

## Summary of Changes - Pensions - Fortnightly Amounts

20 September 2007

<b>Adult Pension Basic Rates</b>		Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase	
Single							
	base	\$	506.80	\$	519.20	\$	12.40 pf
	supplement	\$	18.30	\$	18.50	\$	0.20 pf
	<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>525.10</b>	\$	<b>537.70</b>	\$	<b>12.60</b> pf
Couple							
	base	\$	423.20	\$	433.60	\$	10.40 pf
	supplement	\$	15.30	\$	15.50	\$	0.20 pf
	<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>438.50</b>	\$	<b>449.10</b>	\$	<b>10.60</b> pf
<b>Youth Disability Support Pension Basic Rates</b>		Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase	
Member of a couple							
	under 18	\$	438.50	\$	446.60	\$	8.10 pf
	18 - 20 years	\$	438.50	\$	446.60	\$	8.10 pf
<b>Pension Disqualifying Income Limits</b>		Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase	
Family Situation							
Single		\$	1,459.25	\$	1,490.75	\$	31.50 pf
Single + 1 child		\$	1,483.85	\$	1,515.35	\$	31.50 pf
Couple (combined)		\$	2,439.00	\$	2,492.00	\$	53.00 pf
Illness Separated couple (combined)		\$	2,886.50	\$	2,949.50	\$	63.00 pf
<b>Pension Disqualifying Asset Limits</b>		Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase	
Family Situation							
Single, homeowner		\$	343,750	\$	529,250	\$	185,500
Single, non-homeowner		\$	464,750	\$	650,250	\$	185,500
Partnered, homeowner (combined)		\$	531,000	\$	839,500	\$	308,500
Partnered, non-homeowner (combined)		\$	652,000	\$	960,500	\$	308,500
One partner eligible, homeowner		\$	531,000	\$	839,500	\$	308,500
One partner eligible, non-homeowner		\$	652,000	\$	960,500	\$	308,500
Illness separated couple, homeowner		\$	590,500	\$	961,500	\$	371,000
Illness separated couple, non-homeowner		\$	711,500	\$	1,082,500	\$	371,000
<b>Disability Support Pension Under 21 Disqualifying Income Limits</b>		Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase	
Couple, under 18 (combined)		\$	2,439.00	\$	2,479.50	\$	40.50 pf
Couple, 18 - 20 (combined)		\$	2,439.00	\$	2,479.50	\$	40.50 pf
<b>Disability Support Pension Under 21 - Disqualifying Asset Limits</b>		Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase	
<b>Homeowners</b>							
Single < 18, at home		\$	265,250	\$	363,500	\$	98,250
Single < 18, independent		\$	317,750	\$	468,500	\$	150,750
Single 18-20, at home		\$	278,000	\$	389,250	\$	111,250
Single 18-20, independent		\$	317,750	\$	468,500	\$	150,750
Couple < 18 (combined)		\$	531,000	\$	836,000	\$	305,000
Couple 18-20 (combined)		\$	531,000	\$	836,000	\$	305,000
<b>Non-Homeowners</b>							
Single < 18, at home		\$	386,250	\$	484,500	\$	98,250
Single < 18, independent		\$	438,750	\$	589,500	\$	150,750
Single 18-20, at home		\$	399,000	\$	510,250	\$	111,250
Single 18-20, independent		\$	438,750	\$	589,500	\$	150,750
Couple < 18 (combined)		\$	652,000	\$	957,000	\$	305,000
Couple 18-20 (combined)		\$	652,000	\$	957,000	\$	305,000
<b>Pension Bonus Scheme</b>		Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase	
Single							
<b>Years (Bonus Periods)</b>							
	1	\$	1,283.30	\$	1,314.10	\$	30.80
	2	\$	5,133.40	\$	5,256.60	\$	123.20
	3	\$	11,550.10	\$	11,827.20	\$	277.10
	4	\$	20,533.50	\$	21,026.20	\$	492.70
	5	\$	32,083.60	\$	32,853.50	\$	769.90
Partnered (each)							
<b>Years (Bonus Periods)</b>							
	1	\$	1,071.70	\$	1,097.60	\$	25.90
	2	\$	4,286.80	\$	4,390.40	\$	103.60
	3	\$	9,645.20	\$	9,878.40	\$	233.20
	4	\$	17,147.10	\$	17,561.60	\$	414.50
	5	\$	26,792.40	\$	27,440.00	\$	647.60

## Summary of Changes - Allowances

20 September 2007

<b>Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA &amp; MAA)</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Single, 21 or over, no children	\$ 424.30	\$ 429.80	\$ 5.50	pf
Single, 21 or over, with children	\$ 458.90	\$ 464.90	\$ 6.00	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$ 464.70	\$ 470.70	\$ 6.00	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 382.80	\$ 387.80	\$ 5.00	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$ 525.10	\$ 537.70	\$ 12.60	pf

  

<b>Youth Allowance Rates</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Single, principle child carer with exemption	\$ 525.10	\$ 537.70	\$ 12.60	pf

  

<b>Income Test Cutoffs for NSA, WA, PA, SA &amp; MAA</b>				
Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Single, 21 or over, no children	\$ 800.50	\$ 809.67	\$ 9.17	pf
Single, 21 or over, with children	\$ 858.17	\$ 868.17	\$ 10.00	pf
Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$ 867.84	\$ 877.84	\$ 10.00	pf
Partnered (each)	\$ 731.34	\$ 739.67	\$ 8.33	pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$ 968.50	\$ 989.50	\$ 21.00	pf

