

Pension Work Bonus

The Work Bonus operates in addition to the pension income test free area.

From 1 July 2021, for single pensioners, the pension income test free area is \$180 a fortnight and for couples combined, it is \$320 a fortnight.

The good news is that this allowance works in the form of a credit. If you do not use it, it can be carried forward to a time when you do wish to use it. The work bonus applies to part-time, casual, and seasonal work – even self-employment. You cannot use it to offset non-employment income and it's not money you can draw on. Both members of a couple can receive the work bonus if they are both of age and working.

Note: Pensions received by Poles from Poland reduce Australian Age Person by 50 cents for every \$ 1 over the income free limit.

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