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SOCIAL SERVICES

Age or Invalid Pension

Weekly Rates

Standard Rate -

Unmarried person or married person whose spouse is not receiving a pension, tuberculosis allowance or benefit \$13.00

Married Rate -

Person whose spouse is receiving a pension, tuberculosis allowance or benefit \$11.75

*Wife's Allowance

Wife of invalid (including a permanently incapacitated age) pensioner or wife of an age pensioner with a child or children under 16 years of age \$ 6.00

*Child's Allowance

Flat rate for eldest, elder or only child under 16 years of age \$ 1.50

*Additional pension for children

Each child, after the eldest, under 16 years of age \$ 1.50

*Guardian's Allowance

"Single" age or invalid pensioner with a child or children under 16 years of age \$ 4.00

* A child is treated as being under the age of 16 years for pension purposes until his 21st birthday where he is dependent on the pensioner and is receiving full-time education at a school, college or university.

<u>Widows' Pensions</u>	<u>Weekly Rates</u>
Class A -	
Standard Rate	\$13.00
Mother's Allowance	\$ 4.00
Total	<u>\$17.00</u>
* Eldest, elder or only child under 16 years of age	\$ 1.50
* Each child, after the eldest, under 16 years of age	\$ 1.50
Class B -	\$11.75
Class C -	\$11.75

Supplementary Assistance

Supplementary assistance may be paid, subject to a means test, to age, invalid and widow pensioners (other than a married pensioner whose spouse is in receipt of an age or invalid pension, a service pension or a tuberculosis allowance) who pay rent. The maximum rate of \$2.00 a week is reduced by the amount by which the pensioner's means as assessed exceeds \$52.00.

Rehabilitation Allowance

Allowances payable in addition to Rehabilitation Allowances (at the same rate as the appropriate pension or benefit) are -

Training Allowance	\$ 3.00
Living-away-from-home-Allowance -	
Single trainee (first 8 weeks)	\$ 3.50
Married trainee (no children)	
First 8 weeks	\$ 6.00
Each week thereafter	\$ 3.00
Married trainee with one or more children under 16 years of age -	
For whole of training period	\$ 6.00

* "Child" includes a student child (See footnote page 1.)

Tuberculosis Allowance

Weekly Rates

Person without dependants -

While undergoing approved treatment at home \$16.25

While receiving treatment in an approved institution free of charge .. . \$13.00

*Male with dependent wife or dependent female \$26.75

*Male with no dependent wife but with a dependent child or children \$17.00

*Widow, divorcee or other female with a dependent child or children \$17.00

Wife or dependent female -

While undergoing approved treatment at home \$16.25

While receiving treatment in an approved institution free of charge .. . \$13.00

Husband and wife both eligible -

While undergoing approved treatment at home -

*Husband \$16.25
 Wife \$16.25

While undergoing treatment in an approved institution free of charge -

*Husband \$16.25
 Wife \$13.00

* Plus an allowance of \$1.50 for each dependent child (including a student child as defined in the Tuberculosis Act).

NOTE

Tuberculosis Allowances are paid by the Department of Social Services on an agency basis for the Department of Health. Authority for the payment is in the Tuberculosis Act.

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<u>Unemployment and Sickness Benefits</u>	<u>Weekly Rates</u>
Unmarried person aged 16-17 years	\$3.50
Unmarried person aged 18-20 years	\$4.75
Adult or married person over 16 years of age	\$8.25
Dependent spouse	\$6.00
Each child under 16 years of age	\$1.50

Child Endowment

Eldest, elder or only child under 16 years of age	\$0.50
Next eldest child under 16 years of age	\$1.00
Each other child under 16 years of age	\$1.50
Each child in an approved institution	\$1.50
Each full-time student child over 16 years of age and under 21 years	\$1.50

