



Youth Allowance

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STUDENT INCOME SUPPORT PERSONAL INCOME THRESHOLD

Commencing 1 July 2012, the personal income threshold will be raised from \$236 to \$400 per fortnight so that students receiving Youth Allowance (student), Austudy or ABSTUDY will be able to earn up to \$400 per fortnight from part-time employment before their payments are reduced.

In addition, the personal income threshold will be indexed according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the first time.

Benefits

Full-time students receiving student income support, who have personal earnings from part-time work in excess of \$236 per fortnight, will benefit from the increase to the personal income threshold. This is one of the reforms to the student income support system which aim to ensure that financial barriers to the participation of students from low

socio-economic backgrounds are removed. The reforms are critical to meeting the Australian Government's target of 20 per cent of higher education enrolments at undergraduate level being students from low socio-economic backgrounds by 2020.