



# Budget 2024-25

This information is accurate as of 14 May 2024.

## A higher JobSeeker payment rate for recipients with a partial capacity to work (0–14 hours)

This measure will extend eligibility for the higher rate of JobSeeker Payment to single recipients who have an assessed partial capacity to work up to 14 hours per week. The higher rate of JobSeeker Payment is currently \$816.90 per fortnight.

This cohort will also become eligible for the higher rate of Energy Supplement, which is currently \$9.50.

Currently the higher rate of JobSeeker Payment is only available to single recipients who meet at least one of the following:

- have a dependent child and are the principal carer
- are 55 or over and on an income support payment for 9 months or more.

This measure will commence from 20 September 2024. This is the same day as regular indexation increases for eligible payments, including JobSeeker Payment. This means eligible customers will get both of the following:

- the increase from the measure
- any increase from indexation.

This measure is led by the Department of Social Services. Services Australia will get \$21.5 million through to 2027-28 to support this measure.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

### Who this measure affects

This affects single JobSeeker Payment and Special Benefit recipients with a partial capacity to work of up to 14 hours.

### When this starts and finishes

This measure starts on 20 September 2024 and is ongoing.