Maternity Allowance

Where the mother has no other children under 16 years of age	\$30.00
Where there are one or two other children under 16 years of age	\$32.00
Where there are three or more other children under 16 years of age	\$35.00
Additional payment for each additional child born at a multiple birth	\$10.00
Pre-natal portion of allowance	\$20.00

Funeral Benefit

Where a pensioner is responsible for the funeral expenses of a spouse, a child or another pensioner	\$40.00
Where a person other than a pensioner is responsible for the funeral expenses of an age or invalid pensioner	\$20.00

Table (A)

Property Limits - Age, Invalid and Widows' Pensions

Age and Invalid pension -	\$10,800
Single person (no eligible children)	
Single person (with a child or children under 16 years of age or a student child or children up to 21 years of age)	\$12,880
Married couple (both pensioners)	\$20,300
Widow's pension -		
Class A	\$14,480
Class B	\$10,150

Table (B)

Expenditure - Social Services

	<u>All benefits under Social Services Act</u> \$M.	<u>Total National Welfare Fund</u> \$M.
1948/49	149.182	161.554
1965/66	694.229	941.574
1966/67 (Estimate)	757.793	1,019.844

Table (C)

% of the Basic Wage

	<u>Pension</u> (Commonwealth Male)	<u>Basic Wage</u> *	<u>%</u>
Standard Rate	\$13.00	\$32.80	39.6
Combined Married Rate	\$23.50	"	71.6
Class A Widow (1 child)	\$18.50	"	56.4
Class B Widow	\$11.75	"	35.8

* As at September, 1966.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS TO PENSIONERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS

SOCIAL SERVICES

Type of pension	Total payment for pensioner and spouse (if any)	With one child
"Single" age or invalid pensioner. (Standard Rate)	\$13.00	\$18.50 (g/a)
	\$15.00 (s/a)	\$20.50 (s/a)
Class "A" Widow Pensioner. (Standard Rate)		\$18.50 (m/a)
		\$20.50 (s/a)
Married age pensioner - wife not a pensioner. (Standard Rate)	\$13.00	\$20.50 (w/a)
	\$15.00 (s/a)	\$22.50 (s/a)
Married invalid or permanently incapacitated age pensioner. Wife not a pensioner. (Standard Rate)	\$19.00 (w/a)	\$20.50
	\$21.00 (s/a)	\$22.50 (s/a)
Married couple - both pensioners. (Married Rate)	\$23.50	\$25.00

Table (D)

s/a Supplementary Assistance included.
w/a Wife's Allowance included.

g/a Guardian's Allowance included.
m/a Mother's Allowance included.

	Weekly Rates
<u>Service Pensions</u>	
Standard Rate (see Page 1)	\$13.00
Married Rate (see Page 1)	\$11.75
<u>*Additional pension for children</u>	
Each child, after the eldest, under 16 years of age	\$ 1.50
<u>Wife of pensioner</u>	
Pension for wife	\$ 6.00
*Eldest, elder or only child under 16 years of age	\$ 1.50
*Each child, after the eldest, under 16 years of age (up to 3 in number)	\$ 0.25
<u>Special (T. & P.I.) Rate pension</u>	
Pensioner	\$30.50
Wife	\$ 4.05
Each child under 16 years	\$ 1.375
<u>War Widow's pension</u>	
Widow	\$13.00
Domestic Allowance	\$ 7.00
Eldest, elder or only child, under 16 years of age	\$ 3.90
Each child, after the eldest, under 16 years of age	\$ 2.75
<u>Double Orphan (where both parents are deceased)</u>	\$ 7.15
<u>War Pensions</u>	
<u>Intermediate Rate -</u>	
Payable to seriously disabled ex- serviceman whose war caused dis- ability renders him incapable for working other than part-time or intermittently	\$21.25
Wife	\$ 4.05
Each child under 16 years	\$ 1.375

* "Child" includes a student child (see footnote page 1.).

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Recreation Transport Allowance

In certain circumstances an allowance for recreation transport, not exceeding \$20 a calendar month, may be paid.

