

B U D G E T S E N S I T I V E

Appendix One – Income Limits for hardship assistance since 1 November 2021

Table One: Special Needs Grant and Advance Payment of Benefit gross weekly income limits

| Special Needs Grants and Advances | | |
|--|---|--|
| Family circumstances | Previous gross weekly income limit (pre-1 November 2021) | Current temporary gross weekly income limit |
| Single, 16 - 17 years | \$514.41 | \$640 |
| Single, 18+ years | \$591.20 | \$800 |
| Married, civil union or de facto couple (with or without children) | \$858.72 ¹ | \$1600 |
| Sole parent, 1 child | \$717.40 | \$1100 |
| Sole parent, 2+ children | \$755.82 | \$1400 |

Table Two: Recoverable Assistance Payment gross annual income limits

| Recoverable Assistance Payments | | |
|--|---|--|
| Family circumstances | Previous gross annual income limit (pre-1 November 2021) | Current temporary gross annual income limit² |
| Single, 16 - 17 years | \$26,749.32 | \$33,280 |
| Single, 18+ years | \$30,742.40 | \$41,600 |
| Married, civil union or de facto couple (with or without children) | \$44,653.44 | \$83,200 |
| Sole parent, 1 child | \$37,304.80 | \$57,200 |
| Sole parent, 2+ children | \$39,302.64 | \$72,800 |

¹ This previous income limit means that a couple both working fulltime on the minimum wage would have to lose almost half of their gross weekly joint income to qualify for assistance.

² These increases are the annual equivalent of the weekly increases proposed in Table One above.