



Parenting Payment

Parenting Payment is income support for parents or guardians to help with the cost of raising children.

Eligibility for Parenting Payment

Parenting Payment is paid to the principal carer of a child. Only one parent or guardian can receive the payment. You may qualify for Parenting Payment as a parent, grandparent, or foster carer, if:

- you are single and care for at least one child aged less than eight, or
- you have a partner and care for at least one child aged less than six, and
- the income and assets of both you and your partner (if you have one) are below certain amounts, and
- you meet residence requirements, and
- you are able to meet participation requirements if needed.

Payment rates for Parenting Payment

The amount of Parenting Payment you get depends on your family situation. The rates are updated on 20 March and 20 September each year. For the latest rates visit humanservices.gov.au/parentingpayment

Income and assets tests for Parenting Payment

The amount of Parenting Payment you get depends on the income and assets of both you and your partner (if you have one).

An asset is any property or possession you own either partly or wholly. It includes assets held outside Australia and debts owing to you.

The income and assets tests are updated on 20 March, 1 July and 20 September each year. For the latest rates visit humanservices.gov.au/parentingpayment

More information

For more information about Parenting Payment:

- visit humanservices.gov.au/parentingpayment
- call **131 202** to speak to someone in your language, or
- visit a service centre.