

Social Security Payment Parameters

20 September 2026 indexation

Rates

Pension Rates

Pension — Single — Resident

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$1,100.30	\$1,135.40	\$35.10
Pension Supplement	\$86.50	\$88.20	\$1.70
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-
Typical Total Rate	\$1,200.90	\$1,237.70	\$36.80

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (weeks 1 to 6).

Note: also includes illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol.

Pension — Partnered (each) — Resident

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$829.40	\$855.90	\$26.50
Pension Supplement	\$65.20	\$66.50	\$1.30
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-
Typical Total Rate	\$905.20	\$933.00	\$27.80

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (weeks 1 to 6).

Pension — Single — Non-resident

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$1,100.30	\$1,135.40	\$35.10
Pension Supplement — Basic amount	\$30.10	\$0.00	-\$30.10
Typical Total Rate	\$1,130.40	\$1,135.40	\$5.00

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (over 12 weeks).

Note: also includes illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol.

Note: recipients in this rate category will lose access to the Pension Supplement basic amount from 20 September 2026.

Pension — Partnered (each) — Non-resident

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$829.40	\$855.90	\$26.50
Pension Supplement — Basic amount	\$24.80	\$0.00	-\$24.80
Typical Total Rate	\$854.20	\$855.90	\$1.70

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (over 12 weeks).

Note: recipients in this rate category will lose access to the Pension Supplement basic amount from 20 September 2026.

Pension Supplement — Maximum amount

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$86.50	\$88.20	\$1.70
Partnered — Illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$86.50	\$88.20	\$1.70
Partnered (each)	\$65.20	\$66.50	\$1.30

Pension Supplement — Basic amount

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$30.10	\$30.70	\$0.60
Partnered — Illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$30.10	\$30.70	\$0.60
Partnered (each)	\$24.80	\$25.30	\$0.50

Pension Supplement — Minimum amount

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$46.60	\$47.50	\$0.90
Partnered — Illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$46.60	\$47.50	\$0.90
Partnered (each)	\$35.10	\$35.80	\$0.70

Transitional Pension — Single — Resident

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$963.60	\$982.90	\$19.30
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-
Typical Total Rate	\$977.70	\$997.00	\$19.30

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (weeks 1 to 6).

Note: also includes illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol.

Transitional Pension — Partnered (each) — Resident

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$778.20	\$793.80	\$15.60
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-
Typical Total Rate	\$788.80	\$804.40	\$15.60

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (weeks 1 to 6).

Transitional Pension — Single — Non-resident

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$883.60	\$870.60	-\$13.00
Typical Total Rate	\$883.60	\$870.60	-\$13.00

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (over 12 weeks).

Note: also includes illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol.

Note: recipients in this rate category will lose access to the Pension Supplement basic amount from 20 September 2026.

Transitional Pension — Partnered (each) — Non-resident

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$738.40	\$727.90	-\$10.50
Typical Total Rate	\$738.40	\$727.90	-\$10.50

Note: also applies to residents temporarily absent (over 12 weeks).

Note: recipients in this rate category will lose access to the Pension Supplement basic amount from 20 September 2026.

Pension Bonus Scheme — Single

Years (bonus periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
1 year	\$2,762.70	\$2,849.90	\$87.20
2 years	\$11,050.80	\$11,399.80	\$349.00
3 years	\$24,864.30	\$25,649.50	\$785.20
4 years	\$44,203.20	\$45,599.20	\$1,396.00
5 years	\$69,067.40	\$71,248.70	\$2,181.30

Pension Bonus Scheme — Partnered (each)

Years (bonus periods)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
1 year	\$2,087.70	\$2,153.70	\$66.00
2 years	\$8,350.70	\$8,614.60	\$263.90
3 years	\$18,789.00	\$19,382.90	\$593.90
4 years	\$33,402.60	\$34,458.40	\$1,055.80
5 years	\$52,191.60	\$53,841.30	\$1,649.70

Pension Bonus Scheme — Pension Supplement component

Family situation (per year)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$782.60	\$798.20	\$15.60
Partnered — Illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$782.60	\$798.20	\$15.60
Partnered (each)	\$644.80	\$657.80	\$13.00

Jobseeker Payment Rates

Note: some of the following rates may apply to Special Benefit recipients.

