

# House Fee increase for Abbeyfield House residents

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Dear Abbeyfield House residents,

Following the pension increases published by CentreLink on 20 September 2011, the fortnightly House Fee (including rent) for residents in all Abbeyfield Houses will proportionally increase. This is in accordance with your Abbeyfield House Resident's Agreement which aligns residents' fees to 70 per cent of the basic pension plus 100 per cent of Commonwealth Rent Assistance. The House fee incorporates the rent for your room plus a payment for services such as food and housekeeping.

The increased House Fee is **\$601.70 per fortnight**. This is paid to your local not-for-profit Abbeyfield Society and allows it to pay all the household expenses (such as electricity, gas, water, food, wages and maintenance cost) incurred in operating your Abbeyfield House.

Fortnightly House Fee	Effective 20 March 2011	Effective 20 September 2011
Age pension (AP) / disability support pension (DSP)	670.90	<b>689.00</b>
Seventy per cent of pension	469.63	<b>482.30</b>
Plus 100% of commonwealth rent assistance	116.40	<b>119.40</b>
Fortnightly House Fee	586.03	<b>\$601.70</b>

Any pension supplement received by residents is excluded from the House Fee calculation.

Yours sincerely,



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