



Budget 2023-24

This information is accurate as of 9 May 2023.

Parenting Payment (Single) – improved support for single parents

This measure will expand eligibility for Parenting Payment (Single) (PPS).

Currently PPS is paid if the youngest child is younger than 8.

From 20 September 2023, single parents and carers will be eligible to remain on PPS until their youngest qualifying child turns 14.

People getting JobSeeker Payment who are principal carers of a child aged younger than 14 will automatically transfer to PPS as part of this change.

This will increase the maximum basic rate of payment for eligible parents and carers from \$745.20 per fortnight to \$922.10 per fortnight. This is the current maximum basic rate for single parents and carers getting PPS.

About 57,000 people will benefit from the increased financial support provided each fortnight. The change will help with the additional costs associated with raising children during school years. It will also help parents facing barriers to employment.

This measure is led by the Department of Social Services.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

Who this measure affects

This measure affects single parents and carers who are the principal carer of a child aged younger than 14.

When this starts and finishes

This measure will start on 20 September 2023 and will be ongoing.