

Subsidy Rates and Payments paid by
The Department of Communities - Child Protection and Family Support division
Effective from 1 July 2020

Basic Subsidy

Age Group	Fortnightly Subsidy
0 – 6 years	\$405.95
7 – 12 years	\$478.01
13 –17 years	\$550.05

Pocket Money

Age Group	Fortnightly Subsidy
6 – 12 years	\$8.00
13 – 15 years	\$20.00
16 – 17 years	\$26.00 - Exceptional circumstances only

Note: Receipt of pocket money and clothing allowance will not be paid if a young person is working or receiving a Centrelink benefit. Such instances should be discussed with the young person's case manager.

Respite

Foster parents are entitled to five days **respite** per month; further days require extended respite approval to avoid overpayment and are paid at the basic subsidy rate. The **daily** rates are as follows:

Age Group	Daily Subsidy
0 – 6 years	\$35.6114
7 – 12 years	\$42.4514
13 –17 years	\$49.2900

Clothing Allowance

Paid three times a year in **January, May and September** (paid in advance)

Age Group	Allowance (3 times per year)
0 – 6 years	\$178.81 every 4 months
7 – 12 years	\$235.28 every 4 months
13 – 15 years	\$400.00 every 4 months
	(16 – 17-year olds in exceptional circumstances only)

Special Guardianship Orders (previously known as Enduring Parental Responsibility)

Awaiting amendment to the *Children and Community Services Amendment Regulations 2006* to increase the amounts of the court-ordered SGO payments. Rates will be increased accordingly once this process is completed.

Special Needs Loading – Part A rates only

SNL - Hours spent providing extra care to meet the special needs of a child/young person	0-6yrs	7-12yrs	13-18yrs
	\$	\$	\$
7-14 hours per week	\$81.19	\$95.60	\$110.01
15-21 hours per week	\$162.38	\$191.20	\$220.02
22-28 hours per week	\$243.57	\$286.81	\$330.03
29-35 hours per week	\$324.76	\$382.41	\$440.04
36+ hours per week	\$405.95	\$478.01	\$550.05