Jobseeker Payment — Single — No dependent children

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$808.70	\$824.90	\$16.20
Energy Supplement	\$8.80	\$8.80	-
Typical Total Rate	\$817.50	\$833.70	\$16.20

Jobseeker Payment — Single — With dependent children

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$866.00	\$883.30	\$17.30
Energy Supplement	\$9.50	\$9.50	-
Typical Total Rate	\$875.50	\$892.80	\$17.30

Jobseeker Payment — Single — Principal carer of a dependent child

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$866.00	\$883.30	\$17.30
Energy Supplement	\$9.50	\$9.50	-
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$7.00	\$7.00	-
Typical Total Rate	\$882.50	\$899.80	\$17.30

Jobseeker Payment — Single — Principal carer of a dependent child, exempt from the activity test due to foster caring, non-parent relative caring under a court order, home schooling, distance education or large family

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$1,047.30	\$1,068.20	\$20.90
Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	-
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$7.00	\$7.00	-
Typical Total Rate	\$1,066.30	\$1,087.20	\$20.90

Jobseeker Payment — Single — Aged 55 or over — After 9 months on payment

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$866.00	\$883.30	\$17.30
Energy Supplement	\$9.50	\$9.50	-
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$7.00	\$7.00	-
Typical Total Rate	\$882.50	\$899.80	\$17.30

Jobseeker Payment — Single — Partial capacity to work 0-14 hours

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$866.00	\$883.30	\$17.30
Energy Supplement	\$9.50	\$9.50	-
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$7.00	\$7.00	-
Typical Total Rate	\$882.50	\$899.80	\$17.30

Jobseeker Payment — Partnered (each)

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$740.30	\$755.10	\$14.80
Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-
Typical Total Rate	\$748.20	\$763.00	\$14.80

Parenting Payment Rates

Parenting Payment Single

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$1,017.20	\$1,037.50	\$20.30
Pension Supplement — Basic amount	\$30.10	\$30.70	\$0.60
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$7.00	\$7.00	-
Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	-
Typical Total Rate	\$1,066.30	\$1,087.20	\$20.90

Parenting Payment Partnered

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$740.30	\$755.10	\$14.80
Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-
Typical Total Rate	\$748.20	\$763.00	\$14.80

Youth Allowance Rates

Youth Allowance — Single — Principal carer of a dependent child, exempt from the activity test due to foster caring, non-parent relative caring under a court order, home schooling, distance education or large family

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$1,047.30	\$1,068.20	\$20.90
Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	-
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$7.00	\$7.00	-
Typical Total Rate	\$1,066.30	\$1,087.20	\$20.90

ABSTUDY Rates

ABSTUDY Living Allowance — Single — Independent — Aged 22 or over — No dependent children

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$808.70	\$824.90	\$16.20
Energy Supplement	\$8.80	\$8.80	-
Typical Total Rate	\$817.50	\$833.70	\$16.20

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Energy Supplement	\$9.50	\$9.50	-
Pharmaceutical Allowance	\$7.00	\$7.00	-
Typical Total Rate	\$882.50	\$899.80	\$17.30

ABSTUDY Living Allowance — Single — Independent — Aged 22 or over — With dependent children

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$866.00	\$883.30	\$17.30
Energy Supplement	\$9.50	\$9.50	-
Typical Total Rate	\$875.50	\$892.80	\$17.30

ABSTUDY Living Allowance — Partnered (each) — Independent — Aged 22 or over — No dependent children

Component (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Basic Rate	\$740.30	\$755.10	\$14.80
Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-
Typical Total Rate	\$748.20	\$763.00	\$14.80

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Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	-
Typical Total Rate	\$748.20	\$763.00	\$14.80

Commonwealth Rent Assistance

Commonwealth Rent Assistance — SSAct — Maximum rates

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$219.40	\$223.80	\$4.40
Single — Sharer	\$146.27	\$149.20	\$2.93
Partnered — Illness separated	\$219.40	\$223.80	\$4.40
Partnered — Temporarily separated	\$206.80	\$211.00	\$4.20
Couple	\$206.80	\$211.00	\$4.20

Commonwealth Rent Assistance — SSAct — Rent thresholds

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$154.80	\$157.80	\$3.00
Single — Sharer	\$154.80	\$157.80	\$3.00
Partnered — Illness separated	\$154.80	\$157.80	\$3.00
Partnered — Temporarily separated	\$154.80	\$157.80	\$3.00
Couple	\$250.80	\$255.80	\$5.00

