

| Youth Allowance | | Previous amount | 1 Jan 2026 | Increase |
|--|-------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Maximum rates of payment | | | | |
| Maximum basic rate | | | | |
| Family Situation | | | | |
| Single, no children | | | | |
| Under 18, living at home | \$410.30 | \$418.90 | \$8.60 | pf |
| Under 18, living away from home | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 | pf |
| 18 or over, living away from home | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 | pf |
| 18 or over, living at home | \$472.50 | \$482.40 | \$9.90 | pf |
| Single, with children | \$836.60 | \$854.20 | \$17.60 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 | pf |
| Partnered, with children | \$718.10 | \$733.20 | \$15.10 | pf |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance* | | | | |
| Single, living at home | \$555.80 | \$567.50 | \$11.70 | pf |
| Single, living away from home | \$783.30 | \$799.70 | \$16.40 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | \$718.10 | \$733.20 | \$15.10 | 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 test | | | | |
| Income thresholds | | | | |
| Youth Allowance (Students and Australian Apprentices) | | | | |
| Lower income threshold (income free area) | \$528.00 | \$539.00 | \$11.00 | pf |
| Upper income threshold | \$633.00 | \$646.00 | \$13.00 | pf |
| Income limits | | | | |
| Family Situation | | | | |
| Single, under 18, at home | | | | |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | \$1,235.84 | \$1,261.50 | \$25.66 | pf |
| Job seekers | \$857.00 | \$871.34 | \$14.34 | pf |
| Single, 18 and over, at home | | | | |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | \$1,340.67 | \$1,368.50 | \$27.83 | pf |
| Job seekers | \$961.84 | \$978.34 | \$16.50 | pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home | | | | |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | \$1,662.67 | \$1,697.17 | \$34.50 | pf |
| Job seekers | \$1,283.84 | \$1,307.00 | \$23.16 | pf |
| Partnered, with dependants | | | | |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | \$1,755.17 | \$1,791.67 | \$36.50 | pf |
| Job seekers | \$1,376.34 | \$1,401.50 | \$25.16 | pf |
| Single, with dependants | | | | |
| Students and Australian Apprentices | \$1,955.17 | \$1,995.84 | \$40.67 | pf |
| Job seekers | \$1,576.34 | \$1,605.67 | \$29.33 | pf |
| Special rate of Youth Allowance* | | | | |
| Single, living at home | \$1,481.34 | \$1,512.17 | \$30.83 | pf |
| Single, living away from home | \$1,865.34 | \$1,904.00 | \$38.66 | pf |
| Partnered, no children | \$1,755.17 | \$1,791.67 | \$36.50 | pf |
| <i>*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i> | | | | |
| Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test* | \$1,910.84 | \$1,911.17 | \$0.33 | pf |
| <i>*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.</i> | | | | |
| Parental income threshold for Youth Allowance | | | | |
| Reduced payment if income exceeds | \$65,189.00 | \$66,722.00 | \$1,533.00 | pa |
| Maintenance income free areas | | | | |
| Single parent or one of a couple receiving maintenance | \$2,003.85 | \$2,003.85 | - | pa |
| For each additional child add | \$667.95 | \$667.95 | - | pa |
| Partner income test - partner income free area~ | | | | |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | \$1,392.00 | \$1,392.00 | - | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | \$1,284.00 | \$1,307.00 | \$23.00 | pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | \$1,377.00 | \$1,402.00 | \$25.00 | pf |
| <i>~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.</i> | | | | |