## Summary of Changes - Families

20 September 2007

<b>Parenting Payment Basic Rates</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Sole Parents	\$ 525.10	\$ 537.70	\$ 12.60	pf
Partnered Parents	\$ 382.80	\$ 387.80	\$ 5.00	pf

  

<b>Income Test for Parenting Payment</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Partner's Free Area	\$ 732.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 8.00	pf
For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:				
customer's income must be less than	\$ 731.34	\$ 739.67	\$ 8.33	pf
partner's income must be less than	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 1,386.33	\$ 16.33	pf
combined income must be less than	\$ 1,463.34	\$ 1,479.67	\$ 16.33	pf
If partner is on pension, couples combined income must be less than	\$ 1,462.68	\$ 1,479.34	\$ 16.66	pf

  

<b>Baby Bonus</b> (was Maternity Payment)				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
One off lump sum payment	\$ 4,133.00	\$ 4,187.00	\$ 54.00	

  

<b>Maternity Immunisation Allowance</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
One off lump sum payment	\$ 229.70	\$ 232.70	\$ 3.00	

## Summary of Changes - Rent Assistance - Social Security Act

20 September 2007

<b>Maximum Payment per Fortnight</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Single, no children	\$ 104.00	\$ 105.40	\$ 1.40	
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 69.33	\$ 70.27	\$ 0.93	
Couple, no children	\$ 98.20	\$ 99.40	\$ 1.20	
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 104.00	\$ 105.40	\$ 1.40	
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 98.20	\$ 99.40	\$ 1.20	

  

<b>Rent threshold</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Single, no children	\$ 92.60	\$ 93.80	\$ 1.20	
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 92.60	\$ 93.80	\$ 1.20	
Couple, no children	\$ 150.60	\$ 152.60	\$ 2.00	
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 92.60	\$ 93.80	\$ 1.20	
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 92.60	\$ 93.80	\$ 1.20	

  

<b>Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment</b>				
	Previous Amount	20 Sept 2007	increase	
Single, no children	\$ 231.27	\$ 234.33	\$ 3.07	
Single, no children, sharer	\$ 185.04	\$ 187.49	\$ 2.44	
Couple, no children	\$ 281.53	\$ 285.13	\$ 3.60	
Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$ 231.27	\$ 234.33	\$ 3.07	
Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$ 223.53	\$ 226.33	\$ 2.80	

## Summary of Changes - Rent Assistance - Family Assistance Act

20 September 2007

<b>Maximum Payment per Fortnight</b>					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$	122.22	\$	123.76	\$ 1.54 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$	138.18	\$	140.00	\$ 1.82 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$	122.22	\$	123.76	\$ 1.54 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$	138.18	\$	140.00	\$ 1.82 pf
<i>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</i>					
1 or 2 Children	\$	122.22	\$	123.76	\$ 1.54 pf
3 or More children	\$	138.18	\$	140.00	\$ 1.82 pf

  

<b>Rent threshold</b>					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$	121.80	\$	123.34	\$ 1.54 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$	121.80	\$	123.34	\$ 1.54 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$	180.18	\$	182.56	\$ 2.38 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$	180.18	\$	182.56	\$ 2.38 pf
<i>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</i>					
1 or 2 Children	\$	121.80	\$	123.34	\$ 1.54 pf
3 or More children	\$	121.80	\$	123.34	\$ 1.54 pf

  

<b>Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment</b>					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$	284.76	\$	288.35	\$ 3.59 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$	306.04	\$	310.01	\$ 3.97 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$	343.14	\$	347.57	\$ 4.43 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$	364.42	\$	369.23	\$ 4.81 pf
<i>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</i>					
1 or 2 Children	\$	284.76	\$	288.35	\$ 3.59 pf
3 or More children	\$	306.04	\$	310.01	\$ 3.97 pf

## Summary of Changes - Misc Rates

20 September 2007

<b>Telephone Allowance</b>					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$	85.60	\$	88.00	\$ 2.40 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$	21.40	\$	22.00	\$ 0.60 pq

  

<b>Utilities Allowance</b>					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase
Payable to Australians of Age Pension Age in receipt of Income Support Payments					
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$	106.00	\$	107.20	\$ 1.20
Six Monthly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$	53.00	\$	53.60	\$ 0.60

  

<b>Health Care Cards (HCC)</b>					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase
Average weekly income for eight weeks previous to applying:					
Single	\$	423.00	\$	429.00	\$ 6.00 pw
Couple (combined)	\$	705.00	\$	714.00	\$ 9.00 pw
Single, or couple combined, one child	\$	739.00	\$	748.00	\$ 9.00 pw

  

<b>CDEP Participation Supplement (CPS) Income Test</b>					
CPS is payable if income is below:					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		increase
Single	\$	973.00	\$	985.00	\$ 12.00 pf
Couple	\$	895.00	\$	905.00	\$ 10.00 pf
Total income of both partners must be under	\$	1,790.00	\$	1,810.00	\$ 20.00 pf

  

<b>Income Threshold for Employment Entry Payment (per fortnight)</b>					
	Previous Amount		20 Sept 2007		Increase
For EEP entitlement person's income from employment must exceed	\$	800.50	\$	809.67	\$ 9.17 pf