Commonwealth Rent Assistance — SSAct — Rent ceilings

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$447.34	\$456.20	\$8.86
Single — Sharer	\$349.83	\$356.74	\$6.91
Partnered — Illness separated	\$447.34	\$456.20	\$8.86
Partnered — Temporarily separated	\$430.54	\$439.14	\$8.60
Couple	\$526.54	\$537.14	\$10.60

Commonwealth Rent Assistance — FAAct — Maximum rates

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — 1 to 2 children	\$257.88	\$263.06	\$5.18
Single — 3 or more children	\$291.48	\$297.36	\$5.88
Partnered — Illness or temporarily separated — 1 to 2 children	\$257.88	\$263.06	\$5.18
Partnered — Illness or temporarily separated — 3 or more children	\$291.48	\$297.36	\$5.88
Couple — 1 to 2 children	\$257.88	\$263.06	\$5.18
Couple — 3 or more children	\$291.48	\$297.36	\$5.88

Commonwealth Rent Assistance — FAAct — Rent thresholds

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — 1 to 2 children	\$203.28	\$207.34	\$4.06
Single — 3 or more children	\$203.28	\$207.34	\$4.06
Partnered — Illness or temporarily separated — 1 to 2 children	\$203.28	\$207.34	\$4.06
Partnered — Illness or temporarily separated — 3 or more children	\$203.28	\$207.34	\$4.06
Couple — 1 to 2 children	\$300.58	\$306.60	\$6.02
Couple — 3 or more children	\$300.58	\$306.60	\$6.02

Commonwealth Rent Assistance — FAAct — Rent ceilings

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — 1 to 2 children	\$547.12	\$558.09	\$10.97
Single — 3 or more children	\$591.92	\$603.82	\$11.90
Partnered — Illness or temporarily separated — 1 to 2 children	\$547.12	\$558.09	\$10.97
Partnered — Illness or temporarily separated — 3 or more children	\$591.92	\$603.82	\$11.90
Couple — 1 to 2 children	\$644.42	\$657.35	\$12.93
Couple — 3 or more children	\$689.22	\$703.08	\$13.86

Telephone Allowance Rates

Telephone Allowance

Payment Period	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$37.80	\$39.40	\$1.60
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$151.20	\$157.60	\$6.40

Higher Rate Telephone Allowance

Payment Period	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$55.60	\$57.80	\$2.20
Annual Payment (single or couple combined)	\$222.40	\$231.20	\$8.80

Utilities Allowance Rates

Utilities Allowance

Payment Period	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Quarterly payment (single or couple combined)	\$202.60	\$206.70	\$4.10
Annual payment (single or couple combined)	\$810.40	\$826.80	\$16.40

Means Testing

Pension Means Testing

Pension — Income limits — Resident

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$2,627.80	\$2,701.40	\$73.60
Couple (combined)	\$4,016.80	\$4,128.00	\$111.20
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$5,199.60	\$5,346.80	\$147.20

Pension — Income limits — Non-resident

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$2,486.80	\$2,496.80	\$10.00
Couple (combined)	\$3,812.80	\$3,819.60	\$6.80
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$4,917.60	\$4,937.60	\$20.00

Transitional Pension — Income limits — Resident

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$2,670.25	\$2,718.50	\$48.25
Single — 1 dependent child	\$2,694.85	\$2,743.10	\$48.25
Couple (combined)	\$4,340.00	\$4,418.00	\$78.00
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$5,284.50	\$5,381.00	\$96.50

Transitional Pension — Income limits — Non-resident

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$2,435.00	\$2,402.50	-\$32.50
Single — 1 dependent child	\$2,459.60	\$2,427.10	-\$32.50
Couple (combined)	\$4,088.00	\$4,035.50	-\$52.50
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$4,814.00	\$4,749.00	-\$65.00

Pension — Assets limits — Resident — Homeowner

Family situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$733,500	\$745,750	\$12,250
Couple (combined), including where only one partner is eligible	\$1,102,500	\$1,121,000	\$18,500
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$1,300,000	\$1,324,500	\$24,500

Pension — Assets limits — Resident — Non-homeowner

Family situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$1,000,500	\$1,012,750	\$12,250
Couple (combined), including where only one partner is eligible	\$1,369,500	\$1,388,000	\$18,500
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$1,567,000	\$1,591,500	\$24,500

Pension — Assets limits — Non-resident — Homeowner

Family situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$710,000	\$711,500	\$1,500
Couple (combined), including where only one partner is eligible	\$1,068,500	\$1,070,000	\$1,500
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$1,253,000	\$1,256,000	\$3,000