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| Maximum basic rate | | | |
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| Partnered, with children | \$718.10 | \$733.20 | \$15.10 pf |
| Partnered, no children | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |
| Special rate* | | | |
| Single, no children | \$783.30 | \$799.70 | \$16.40 pf |
| Partnered, no children | \$718.10 | \$733.20 | \$15.10 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 test | | | |
| Income thresholds | | | |
| Lower income threshold (income free area) | \$528.00 | \$539.00 | \$11.00 pf |
| Upper income threshold | \$633.00 | \$646.00 | \$13.00 pf |
| Income limits[#] | | | |
| Family Situation | | | |
| Single | \$1,662.67 | \$1,697.17 | \$34.50 pf |
| Single, with children | \$1,955.17 | \$1,995.84 | \$40.67 pf |
| Partnered, with children | \$1,755.17 | \$1,791.67 | \$36.50 pf |
| Partnered, no children | \$1,662.67 | \$1,697.17 | \$34.50 pf |
| Special rate* | | | |
| Single, no children | \$1,865.34 | \$1,904.00 | \$38.66 pf |
| Partnered, no children | \$1,755.17 | \$1,791.67 | \$36.50 pf |
| <i># Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.</i> | | | |
| <i>*For long-term unemployed or migrant English students aged 22 years or over commencing full-time study or an Australian Apprenticeship.</i> | | | |
| Partner income test - partner income free area[~] | | | |
| Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age | \$1,392.00 | \$1,392.00 | - pf |
| Partner aged under 22, no children | \$1,284.00 | \$1,307.00 | \$23.00 pf |
| Partner aged under 22, with children | \$1,377.00 | \$1,402.00 | \$25.00 pf |
| <i>~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.</i> | | | |

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Basic rates of payment

Living Allowance rates

Family Situation

Standard

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Under 16 years, tertiary | \$42.00 | \$42.90 | \$0.90 pf |
| 16 to 17 years | \$410.30 | \$418.90 | \$8.60 pf |
| 18 to 21 years | \$472.50 | \$482.40 | \$9.90 pf |

Standard, in state care and Foster Care Allowance paid

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Under 16 years | \$410.30 | \$418.90 | \$8.60 pf |
| 16 to 17 years | \$410.30 | \$418.90 | \$8.60 pf |
| 18 to 21 years | \$472.50 | \$482.40 | \$9.90 pf |

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

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Under 16 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |
| 16 to 21 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |

Away from home

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Under 16 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |
| 16 to 21 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |

Independent single, no children

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Under 16 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |
| 16 to 21 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |
| Under 16 years, at home | \$410.30 | \$418.90 | \$8.60 pf |
| 16 to 17 years, at home | \$410.30 | \$418.90 | \$8.60 pf |
| 18 to 21 years, at home | \$472.50 | \$482.40 | \$9.90 pf |

Independent partnered, no children

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Under 16 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |
| 16 to 21 years | \$663.30 | \$677.20 | \$13.90 pf |

Independent, single with dependent child

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Under 16 years | \$836.60 | \$854.20 | \$17.60 pf |
| 16 to 21 years | \$836.60 | \$854.20 | \$17.60 pf |

Independent, partnered with dependent child

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Under 16 years | \$718.10 | \$733.20 | \$15.10 pf |
| 16 to 21 years | \$718.10 | \$733.20 | \$15.10 pf |

Masters and Doctorate Students

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|--|------------|------------|------------|
| | \$1,285.40 | \$1,316.20 | \$30.80 pf |
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Income test

Income limits

Family Situation

Under 22 years

| | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Single, under 18 years, at home | \$1,235.84 | \$1,261.50 | \$25.66 pf |
| Single, 18 and over, at home | \$1,340.67 | \$1,368.50 | \$27.83 pf |
| Single or partnered, away from home, no dependants | \$1,662.67 | \$1,697.17 | \$34.50 pf |
| Single with dependants | \$1,955.17 | \$1,995.84 | \$40.67 pf |
| Partnered with dependants | \$1,755.17 | \$1,791.67 | \$36.50 pf |

Over 22 years

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Single, no children | \$1,882.84 | \$1,894.17 | \$11.33 pf |
| Partnered | \$1,769.50 | \$1,780.84 | \$11.34 pf |
| Single, with dependants | \$1,977.84 | \$1,989.17 | \$11.33 pf |
| Aged 55 or over | \$1,989.17 | \$2,000.84 | \$11.67 pf |

