

Summary of Changes - Pensions - Fortnightly Amounts

20 March 2007

Adult Pension Basic Rates			
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
Single			
■ base	\$ 493.90	\$ 506.80	\$ 12.90 pf
■ supplement	\$ 18.20	\$ 18.30	\$ 0.10 pf
Total	\$ 512.10	\$ 525.10	\$ 13.00 pf
Couple			
■ base	\$ 412.50	\$ 423.20	\$ 10.70 pf
■ supplement	\$ 15.20	\$ 15.30	\$ 0.10 pf
Total	\$ 427.70	\$ 438.50	\$ 10.80 pf
Youth Disability Support Pension Basic Rates			
Member of a couple			
■ under 18	\$ 427.70	\$ 438.50	\$ 10.80 pf
■ 18 - 20 years	\$ 427.70	\$ 438.50	\$ 10.80 pf
Pension Disqualifying Income Limits			
Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
■ Single	\$ 1,422.75	\$ 1,455.25	\$ 32.50 pf
■ Single + 1 child	\$ 1,447.35	\$ 1,479.85	\$ 32.50 pf
■ Couple (combined)	\$ 2,381.00	\$ 2,435.00	\$ 54.00 pf
■ For each Additional Child add	\$ 24.60	\$ 24.60	\$ - pf
■ Illness Separated couple (combined)	\$ 2,817.50	\$ 2,882.50	\$ 65.00 pf
Pension Disqualifying Asset Limits			
Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
■ Single, homeowner	\$ 334,250	\$ 338,500	\$ 4,250
■ Single, non-homeowner	\$ 451,250	\$ 455,500	\$ 4,250
■ Partnered, homeowner (combined)	\$ 516,500	\$ 523,500	\$ 7,000
■ Partnered, non-homeowner (combined)	\$ 633,500	\$ 640,500	\$ 7,000
■ One partner eligible, homeowner	\$ 516,500	\$ 523,500	\$ 7,000
■ One partner eligible, non-homeowner	\$ 633,500	\$ 640,500	\$ 7,000
■ Illness separated couple, homeowner	\$ 574,500	\$ 583,000	\$ 8,500
■ Illness separated couple, non-homeowner	\$ 691,500	\$ 700,000	\$ 8,500
Disability Support Pension Under 21 Disqualifying Income Limits			
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
■ Couple, under 18 (combined)	\$ 2,381.00	\$ 2,435.00	\$ 54.00 pf
■ Couple, 18 - 20 (combined)	\$ 2,381.00	\$ 2,435.00	\$ 54.00 pf
Disability Support Pension Under 21 - Disqualifying Asset Limits			
Homeowners	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
■ Couple < 18 (combined)	\$ 516,500	\$ 523,500	\$ 7,000
■ Couple 18-20 (combined)	\$ 516,500	\$ 523,500	\$ 7,000
Non-Homeowners	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
■ Couple < 18 (combined)	\$ 633,500	\$ 640,500	\$ 7,000
■ Couple 18-20 (combined)	\$ 633,500	\$ 640,500	\$ 7,000
Pension Bonus Scheme			
<i>Single</i>			
■ Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
1	\$ 1,251.60	\$ 1,283.30	\$ 31.70
2	\$ 5,006.30	\$ 5,133.40	\$ 127.10
3	\$ 11,264.20	\$ 11,550.10	\$ 285.90
4	\$ 20,025.20	\$ 20,533.50	\$ 508.30
5	\$ 31,289.30	\$ 32,083.60	\$ 794.30
<i>Partnered (each)</i>			
■ Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007	increase
1	\$ 1,045.30	\$ 1,071.70	\$ 26.40
2	\$ 4,181.20	\$ 4,286.80	\$ 105.60
3	\$ 9,407.70	\$ 9,645.20	\$ 237.50
4	\$ 16,724.80	\$ 17,147.10	\$ 422.30
5	\$ 26,132.50	\$ 26,792.40	\$ 659.90

Summary of Changes - Allowances - Fortnightly Amounts

20 March 2007

Allowance Rates (NSA, WA, PA, SA & MAA)					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, 21 or over, no children	\$	420.90	\$	424.30	\$ 3.40 pf
■ Single, 21 or over, with children	\$	455.30	\$	458.90	\$ 3.60 pf
■ Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$	461.10	\$	464.70	\$ 3.60 pf
■ Partnered (each)	\$	379.80	\$	382.80	\$ 3.00 pf
■ Single, principle carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$	512.10	\$	525.10	\$ 13.00 pf

Youth Allowance Rates					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, principle child carer with exemption	\$	512.10	\$	525.10	\$ 13.00 pf

Income Test Cutoffs for NSA, WA, PA, SA & MAA					
Family Situation	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, 21 or over, no children	\$	794.84	\$	800.50	\$ 5.66 pf
■ Single, 21 or over, with children	\$	852.17	\$	858.17	\$ 6.00 pf
■ Single, 60 or over, after 9 months (PhA)	\$	861.84	\$	867.84	\$ 6.00 pf
■ Partnered (each)	\$	726.34	\$	731.34	\$ 5.00 pf
■ Single, principle carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$	946.84	\$	968.50	\$ 21.66 pf

