



# Assessable Income Payments

## Effective from 28 March 2016

Rent will be charged at a standard rate of 25 per cent of assessable income. 'Assessable income' is defined as any income which is regular, ongoing and provided to meet the general costs of living for the purpose of calculating rent.

The table includes income types that meet the Department of Communities (Housing) 'assessable income' definition. New income types will be added when it has been determined that they meet the assessable income definition.

Income/Payment	Added	Always Assessable
Aboriginal Enterprise Incentive Scheme		✓
Abstudy		✓
Age Pension		✓
Austudy		✓
Bereavement Allowance		✓
Business Income		✓
Carer Allowance (including components)	✓	
Carer Payment		✓
Carer Supplement	✓	
Community Development Program Wages/Salary (CDP)		✓
Compensation		✓
Deemed Income from Assets		✓
Deprived Income (income deemed by Centrelink)		✓
Disability Support Pension		✓
District Allowance		✓
Double Orphan Pension (Centrelink – Not DVA)	✓	
Energy Supplement	✓	
Family Tax Benefit Part A	<sup>1</sup>	✓
Family Tax Benefit Part B	<sup>2</sup>	✓
Family Tax Benefit Supplement A	✓	
Family Tax Benefit Supplement B	✓	
Foreign Income		✓

<sup>1</sup> FTB assessment rate has increased from 15 to 25 per cent

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Foreign Pension Additional		✓
Foreign Pensions		✓
Gst Component	✓	
Income Stream Annuities		✓
Large Family Supplement	<sup>3</sup>	
Living Allowance/Board Provider (Abstudy)	✓	
Local Government Elected Allowance (minus expenses)		✓
Low Income Family Supplement	✓	
Low Income Supplement	✓	
Maintenance	<sup>4</sup>	✓
Multiple Birth Allowance	✓	
New Enterprise Incentive Scheme		✓
Newstart Allowance		✓
Newstart Mature Age Allowance		✓
Overtime (regular)		✓
Parental Leave Pay		✓
Parenting Payment		✓
Partner Allowance		✓
Pension Supplement	✓	
Pharmaceutical Allowance	✓	
Real Estate Income		✓
Remote Area Allowance	✓	
Rent Assistance		✓
Salary Sacrifice Amounts		✓
Self Employed		✓
Sickness Allowance		✓
Single Income Family Supplement	✓	
Special Benefit		✓
Superannuation		✓
Telephone Allowance	✓	
Trust and Companies		✓
Utilities Allowance	✓	

<sup>3</sup> From 1 July 2016 the Large Family Supplement is no longer paid by Centrelink

<sup>4</sup> Maintenance assessment rate has increased from 20 to 25 per cent

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Income/Payment	Added	Always Assessable
Veterans' Affairs Pension		✓
Veterans' Children Education Scheme		✓
Wages and Salary	<sup>5</sup>	✓
War Widow Pension (incl Domestic Allowance and Income Support Supplement)		✓
Widow Allowance		✓
Widow Pension B		✓
Wife Pension		✓
Work for the Dole (range of payments)		✓
Youth Allowance		✓
Youth Disability Supplement	✓	

The assessment rate for income of other household members (i.e. not the tenant) under 21 years of age has changed from 10 to 25 per cent.

The assessment rate for student income (e.g. Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY) of other household members (i.e. not the tenant) under 25 years of age has changed from 10 to 25 per cent.

<sup>5</sup> Always assessable but the working allowance of \$30 (\$50 for people with a disability) have been removed



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