Partner income test – partner income free area

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|---|------------|------------|------|
| Partner aged 22 and over, no dependent children | \$1,392.00 | \$1,392.00 | - pf |
|---|------------|------------|------|

Parental income threshold for ABSTUDY

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|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Reduced payment if income exceeds | \$65,189 | \$66,722 | \$1,533 pa |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|

| ABSTUDY - Supplementary assistance | Previous amount | 1 Jan 2026 | Increase |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| School Fees Allowance (boarding) | | | |
| Maximum rate | \$13,303 | \$13,582 | \$279 pa |
| Non-income tested component | \$10,338 | \$10,555 | \$217 pa |
| Incidentals Allowance | | | |
| Less than 12 week course | \$108.00 | \$110.30 | \$2.30 pa |
| 12 to 16 week course | \$189.40 | \$193.40 | \$4.00 pa |
| 17 to 23 week course | \$376.60 | \$384.50 | \$7.90 pa |
| 24 week to one year course | \$765.40 | \$781.50 | \$16.10 pa |
| Additional Incidentals Allowance | | | |
| Less than 12 week course | \$185.90 | \$189.80 | \$3.90 pa |
| 12 to 16 week course | \$368.50 | \$376.20 | \$7.70 pa |
| 17 to 23 week course | \$736.40 | \$751.90 | \$15.50 pa |
| 24 week to one year course | \$1,474.80 | \$1,505.80 | \$31.00 pa |
| Education Provider Administration and Audit Costs | | | |
| Maximum amount | \$6,081.00 | \$6,209.00 | \$128.00 pa |
| Boarding School Scholarship Approval Threshold | | | |
| Scholarship value | \$7,366.00 | \$7,521.00 | \$155.00 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 2026 | Increase |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) | | | |
| Allowances | | | |
| Basic Boarding Allowance | \$10,338 | \$10,555 | \$217 pa |
| Additional Boarding Allowance | \$2,965 | \$3,027 | \$62 pa |
| Maximum rate for AIC Boarding Allowance | \$13,303 | \$13,582 | \$279 pa |
| Second Home Allowance | \$7,851 | \$8,016 | \$165 pa |
| Maximum Second Home Allowance for each family (three children) | \$23,553 | \$24,048 | \$495 pa |
| Distance Education Allowance | \$5,169 | \$5,278 | \$109 pa |
| Thresholds and Limits | | | |
| Minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance | \$10,088 | \$10,305 | \$217 pa |
| Parental income test | | | |
| Parental income threshold | \$65,189 | \$66,722 | \$1,533 pa |
| Other student payments | | | |
| Student Relocation Scholarship | | | |
| Initial full payment | \$5,590 | \$5,707 | \$117 pa |
| Subsequent payment - metropolitan | \$1,396 | \$1,425 | \$29 pa |
| Subsequent payment - regional/remote | \$2,795 | \$2,854 | \$59 pa |
| Student payment parameters | | | |
| Student Income Bank Balance Threshold | \$13,200 | \$13,500 | \$300 pa |
| Merit and Equity Based Scholarship Threshold | \$10,094 | \$10,306 | \$212 pa |
| Student Start-Up Loan | | | |
| Student Start-Up Loan | \$1,321 | \$1,349 | \$28 ba |

Disability Support Pension - under 21 with no dependent children

Previous amount 1 Jan 2026 Increase

Under 21 with no dependent children: Maximum rates of payment

Maximum basic rate including Youth Disability Supplement

Family Situation

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Single, under 18 | | | |
| Dependent | \$569.60 | \$581.50 | \$11.90 pf |
| Independent | \$822.60 | \$839.80 | \$17.20 pf |
| Single, 18 - 20 | | | |
| Dependent | \$631.80 | \$645.00 | \$13.20 pf |
| Independent | \$822.60 | \$839.80 | \$17.20 pf |
| Member of a couple | \$822.60 | \$839.80 | \$17.20 pf |
| Youth Disability Supplement | \$159.30 | \$162.60 | \$3.30 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 | \$1,382.60 | \$1,406.80 | \$24.20 pf |
| Independent | \$1,895.00 | \$1,929.80 | \$34.80 pf |
| Single, 18 - 20 | | | |
| Dependent | \$1,508.40 | \$1,535.20 | \$26.80 pf |
| Independent | \$1,895.00 | \$1,929.80 | \$34.80 pf |
| Couple (combined) | \$3,720.40 | \$3,789.60 | \$69.20 pf |

