

Pension Increases Effective 20 September 2008



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Summary of changes

The rates quoted are fortnightly amounts unless otherwise indicated.

Income Support

Service Pension			
<i>Not a Member of a Couple</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Base	\$528.00	\$542.80	\$14.80
Supplement	\$18.80	\$19.30	\$0.50
	\$546.80	\$562.10	\$15.30
Partnered - each			
<i>Partnered - each</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Base	\$441.00	\$453.30	\$12.30
Supplement	\$15.80	\$16.20	\$0.40
	\$456.80	\$469.50	\$12.70

Income Support Supplement			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
	\$163.20	\$167.80	\$4.60

Rent Assistance			
No Children			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$107.20	\$110.20	\$3.00
Partnered - combined	\$101.00	\$103.80	\$2.80
Illness Separated - each	\$107.20	\$110.20	\$3.00
Shared Renter - DSS Age Pension	\$71.47	\$73.47	\$2.00
1-2 Children			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$125.86	\$129.36	\$3.50
Partnered - combined	\$125.86	\$129.36	\$3.50
Illness Separated - each	\$125.86	\$129.36	\$3.50
3 or more Children			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$142.38	\$146.30	\$3.92
Partnered - combined	\$142.38	\$146.30	\$3.92
Illness Separated - each	\$142.38	\$146.30	\$3.92

Rent Threshold			
No Children	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$95.40	\$98.00	\$2.60
Partnered - combined	\$155.20	\$159.60	\$4.40
Illness Separated - each	\$95.40	\$98.00	\$2.60
Shared Renter - DSS Age Pension	\$95.40	\$98.00	\$2.60
1-2 Children	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$125.44	\$128.94	\$3.50
Partnered - combined	\$185.64	\$190.82	\$5.18
Illness Separated - each	\$125.44	\$128.94	\$3.50
3 or more Children	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$125.44	\$128.94	\$3.50
Partnered - combined	\$185.64	\$190.82	\$5.18
Illness Separated - each	\$125.44	\$128.94	\$3.50

Adjusted Income before ISS reduces			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a member of a Couple	\$1,097.00	\$1,123.75	\$26.75
Partnered - combined	\$1,708.00	\$1,748.50	\$40.50
Illness Separated - combined	\$2,158.00	\$2,211.50	\$53.50

Assets before ISS reduces			
Low Limit (Homeowner)	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$427,500.00	\$434,750.00	\$7,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$635,000.00	\$646,000.00	\$11,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$755,000.00	\$769,500.00	\$14,500.00
High Limit (Non-Homeowner)	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$552,000.00	\$559,250.00	\$7,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$759,500.00	\$770,500.00	\$11,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$879,500.00	\$894,000.00	\$14,500.00

Income Limit at which Service Pension ceases			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,519.50	\$1,557.75	\$38.25
Partnered - combined	\$2,538.50	\$2,602.00	\$63.50
Illness Separated - combined	\$3,003.00	\$3,079.50	\$76.50
If also receiving maximum rent assistance	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,787.50	\$1,833.25	\$45.75
Partnered - combined	\$2,791.00	\$2,861.50	\$70.50
Illness Separated - combined	\$3,539.00	\$3,630.50	\$91.50

Adjusted Income at which ISS ceases			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,505.00	\$1,543.25	\$38.25
Partnered - combined	\$2,524.00	\$2,587.50	\$63.50
Illness Separated - combined	\$2,974.00	\$3,050.50	\$76.50
If also receiving maximum rent assistance			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,773.00	\$1,818.75	\$45.75
Partnered - combined	\$2,776.50	\$2,847.00	\$70.50
Illness Separated - combined	\$3,510.00	\$3,601.50	\$91.50

Asset Levels at which Service Pension ceases			
Low Limit (Homeowner)	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$540,250.00	\$550,500.00	\$10,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$856,500.00	\$873,500.00	\$17,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$980,500.00	\$1,001,000.00	\$20,500.00
High Limit (Non-Homeowner)			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$664,750.00	\$675,000.00	\$10,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$981,000.00	\$998,000.00	\$17,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$1,105,000.00	\$1,125,500.00	\$20,500.00

Asset Levels at which ISS ceases			
Low Limit (Homeowner)	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$536,500.00	\$546,500.00	\$10,000.00
Partnered - combined	\$853,000.00	\$869,500.00	\$16,500.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$973,000.00	\$993,000.00	\$20,000.00
High Limit (Non-Homeowner)			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$661,000.00	\$671,000.00	\$10,000.00
Partnered - combined	\$977,500.00	\$994,000.00	\$16,500.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$1,097,500.00	\$1,117,500.00	\$20,000.00

Asset Levels at which DVA Treatment Service Pension ceases			
Low Limit (Homeowner)	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a Member of a Couple	\$239,000.00	\$240,750.00	\$1,750.00
1 Child	\$254,500.00	\$257,000.00	\$2,500.00
2 Children	\$269,750.00	\$273,000.00	\$3,250.00
3 Children	\$285,250.00	\$289,000.00	\$3,750.00
4 Children	\$300,500.00	\$305,250.00	\$4,750.00
5 Children	\$315,750.00	\$321,250.00	\$5,500.00

