

# Pension Increases Effective 20 March 2009



Australian Government  
Department of Veterans' Affairs

## Summary of changes

The rates quoted are fortnightly amounts unless otherwise indicated.

### Income Support

<b>Service Pension</b>			
<i>Not a Member of a Couple</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Base	\$542.80	\$550.30	\$7.50
Supplement	\$19.30	\$19.50	\$0.20
	\$562.10	\$569.80	\$7.70
<i>Partnered - each</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Base	\$453.30	\$459.60	\$6.30
Supplement	\$16.20	\$16.30	\$0.10
	\$469.50	\$475.90	\$6.40

<b>Income Support Supplement</b>			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
	\$167.80	\$170.20	\$2.40

<b>Rent Assistance</b>			
<i>No Children</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$110.20	\$111.20	\$1.00
Partnered - combined	\$103.80	\$104.80	\$1.00
Illness Separated - each	\$110.20	\$111.20	\$1.00
Shared Renter - DSS Age Pension	\$73.47	\$74.13	\$0.66
<i>1-2 Children</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$129.36	\$130.48	\$1.12
Partnered - combined	\$129.36	\$130.48	\$1.12
Illness Separated - each	\$129.36	\$130.48	\$1.12
<i>3 or more Children</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$144.30	\$147.56	\$3.26
Partnered - combined	\$144.30	\$147.56	\$3.26
Illness Separated - each	\$144.30	\$147.56	\$3.26

<b>Rent Threshold</b>			
<b>No Children</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$98.00	\$98.80	\$0.80
Partnered - combined	\$159.60	\$161.00	\$1.40
Illness Separated - each	\$98.00	\$98.80	\$0.80
Shared Renter - DSS Age Pension	\$98.00	\$98.80	\$0.80
<b>1-2 Children</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$128.94	\$130.06	\$1.12
Partnered - combined	\$190.82	\$192.50	\$1.68
Illness Separated - each	\$128.94	\$130.06	\$1.12
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Partnered - combined	\$190.82	\$192.50	\$1.68
Illness Separated - each	\$128.94	\$130.06	\$1.12

<b>Adjusted Income before ISS reduces</b>			
	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a member of a Couple	\$1,123.75	\$1,137.00	\$13.25
Partnered - combined	\$1,748.50	\$1,768.50	\$20.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$2,211.50	\$2,238.00	\$26.50

<b>Assets before ISS reduces</b>			
<b>Low Limit (Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$434,750.00	\$438,250	\$3,500.00
Partnered - combined	\$646,000.00	\$651,500	\$5,500.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$769,500.00	\$776,500	\$7,000.00
<b>High Limit (Non-Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$559,250.00	\$562,750	\$3,500.00
Partnered - combined	\$770,500.00	\$776,000	\$5,500.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$894,000.00	\$901,000	\$7,000.00

<b>Income Limit at which Service Pension ceases</b>			
	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,558.25	\$1,577.50	\$19.25
Partnered - combined	\$2,602.50	\$2,634.50	\$32.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$3,080.50	\$3,119.00	\$38.50
<b>If also receiving maximum rent assistance</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,833.75	\$1,855.50	\$21.75
Partnered - combined	\$2,862.00	\$2,896.50	\$34.50
Illness Separated - combined	\$3,631.50	\$3,675.00	\$43.50

<b>Adjusted Income at which ISS ceases</b>			
	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,543.25	\$1,562.50	\$19.25
Partnered - combined	\$2,587.50	\$2,619.50	\$32.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$3,050.50	\$3,089.00	\$38.50
<b>If also receiving maximum rent assistance</b>			
	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$1,818.75	\$1,840.50	\$21.75
Partnered - combined	\$2,847.00	\$2,881.50	\$34.50
Illness Separated - combined	\$3,601.50	\$3,645.00	\$43.50

<b>Asset Levels at which Service Pension ceases</b>			
<b>Low Limit (Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$550,500.00	\$555,750	\$5,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$873,500.00	\$882,500	\$9,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$1,001,000.00	\$1,011,500	\$10,500.00
<b>High Limit (Non-Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$675,000.00	\$680,250	\$5,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$998,000.00	\$1,007,000	\$9,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$1,125,500.00	\$1,136,000	\$10,500.00

<b>Asset Levels at which ISS ceases</b>			
<b>Low Limit (Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$546,500.00	\$551,750	\$5,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$869,500.00	\$878,500	\$9,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$993,000.00	\$1,003,500	\$10,500.00
<b>High Limit (Non-Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$671,000.00	\$676,250	\$5,250.00
Partnered - combined	\$994,000.00	\$1,003,000	\$9,000.00
Illness Separated - combined	\$1,117,500.00	\$1,128,000	\$10,500.00

<b>Asset Levels at which DVA Treatment Service Pension ceases</b>			
<b>Low Limit (Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Not a Member of a Couple	\$240,750.00	\$241,500.00	\$750.00
1 Child	\$257,000.00	\$258,000.00	\$1,000.00
2 Children	\$273,000.00	\$274,500.00	\$1,500.00
3 Children	\$289,000.00	\$291,000.00	\$2,000.00
4 Children	\$305,250.00	\$307,500.00	\$2,250.00
5 Children	\$321,250.00	\$324,000.00	\$2,750.00

