

FACS Carer allowance effective 1 July 2017

FACS Carer allowances effective 1 July 2017 New FACS carer allowance rates are to commence from 1 July 2017. The allowance increases will be applied to Statutory Care Allowances and Supported Care Allowances for FACS Authorised Carers, Guardianship Allowances and the Post Care Education Support Allowance. The revised rates are:

2017-18 Allowance Rates per Fortnight

Statutory Care & Supported Care

Age range	Standard Care	Care + 1	Care + 2
0-4	\$484	\$728	\$962
5-13	\$546	\$819	\$1078
14-15	\$733	\$1097	\$1447
16-17	\$488	\$853	\$1206

OOHC Adoption

Age range	Standard Care	Care + 1	Care + 2
0-4	\$484	\$728	\$962
5-13	\$546	\$819	\$1078
14-17	\$733	\$1097	\$1447

Guardianship

Age range	Standard Care	Care + 1	Care + 2
0-4	\$484	\$728	\$962
5-13	\$546	\$819	\$1078
14-15	\$733	\$1097	\$1447
16-17	\$488	\$853	\$1206

Post Care Education Support

Age range	Standard Care	Care + 1	Care + 2
18+	\$488	\$853	\$1206

If you require further information please contact [OOHC Initiatives](#)

Extra Financial Support (also known as contingencies)

The following is a list of common expenditure items in the form of one-off contingency payments which may also be available for children and young people in out-of-home care (OOHC). This is meant as a guide only. All expenditure must be discussed with a caseworker and included as part of an approved case plan for individual child and young person.

Carers do not need to meet any thresholds for additional financial support. It is essential however, that carers seek approval via their caseworker for all expenditure that may require reimbursement.

Item	Form of financial support
Birth family contact	Generally, costs associated with a child or young person's contact with their birth family or significant others are met by the fostering agency e.g. Community Services
Child care	For childcare costs where attendance at childcare is approved as being in the best interests of the child
Clothing and footwear	All clothing and footwear, both general wear and school wear is to be purchased from the allowance paid to carers
Education	All general expenditure associated with schooling is expected to be covered from the allowance paid to carers. This may include uniforms, excursions and school camps etc. Costs of other items or services such as tutoring may be paid by the fostering agency where this has been pre-approved.
Establishment costs	The costs of establishing a child in an emergency placement are met by a payment of \$75. For short to medium term placements, a payment of up to \$350 can be made for items identified in the first two weeks of the placement based on the child or young person's needs. For longer term placement, up to \$1400 is available for approved items.
Hobbies, activities and holidays	All to be paid from the allowance to carers
Loss or damages	Any claims for loss or damages should be discussed with your caseworker
Life story work	Photos and gifts for a child's birth family should be covered by the carer allowance
Medical	All general medical and pharmaceutical costs (both prescription and over the

	counter) are to be met from the allowance. Any dental or optical needs may be met by the fostering agency where this has been pre-approved.
Professional therapy	Professional therapy must be recommended and approved by the fostering agency who will also meet the costs
Respite	Respite with an authorised carer will be met by the fostering agency where this has been pre-approved
Travel	Carers are expected to cover daily travel from their allowance. Additional travel which has been pre-approved will be reimbursed.