Clothing Allowance

To compensate for exceptional wear and tear or damage to clothing. Payable to an ex-serviceman who, due to war service, has lost a limb. Weekly rate \$0.38 to \$0.75. An amount not exceeding \$19.50 in any one year is also payable to certain other disabled ex-servicemen.

Motor cars for the seriously disabled

A motor car may be issued by way of a gift to certain classes of seriously disabled, ex-servicemen and an allowance of \$240 a year may also be paid towards the upkeep of the vehicle.

Funeral Benefit

A grant of up to \$50 may be paid in certain circumstances, towards the cost of funeral expenses of ex-servicemen or women, also of widows and children of deceased ex-servicemen. An additional allowance of \$30 towards the cost of transporting the remains of the deceased may be made in certain cases.

A grant of \$40 may be made where a pensioner is responsible for the funeral expenses of a spouse, a child or another pensioner.

Where a person, other than a pensioner, is responsible for the funeral expenses of a pensioner a grant of \$20 may be made.

REPatriation

Soldiers' Children Education Scheme

The Soldiers' Children Education Scheme is administered by the Repatriation Department with the assistance of an Education Board in each State to provide assistance in the education and training of eligible children.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Maximum Weekly Allowance</u>	
	<u>Living at Home</u>	<u>Living-away-from-home.</u>
12-14 years	\$1.90	\$6.325
14-16 years	\$2.875	\$6.325
16-18 years	\$6.325	\$9.775
Professional	\$10.00	\$15.25
Agricultural	NIL	\$3.175
Industrial	\$2.30	\$4.60

HEALTH

Hospital Benefits

Insurance Funds -

Contributions per week		Benefits per week		
Single	Family	Fund	Commonwealth	Total
c.	c.	\$	\$	\$
10	20	16.80	14.00	30.80
15	30	25.20	14.00	39.20
20	40	33.60	14.00	47.60
25	50	42.00	14.00	56.00
40	80	67.20	14.00	81.20

Uninsured persons -

The Commonwealth provides for the payment of 80c. a day (\$5.60 a week) to approved public and private hospitals for all uninsured patients.

Nursing Home Benefits

A nursing home benefit of \$2 a day (\$14 a week) is paid by the Commonwealth direct to the nursing home proprietor or authority, who must deduct it from the patient's gross fees. Patients do not need to be contributors, or dependants of contributors, to registered insurance organizations to receive this benefit.

Medical Benefits

The Commonwealth makes a grant towards the costs of medical treatment and this is supplemented by payments from a registered health insurance organization. Weekly contributions to a medical benefits fund range from 20c. to 30c. for single persons and from 40c. to 60c. for a married contributor.

Range of Benefits -

Some examples of the range of benefits available are -

Type of Service	Combined Commonwealth and Fund Benefits.
Certain major operations	\$120.00 - \$150.00
Appendix operation	\$ 40.00 - \$ 45.00
Confinement	\$ 30.00 - \$ 33.75
Simple wrist fracture	\$ 14.00 - \$ 15.75
G.P. Consultation (surgery)	\$ 1.60 - \$ 2.00
G.P. Consultation (home)	\$ 1.60 - \$ 2.40

Pharmaceutical Benefits

About 80% of all prescriptions written by doctors in Australia are available as pharmaceutical benefits under the National Health Scheme. These prescriptions are supplied to most patients at a nominal cost of 50c. each. The patient's 50c. is, on the average, only 26% of the full cost. The remainder is met by the Commonwealth.

Some 1,000 drugs and medicinal preparations are available as pharmaceutical benefits.

Pensioner Medical Service

Persons eligible for assistance under the P.M.S. scheme are -

- (i) Persons receiving an age, invalid, widow's or service pension.
- (ii) Persons receiving a Tuberculosis Allowance.
- (iii) Dependent wife of any person who is eligible.
- (iv) Dependent children under 16 years of age.
- (v) Dependent children between the age of 16 and 21 years who are full-time students.