Summary of Changes - Families - Fortnightly Amounts

20 March 2007

Parenting Payment Basic Rates					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Sole Parents	\$	512.10	\$	525.10	\$ 13.00 pf
■ Partnered Parents	\$	379.80	\$	382.80	\$ 3.00 pf

Partner Income Test for Parenting Payment					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Partner's Free Area	\$	727.00	\$	732.00	\$ 5.00 pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate all of the following conditions must be met:</i>					
■ customer's income must be less than	\$	726.34	\$	731.34	\$ 5.00 pf
■ partner's income must be less than	\$	1,360.00	\$	1,370.00	\$ 10.00 pf
■ combined income must be less than	\$	1,453.34	\$	1,463.34	\$ 10.00 pf
If partner is on pension, couples					
■ combined income must be less than	\$	1,452.68	\$	1,462.68	\$ 10.00 pf

Maternity Payment					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ One off lump sum payment	\$	4,100.00	\$	4,133.00	\$ 33.00

Maternity Immunisation Allowance					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ One off lump sum payment	\$	227.90	\$	229.70	\$ 1.80

Summary of Changes - Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Social Security Act

20 March 2007

Maximum Payment per Fortnight					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, no children	\$	103.20	\$	104.00	\$ 0.80
■ Single, no children, sharer	\$	68.80	\$	69.33	\$ 0.53
■ Couple, no children	\$	97.40	\$	98.20	\$ 0.80
■ Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$	103.20	\$	104.00	\$ 0.80
■ Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$	97.40	\$	98.20	\$ 0.80

Rent threshold					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, no children	\$	91.80	\$	92.60	\$ 0.80
■ Single, no children, sharer	\$	91.80	\$	92.60	\$ 0.80
■ Couple, no children	\$	149.40	\$	150.60	\$ 1.20
■ Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$	91.80	\$	92.60	\$ 0.80
■ Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$	91.80	\$	92.60	\$ 0.80

Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment					
	Previous Amount		20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, no children	\$	229.40	\$	231.27	\$ 1.87
■ Single, no children, sharer	\$	183.53	\$	185.04	\$ 1.51
■ Couple, no children	\$	279.27	\$	281.53	\$ 2.27
■ Partnered, illness separated, no children	\$	229.40	\$	231.27	\$ 1.87
■ Partnered, temporarily separated, no children	\$	221.67	\$	223.53	\$ 1.87

Summary of Changes - Rent Assistance - for Payments under the Family Assistance Act

20 March 2007

Maximum Payment per Fortnight				
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 121.24	\$ 122.22	\$	0.98
■ Single, 3 or more children	\$ 137.06	\$ 138.18	\$	1.12
■ Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 121.24	\$ 122.22	\$	0.98
■ Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 137.06	\$ 138.18	\$	1.12
<i>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</i>				
■ 1 or 2 children	\$ 121.24	\$ 122.22	\$	0.98
■ 3 or more children	\$ 137.06	\$ 138.18	\$	1.12
Rent threshold				
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 120.82	\$ 121.80	\$	0.98
■ Single, 3 or more children	\$ 120.82	\$ 121.80	\$	0.98
■ Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 178.78	\$ 180.18	\$	1.40
■ Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 178.78	\$ 180.18	\$	1.40
<i>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</i>				
■ 1 or 2 children	\$ 120.82	\$ 121.80	\$	0.98
■ 3 or more children	\$ 120.82	\$ 121.80	\$	0.98
Minimum Rent to get Maximum Payment				
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single, 1 or 2 children	\$ 282.47	\$ 284.76	\$	2.29
■ Single, 3 or more children	\$ 303.57	\$ 306.04	\$	2.47
■ Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$ 340.43	\$ 343.14	\$	2.71
■ Couple, 3 or more children	\$ 361.53	\$ 364.42	\$	2.89
<i>Couple, Illness Separated, Temporarily Separated</i>				
■ 1 or 2 children	\$ 282.47	\$ 284.76	\$	2.29
■ 3 or more children	\$ 303.57	\$ 306.04	\$	2.47

Summary of Changes - Miscellaneous

20 March 2007

Utilities Allowance				
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007		increase
Payable to Australians of Age Pension Age in receipt of Income Support Payments				
■ Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$ 105.20	\$ 106.00	\$	0.80
■ Six Monthly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$ 52.60	\$ 53.00	\$	0.40
Health Care Cards (HCC)				
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007		increase
Average weekly income for eight weeks previous to applying:				
■ Single	\$ 420.00	\$ 423.00	\$	3.00 pw
■ Couple (combined)	\$ 700.00	\$ 705.00	\$	5.00 pw
■ Single, or couple combined, one child	\$ 734.00	\$ 739.00	\$	5.00 pw
CDEP Participation Supplement (CPS) Income Test				
CPS is payable if income is below:				
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007		increase
■ Single	\$ 966.00	\$ 973.00	\$	7.00 pf
■ Couple	\$ 888.00	\$ 895.00	\$	7.00 pf
■ Total income of both partners must be under	\$ 1,776.00	\$ 1,790.00	\$	14.00 pf
Income Threshold for Employment Entry Payment (per fortnight)				
	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2007		Increase
■ For EEP entitlement person's income from employment must exceed	\$ 794.84	\$ 800.50	\$	5.66 pf