If born between 1/1/49 and 30/6/52, Age Pension age is 65
If born before 31/12/48, Age Pension age is 64.5
If born before 1/7/52, Age Pension age is 65

Boundaries info
Customers who live overseas and those without a valid address cannot be assigned to a boundary (LGA, CEB etc.). These numbers are represented as ‘Unknown’.

Family Tax Benefit Part A and Part B (FTBA, FTBB)
Family Tax Benefit Part A and Part B is paid to eligible families with dependent children aged under 18 years.

FTB Part A is received by approximately 67% of families with dependent children aged <16 who meet the basic conditions to receive the payment. Therefore, it should be viewed differently to other income support payments which rely on targeted criteria to identify segments of the population considered to be disadvantaged. FTB is too broadly targeted to serve that purpose.

FTB Part B is received by approximately 58% of single parents and two parent families where one parent is on low income or not in paid employment with a dependent full time student up to the age of 18 years.

FTB Maximum Rate: Where a calculation shows FTB customers on the maximum rate, these are generally lower than the FTB maximum rate of $671.25 per fortnight. However, there is a larger group of customers whose family incomes are less than $671.25 but who do not receive the maximum rate of FTB due to their receipt of child support income and the operation of the maintenance income test.

Family Tax Benefit: 71% of all families with at least one dependent child aged <16 are eligible to receive FTB. Therefore, it should be viewed differently to other income support payments which rely on targeted criteria to identify segments of the population considered to be disadvantaged. FTB is too broadly targeted to serve that purpose.

Family Income Support Payments: Approximately one third of FTB customers also receive an income support payment and may be shown in both categories.

Paid by instalment or lump sum. Information shows here in respect to FTB Part A & B refers only to fortnightly entitlement customers. It includes an additional 6% (approximately) who are paid through a lump sum which is claimable at the end of a financial year.

Point of time data: This information represents the current population at a point in time and does not represent the total eligible population for the financial year.

Family Tax Benefit Part A: Where the calculation shows FTB customers on the maximum rate, these are generally lower than the FTB maximum rate of $671.25 per fortnight. However, there is a larger group of customers whose family incomes are less than $671.25 but who do not receive the maximum rate of FTB due to their receipt of child support income and the operation of the maintenance income test.

Age Pension
Income support payment for customers that have reached Age Pension age. The customer’s age Pension age depends on their date of birth.

- If born before 1/7/52, Age Pension age is 65.
- If born between 1/7/52 and 30/6/52, Age Pension age is 66.
For men and women:
- If born between 1/7/52 and 31/12/53, Age Pension age is 65.5.
- If born between 1/7/53 and 31/12/54, Age Pension age is 66.
- If born between 1/7/55 and 31/12/56, Age Pension age is 66.5.
- If born from 1/1/57 or later, Age Pension age is 67.

Centrelink pays the vast majority of Age Pensions. Age pensioners who also receive a Disability Pension from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) have the choice of having their Age Pension paid by either DVA or Centrelink.

Disability Support Pensions
The purpose of Disability Support Pension is to provide income support for people who have a permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. DSP is designed to give people an adequate means of support if they are unable to work for at least 15 hours per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a program of support.

Carer Allowance
A supplementary payment for carers who provide daily care and attention at home for a person with a disability, severe medical condition or who is frail and aged. Carer Allowance may be paid in addition to income support payments. Unless otherwise specified, DSP excludes ROC. Only recipients and/or child care reviewers, if a customer does not qualify for Carer Allowance (CAH) based on the level of care required, the child they are caring for may still qualify for a Health Care Card if at least 16 hours a week of additional care and attention is provided.

Carer Payment
Carer Payment provides income support for carers who, because of the demands of their caring role, are unable to support themselves through substantial paid employment. Carer Payment totals include overseas customers.

Special Benefit (SB)
An income support payment for customers who are in severe financial hardship due to circumstances beyond their control and who are ineligible for any other income support payment. Includes only those customers whose benefit status is ‘Current’.

Wife Pension - Age and Disability (WFA, WFD)
An income support payment for the female partner of an age pensioner. There have been no new grants of Wife Pension since 1 July 1995. Current WFA recipients remain eligible to receive this payment until otherwise disqualified from receiving it, or until they reach age pension age.

Double Orphan Pension
The objective of Double Orphan Pension is to make non-means-tested payments to guardians or approved care organisations to assist in meeting the costs of dependent children, in cases where both parents have died or one parent has died and the other parent is unable or unavailable to care for the child.

Widow B pension (WID B)
An income support payment to ensure customers have an adequate level of income if they are an older widow who does not qualify for pension payment, have limited needs, and have lost the financial support of their partner. There have been no new grants of Widow B Pension since 20 March 1997. Current Wid B recipients remain eligible to receive this payment until otherwise disqualified from receiving it, or until they reach age pension age. The majority of Widow B Pension recipients (around 95 per cent) live overseas and could not be assigned to an electorate.

Pension Concession Card (PCC)
The PCC is automatically issued to pensioners and eligible allowance recipients to provide access to health concessions, including cheaper pharmaceutical medicines.

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC)
The CSHC is claimed by people of Age Pension age who do not receive a pension, but meet an adjusted taxable income test. It provides access to health concessions, including cheaper pharmaceutical medicines.

Low Income Health Care Card (LIHC)
LIHC can be claimed by low income earners, providing them access to health concessions, including cheaper pharmaceutical medicines.

General (HCC + LIC)
HCC numbers include those with a low income card (LIHC). Do not add LIC to HCC.

Health Care Card (HCC)
The HCC is issued to recipients of certain social security benefit or allowance payments to provide access to health concessions, including cheaper pharmaceutical medicines. Low-income earners may claim the HCC.