Balance Threshold	\$10,900	\$10,900	- pa
Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold	\$8,355	\$8,355	- pa

Student Start-Up Payment

Student Start-Up Loan Payment	\$1,094	\$1,094	- ba
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Disability Support Pension	Previous amount	1 Jan 2021	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	\$385.10	\$385.10	- pf
Independent	\$594.40	\$594.40	- pf
Single, 18 - 20			-
Dependent	\$436.50	\$436.50	- pf
Independent	\$594.40	\$594.40	- pf
Member of a couple	\$594.40	\$594.40	- pf
Youth Disability Supplement	\$131.90	\$131.90	- pf

Under 21 with no dependent children: Income limits

Income Limits

Family Situation

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$972.40	\$972.40	- pf
Independent	\$1,397.40	\$1,397.40	- pf
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$1,076.60	\$1,076.60	- pf
Independent	\$1,397.40	\$1,397.40	- pf
Couple (combined)	\$2,742.40	\$2,742.40	- pf

Under 21 with no dependent children: Part pension assets limits

Family Situation - Homeowners

Single, under 18			
Dependent	\$400,500	\$400,500	-
Independent	\$471,250	\$471,250	-
Single, 18 - 20			-
Dependent	\$418,000	\$418,000	-
Independent	\$471,250	\$471,250	-
Couple (combined)	\$806,000	\$806,000	-

Family Situation - Non-Homeowners

Single, under 18			-
Dependent	\$615,000	\$615,000	-
Independent	\$685,750	\$685,750	-
Single, 18 - 20			
Dependent	\$632,500	\$632,500	-
Independent	\$685,750	\$685,750	-
Couple (combined)	\$1,020,500	\$1,020,500	-

Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase
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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	\$66.10	\$66.10	- pf
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Carer Allowance - Rate

Carer Allowance	\$131.90	\$131.90	- pf
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Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts (continued)	Previous amount	1 Jan 2020	Increase	
Carer Payment - Care Receivers Income and Asset Limits				
Income limit	\$116,189	\$116,189	-	pa
Lower asset limit	\$716,750	\$716,750	-	
Higher asset limit	\$1,064,750	\$1,064,750	-	
Mobility Allowance				
Standard rate - single or couple	\$99.50	\$99.50	-	pf
Increased rate - single or couple	\$139.10	\$139.10	-	pf
Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements)				
Child aged under 13	\$131.30	\$131.30	-	pf
Child aged 13 - 15	\$182.80	\$182.80	-	pf
Payment to single parent ^ψ	\$62.50	\$62.50	-	pf
<i>^ψ Formerly Guardian Allowance.</i>				
Permissible Child Earnings Limits				
Dependent child under 16	\$217.00	\$217.00	-	pw
Dependent child 16 - 21	\$11,893.60	\$11,893.60	-	pa
Budget 2020-21 – Stillborn Baby Payment				
Stillborn Baby Payment		\$3,606.81		ea
Temporary Extensions				
Coronavirus Supplement	\$250	\$150	-\$100	pf