Pension — Assets limits — Non-resident — Non-homeowner

Family situation	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$977,000	\$978,500	\$1,500
Couple (combined), including where only one partner is eligible	\$1,335,500	\$1,337,000	\$1,500
Couple (combined) — Illness separated	\$1,520,000	\$1,523,000	\$3,000

JobSeeker Payment Means Testing

JobSeeker Payment — Income limits

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — No dependent children	\$1,530.17	\$1,557.17	\$27.00
Single — With dependent children	\$1,626.84	\$1,655.67	\$28.83
Single — Principal carer of a dependent child	\$2,356.25	\$2,399.50	\$43.25
Single — Principal carer of a dependent child, exempt from the activity test due to foster caring, non-parent relative caring under a court order, home schooling, distance education or large family	\$2,815.75	\$2,868.00	\$52.25
Single — Aged 55 or over — After 9 months on payment	\$1,638.50	\$1,667.34	\$28.84
Single — Partial capacity to work 0-14 hours	\$1,638.50	\$1,667.34	\$28.84
Couple — Single income	\$2,662.00	\$2,711.67	\$49.67
Partnered (each)	\$1,414.67	\$1,439.34	\$24.67

Parenting Payment Means Testing

Parenting Payment Single — Income test

Threshold (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Income free area	\$232.60	\$232.60	-
Income limit	\$2,898.35	\$2,950.60	\$52.25

Note: different amounts apply for recipients who have more than one child or who are over Age Pension age.

Parenting Payment Partnered — Income limits

Threshold (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Income limit	\$1,414.67	\$1,439.34	\$24.67
Partner income limit	\$2,662.00	\$2,711.67	\$49.67
Couple (combined) income limit	\$2,829.67	\$2,879.34	\$49.67
Couple (combined) income limit if partner receives a pension	\$2,829.34	\$2,878.68	\$49.34

Note: different amounts apply for recipients who are over Age Pension age.

Youth Allowance Means Testing

Youth Allowance — Income limits — Job seekers

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — Principal carer of a dependent child, exempt from the activity test due to foster caring, non-parent relative caring under a court order, home schooling, distance education or large family	\$1,943.84	\$1,978.67	\$34.83

ABSTUDY Means Testing

ABSTUDY Living Allowance — Income limits

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — Aged 22 or over — No dependent children	\$1,919.34	\$1,946.34	\$27.00
Single — Aged 22 or over — With dependent children	\$2,016.00	\$2,044.84	\$28.84
Single — Aged 55 or over	\$2,027.67	\$2,056.50	\$28.83
Partnered (each) — Aged 22 or over	\$1,803.84	\$1,828.50	\$24.66

Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Austudy) Means Testing

Allowances — Partner income free areas

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,415	\$1,440	\$25
Partner aged under 22 — No dependent children	\$1,307	\$1,307	-
Partner aged under 22 — With dependent children	\$1,402	\$1,402	-

Note: different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

Health Care Cards

Health Care Cards (HCC) — Income limits to claim card

Family situation (per week)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — No dependent children	\$811.00	\$826.00	\$15.00
Single — 1 dependent child	\$1,385.00	\$1,410.00	\$25.00
Couple (combined) — No dependent children	\$1,385.00	\$1,410.00	\$25.00
For each additional dependent child add	\$34.00	\$34.00	-

Note: to claim a card, average weekly income for previous 8 weeks must be less than the above amounts.

Health Care Cards (HCC) — Income limits to retain card

Family situation (per week)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single — No dependent children	\$1,013.75	\$1,032.50	\$18.75
Single — 1 dependent child	\$1,731.25	\$1,762.50	\$31.25
Couple (combined) — No dependent children	\$1,731.25	\$1,762.50	\$31.25
For each additional dependent child add	\$42.50	\$42.50	-

Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Cards (CSHC) — Income limits

Family situation (per year)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$101,105	\$105,048	\$3,943
Partnered — Illness separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$101,105	\$105,048	\$3,943
Partnered (each)	\$80,884.00	\$84,038.00	\$3,154.00
Couple (combined)	\$161,768.00	\$168,076.00	\$6,308.00
For each additional dependent child add	\$639.60	\$639.60	-

Other Amounts

Home Equity Access Scheme — Typical maximum amounts

Family situation (per fortnight)	Previous Amount	20 Sep 2026	Increase
Single	\$1,801.35	\$1,856.55	\$55.20
Partnered (each)	\$1,357.80	\$1,399.50	\$41.70
Couple (combined)	\$2,715.60	\$2,799.00	\$83.40