Under 21 with no dependent children: Assets test

Asset limits

Family Situation - Homeowners

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Single, under 18 | | | |
| Dependent | \$515,750 | \$519,750 | \$4,000 |
| Independent | \$601,000 | \$607,000 | \$6,000 |
| Single, 18 - 20 | | | |
| Dependent | \$536,750 | \$541,250 | \$4,500 |
| Independent | \$601,000 | \$607,000 | \$6,000 |
| Couple (combined) | \$1,038,500 | \$1,050,000 | \$11,500 |

Family Situation - Non-Homeowners

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Single, under 18 | | | |
| Dependent | \$773,750 | \$777,750 | \$4,000 |
| Independent | \$859,000 | \$865,000 | \$6,000 |
| Single, 18 - 20 | | | |
| Dependent | \$794,750 | \$799,250 | \$4,500 |
| Independent | \$859,000 | \$865,000 | \$6,000 |
| Couple (combined) | \$1,296,500 | \$1,308,000 | \$11,500 |

| Miscellaneous Rates and Other Amounts | Previous amount | 1 Jan 2026 | Increase |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Pharmaceutical Allowance | | | |
| Family Situation | | | |
| Single | \$6.80 | \$7.00 | \$0.20 pf |
| Partnered | \$3.40 | \$3.50 | \$0.10 pf |
| Illness-separated | \$6.80 | \$7.00 | \$0.20 pf |
| Double Orphan Pension - Rate | | | |
| Double Orphan Pension | \$79.90 | \$81.60 | \$1.70 pf |
| Carer Allowance - Rate | | | |
| Carer Allowance | \$159.30 | \$162.60 | \$3.30 pf |
| Carer Payment - Care Receiver Income and Asset Limits | | | |
| Income limit | \$140,795 | \$143,752 | \$2,957 pa |
| Lower asset limit | \$868,500 | \$886,750 | \$18,250 |
| Higher asset limit | \$1,290,250 | \$1,317,250 | \$27,000 |
| Mobility Allowance | | | |
| Standard rate - single or couple | \$120.30 | \$122.80 | \$2.50 pf |
| Higher rate - single or couple | \$168.20 | \$171.70 | \$3.50 pf |
| Additional Child Amounts (paid under some social security agreements) | | | |
| Child aged under 13 | \$158.70 | \$162.00 | \$3.30 pf |
| Child aged 13 - 15 | \$220.80 | \$225.40 | \$4.60 pf |
| Payment to single parent ^ψ | \$75.50 | \$77.10 | \$1.60 pf |
| ^ψ Formerly Guardian Allowance. | | | |
| Permissible Child Earnings Limits | | | |
| Dependent child under 16 | \$262.20 | \$267.70 | \$5.50 pw |
| Dependent child 16 - 21 | \$14,370.55 | \$14,672.35 | \$301.80 pa |
| Income Limits for Parenting Payment - Single[#] | | | |
| Under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance | \$2,840.85 | \$2,841.35 | \$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* | \$1,611.34 | \$1,611.67 | \$0.33 pf |
| Single, 22 or over, partial capacity to work (0-14 hours)* | \$1,611.34 | \$1,611.67 | \$0.33 pf |
| Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children* | \$2,315.50 | \$2,316.00 | \$0.50 pf |
| Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test* | \$2,766.25 | \$2,766.75 | \$0.50 pf |
| [*] Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance. | | | |