The hospital, medical and pharmaceutical benefits provided under the Scheme are -

- (i) Free public ward treatment in public hospitals.
- (ii) Free general practitioner medical care.
- (iii) A comprehensive range of medicines free of charge.

Other Health Services

Other health services include free milk for school children, supply of vaccines, hearing aids, blood transfusion, flying doctor assistance, etc.

Retirement Pension

	£ Stg.	Weekly Rates \$A.
Husband	£4. 0.0	\$ 10.00
Wife	£2.10.0	\$ 6.25
Elders, elder or only child	£1. 2.6	\$ 2.81
Each child, after the eldest	14.6	\$ 1.81

Widows' Benefits

First 26 weeks -

Standard Rate	£5.12.6	\$ 14.06
Elders, elder, or only child	£2. 0.0	\$ 5.00
Next eldest child	£1.12.0	\$ 4.00
Each other child	£1.10.0	\$ 3.75
After expiration of 26 weeks -		
Widow	£4. 0.0	\$ 10.00
Elders, elder, or only child	£2. 0.0	\$ 5.00
Next eldest child	£1.12.0	\$ 4.00
Each other child	£1.10.0	\$ 3.75

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Men, single women and widows

18 years of age and over	£4. 0.0	\$ 10.00
Married women, 18 years of age and over, living apart from or not supported by husband, or if husband is a dependant	£4. 0.0	\$ 10.00
Persons under 18 years	£2. 5.6	\$ 5.69
If entitled to benefit for a dependant	£4. 0.0	\$ 10.00
Dependant's benefits -		
Dependant adult	£2.10.0	\$ 6.25
Elders, elder or only child	£1. 2.6	\$ 2.81
Each other child	14.6	\$ 1.81

Table (E)

Weekly Contribution for National Insurance (Flat Rate), Industrial Injuries and National Health for Employed Adults.					
	National Insurance	Industrial Injuries	National Health	Total	\$ Aust.
EMPLOYED MAN					
<u>Ordinary National Insurance</u>					
Employee	£.s. d. 10. 2½	£.s.d. 9	£.s.d. 2.8½	£.s. d. 13.8	\$ 1.37
Employer	11. 5½	10	7½	12.11	1.29
Total	21. 8	1.7	3.4	26.7	2.66
<u>Contracted Out.Nat.Ins.</u>					
Employee	12. 7½	9	2.8½	16.1	1.61
Employer	13.10½	10	7½	15.4	1.53
Total	26.6	1.7	3.4	31.5	3.14
EMPLOYED WOMAN					
<u>Ordinary National Insurance</u>					
Employee	8.10½	6	2.0½	11.5	1.14
Employer	9.11½	7	7½	11.2	1.12
Total	18.10	1.1	2.8	22.7	2.26
<u>Contracted Out.Nat.Ins.</u>					
Employee	10.4½	6	2.0½	12.11	1.29
Employer	11.5½	7	7½	12.8	1.27
Total	21.10	1.1	2.8	25.7	2.56

Weekly Rates

Age Benefit

Unmarried person	£5.15.0	\$14.38
Married (both eligible) (each)	£5. 5.0	\$13.125
Married man (wife included)	£10.10.0	\$26.25
Married woman (husband ineligible)	£5. 5.0	\$13.125

Superannuation Benefit

Unmarried person	£5.15.0	\$14.38
Married person	£5. 5.0	\$13.125
Dependent spouse	NIL	

Widow's Benefit

Widow without children	£5.15.0	\$14.38
Additional Mother's Allowance -		
One child	£4. 0.0	\$10.00
Two children	£4.10.0	\$11.25
(Increased by 10/- for each additional child)		

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Person under 20 (no dependants)	£4.10.0	\$11.25
Married man (wife included)	£10.10.0	\$26.25
Married woman	£5. 5.0	\$13.125
Other persons	£5.15.0	\$14.38