<b>Low Limit (Homeowner)</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Partnered - combined	\$362,500.00	\$363,500.00	\$1,000.00
1 Child	\$378,750.00	\$380,000.00	\$1,250.00
2 Children	\$394,750.00	\$396,500.00	\$1,750.00
3 Children	\$410,750.00	\$413,000.00	\$2,250.00
4 Children	\$427,000.00	\$429,500.00	\$2,500.00
5 Children	\$443,000.00	\$446,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>High Limit (Non-Homeowner)</b>			
Not a Member of a Couple	\$365,250.00	\$366,000.00	\$750.00
1 Child	\$381,500.00	\$382,500.00	\$1,000.00
2 Children	\$397,500.00	\$399,000.00	\$1,500.00
3 Children	\$413,500.00	\$415,500.00	\$2,000.00
4 Children	\$429,750.00	\$432,000.00	\$2,250.00
5 Children	\$445,750.00	\$448,500.00	\$2,750.00
<b>High Limit (Non-Homeowner)</b>			
Partnered - combined	\$487,000.00	\$488,000.00	\$1,000.00
1 Child	\$503,250.00	\$504,500.00	\$1,250.00
2 Children	\$519,250.00	\$521,000.00	\$1,750.00
3 Children	\$535,250.00	\$537,500.00	\$2,250.00
4 Children	\$551,500.00	\$554,000.00	\$2,500.00
5 Children	\$567,500.00	\$570,500.00	\$3,000.00

<b>Gross Income at which eligibility for Treatment Benefits SP ceases</b>			
<b>Partnered - each</b>	<b>Old Rate</b>	<b>New Rate</b>	<b>Increase</b>
No Children	\$342.50	\$344.50	\$2.00
<b>Partnered - combined</b>			
No Children	\$685.00	\$689.00	\$4.00
1 Child	\$769.85	\$774.85	\$5.00
2 Children	\$854.70	\$860.70	\$6.00
3 Children	\$939.55	\$946.55	\$7.00
4 Children	\$1,024.40	\$1,032.40	\$8.00
5 Children	\$1,109.25	\$1,118.25	\$9.00
Additional per child	\$84.85	\$85.85	\$1.00
<b>Not a Member of a Couple</b>			
No Children	\$396.75	\$399.00	\$2.25
1 Child	\$481.60	\$484.85	\$3.25
2 Children	\$566.45	\$570.70	\$4.25
3 Children	\$651.30	\$656.55	\$5.25
4 Children	\$736.15	\$742.40	\$6.25
5 Children	\$821.00	\$828.25	\$7.25
Additional per child	\$84.85	\$85.85	\$1.00

<b>Income/Assets Reduction Limit (IARL)</b>			
<b><i>Not a Member of a Couple</i></b>	<b><i>Old Rate</i></b>	<b><i>New Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>
IARL Basic Reduction	\$103.50	\$104.40	\$0.90
IARL Dependant Child	\$24.10	\$24.50	\$0.40
<b><i>Partnered</i></b>			
IARL Basic Reduction	\$89.00	\$89.80	\$0.80
IARL Dependant Child	\$12.05	\$12.25	\$0.20

## Veterans' Compensation

<b>Disability Pension</b>			
	<b><i>Old Rate</i></b>	<b><i>New Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>
Special Rate	\$997.80	\$1,011.90	\$14.10
Intermediate Rate	\$677.00	\$686.60	\$9.60
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$550.70	\$558.50	\$7.80
<b><i>General Rate</i></b>			
	<b><i>Old Rate</i></b>	<b><i>New Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>
100%	\$354.50	\$359.50	\$5.00
95%	\$336.78	\$341.53	\$4.75
90%	\$319.05	\$323.55	\$4.50
85%	\$301.33	\$305.58	\$4.25
80%	\$283.60	\$287.60	\$4.00
75%	\$265.88	\$269.63	\$3.75
70%	\$248.15	\$251.65	\$3.50
65%	\$230.43	\$233.68	\$3.25
60%	\$212.70	\$215.70	\$3.00
55%	\$194.98	\$197.73	\$2.75
50%	\$177.25	\$179.75	\$2.50
45%	\$159.53	\$161.78	\$2.25
40%	\$141.80	\$143.80	\$2.00
35%	\$124.08	\$125.83	\$1.75
30%	\$106.35	\$107.85	\$1.50
25%	\$88.63	\$89.88	\$1.25
20%	\$70.90	\$71.90	\$1.00
15%	\$53.18	\$53.93	\$0.75
10%	\$35.45	\$35.95	\$0.50

<b>War/Defence Widow/er</b>			
	<b><i>Old Rate</i></b>	<b><i>New Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>
Indexed component	\$579.40	\$587.50	\$8.10
Supplement	\$19.30	\$19.50	\$0.20
Total	\$598.70	\$607.00	\$8.30

<b>Specific Disability Amounts</b>			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Items 1-6	\$552.70	\$557.70	\$5.00

## **Military Compensation**

<b>Wholly Dependant Partner per/week</b>			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Base rate	\$271.40	\$275.15	\$3.75
Supplement	\$9.65	\$9.75	\$0.10
Extra amount	\$18.30	\$18.60	\$0.30
Total	\$299.35	\$303.50	\$4.15

<b>Special Rate Disability Pension per/week</b>			
	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
	\$498.90	\$505.95	\$7.05

## **Allowances**

<b>Utilities Allowance</b>			
<i>Quarterly from January 2009</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a member of a couple	\$128.50	\$129.70	\$1.20
Partnered (each)	\$64.25	\$64.85	\$0.60

<b>Pharmaceutical Allowance</b>			
<i>fortnightly from January 2009</i>	<i>Old Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Not a member of a couple	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$0.00
Partnered (each)	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$0.00