

Following the pension increases published by CentreLink on Friday 20 March 2010, the fortnight rental for residents in all 23 Abbeyfield Houses will proportionally increase. This is in accordance with the Abbeyfield House Resident's Agreement which aligns residents' rent to 70 per cent of the pension plus 100 per cent of rental assistance.

The new rental amount is \$564.34 per fortnight.

Fortnightly rent	Effective 20 Sept 2009	Effective 20 March 2010
Age pension (AP) / disability support pension (DSP)	615.80	644.20
Seventy per cent of pension	431.06	450.94
Plus Commonwealth rent assistance	111.80	113.40
Fortnightly Abbeyfield resident rent	\$542.86	\$564.34

The pension supplement received by residents is excluded from the rent calculation.

Summary for Abbeyfield House residents

The fortnightly effect of these changes upon residents is:

- pension entitlement increases by at least \$28.40 p/f (Higher in some circumstances due to pension supplement variations)
- Abbeyfield House rent increases by \$21.48 p/f.