

2026 Carer Allowance Schedule

Fortnightly Allowance Rates Effective 1 January 2026

FOSTER CARE ALLOWANCES	2025 Rate		2026 Rate	
Start-up allowance: Age 0-18	\$134.82		\$141.26	
Establishment Payments: All Ages	\$671.30		\$702.94	
	Daily Rate	Fortnightly	Daily Rate	Fortnightly
Caring Allowance: Age 0-5	\$44.50	\$623.00	\$46.60	\$652.40
Caring Allowance: Age 6-10	\$47.95	\$671.30	\$50.21	\$702.94
Caring Allowance: Age 11 & over	\$52.12	\$729.68	\$54.57	\$763.98
Regional Remote Loading: Age 0-5	\$4.49	\$62.86	\$4.71	\$65.94
Regional Remote Loading: Age 6-10	\$4.84	\$67.76	\$5.07	\$70.98
Regional Remote Loading: Age 11 & over	\$5.24	\$73.36	\$5.49	\$76.86
High Support Needs Allowance	\$15.67	\$219.38	\$16.41	\$229.74
Complex Support Needs Allowance 1	\$20.29	\$284.06	\$21.25	\$297.50
Complex Support Needs Allowance 2	\$40.54	\$567.56	\$42.45	\$594.30
Complex Support Needs Allowance 3	\$60.81	\$851.34	\$63.67	\$891.38