Low Limit (Homeowner)	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Partnered - combined	\$359,000.00	\$362,500.00	\$3,500.00
1 Child	\$374,500.00	\$378,750.00	\$4,250.00
2 Children	\$389,750.00	\$394,750.00	\$5,000.00
3 Children	\$405,250.00	\$410,750.00	\$5,500.00
4 Children	\$420,500.00	\$427,000.00	\$6,500.00
5 Children	\$435,750.00	\$443,000.00	\$7,250.00
High Limit (Non-Homeowner)			
Not a Member of a Couple	\$363,500.00	\$365,250.00	\$1,750.00
1 Child	\$379,000.00	\$381,500.00	\$2,500.00
2 Children	\$394,250.00	\$397,500.00	\$3,250.00
3 Children	\$409,750.00	\$413,500.00	\$3,750.00
4 Children	\$425,000.00	\$429,750.00	\$4,750.00
5 Children	\$440,250.00	\$445,750.00	\$5,500.00
High Limit (Non-Homeowner)			
Partnered - combined	\$483,500.00	\$487,000.00	\$3,500.00
1 Child	\$499,000.00	\$503,250.00	\$4,250.00
2 Children	\$514,250.00	\$519,250.00	\$5,000.00
3 Children	\$529,750.00	\$535,250.00	\$5,500.00
4 Children	\$545,000.00	\$551,500.00	\$6,500.00
5 Children	\$560,250.00	\$567,500.00	\$7,250.00

Gross Income at which eligibility for Treatment Benefits SP ceases			
Partnered - each	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
No Children	\$336.50	\$342.50	\$6.00
Partnered - combined			
No Children	\$665.00	\$685.00	\$12.00
1 Child	\$746.60	\$769.85	\$15.25
2 Children	\$828.20	\$854.70	\$18.50
3 Children	\$909.80	\$939.55	\$21.75
4 Children	\$991.40	\$1,024.40	\$25.00
5 Children	\$1,073.00	\$1,109.25	\$28.25
Additional per child	\$81.60	\$84.85	\$3.25
Not a Member of a Couple			
No Children	\$389.75	\$396.75	\$7.00
1 Child	\$471.35	\$481.60	\$10.25
2 Children	\$552.95	\$566.45	\$13.50
3 Children	\$634.55	\$651.30	\$16.75
4 Children	\$716.15	\$736.15	\$20.00
5 Children	\$797.75	\$821.00	\$23.25
Additional per child	\$81.60	\$84.85	\$3.25

Income/Assets Reduction Limit (IARL)			
<i>Not a Member of a Couple</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
IARL Basic Reduction	\$100.70	\$103.50	\$2.80
IARL Dependant Child	\$22.80	\$24.10	\$1.30
<i>Partnered</i>			
IARL Basic Reduction	\$86.60	\$89.00	\$2.40
IARL Dependant Child	\$11.40	\$12.05	\$0.65

Veterans' Compensation

Disability Pension			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Special Rate	\$970.50	\$997.80	\$27.30
Intermediate Rate	\$658.50	\$677.00	\$18.50
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$535.60	\$550.70	\$15.10
<i>General Rate</i>			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
100%	\$344.80	\$354.50	\$9.70
95%	\$327.56	\$336.78	\$9.22
90%	\$310.32	\$319.05	\$8.73
85%	\$293.08	\$301.33	\$8.25
80%	\$275.84	\$283.60	\$7.76
75%	\$258.60	\$265.88	\$7.28
70%	\$241.36	\$248.15	\$6.79
65%	\$224.12	\$230.43	\$6.31
60%	\$206.88	\$212.70	\$5.82
55%	\$189.64	\$194.98	\$5.34
50%	\$172.40	\$177.25	\$4.85
45%	\$155.16	\$159.53	\$4.37
40%	\$137.92	\$141.80	\$3.88
35%	\$120.68	\$124.08	\$3.40
30%	\$103.44	\$106.35	\$2.91
25%	\$86.20	\$88.63	\$2.43
20%	\$68.96	\$70.90	\$1.94
15%	\$51.72	\$53.18	\$1.46
10%	\$34.48	\$35.45	\$0.97

War/Defence Widow/er			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Indexed amount	\$528.00	\$542.80	\$14.80
Supplement	\$18.80	\$19.30	\$0.50
Extra amount	\$35.60	\$36.60	\$1.00
	\$582.40	\$598.70	\$16.30

Specific Disability Amounts			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Items 1-6	\$537.60	\$552.70	\$15.10

Military Compensation

Wholly Dependant Partner p/w			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Base rate	\$264.00	\$271.40	\$7.40
Supplement	\$9.40	\$9.65	\$0.25
Extra amount	\$17.80	\$18.30	\$0.50
Total	\$291.20	\$299.35	\$8.15

Special Rate Disability Pension p/w			
	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
	\$485.25	\$498.90	\$13.65

Allowances

Utilities Allowance			
Quarterly from September 2008	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Not a member of a couple	\$125.00	\$128.50	\$3.50
Partnered (each)	\$62.50	\$64.25	\$1.75