



How much can you earn before paying market rent?

Depending on the market rent for your property, you could earn up to the amounts below (pre tax) before you would be asked to pay full market rent.

	Single person \$1,390 per week		Single parent with 1 child \$1,670 per week
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Will my lease end if I start work?

No matter how much you earn, your lease will continue until its end date. Before your lease ends, we will review your income.

More information

For more information on the eligibility rules and how the Start Work Bonus could benefit you and your family contact **1300 468 746** or visit your FACS Housing office. For help finding work, call the Employment Services Information Line on **13 62 68** or look for a local Job Active provider on www.jobactive.gov.au.

How can I apply?

It is easy to apply, simply complete a **Rent Subsidy Application form** and lodge it at your local FACS Housing office within 28 days of starting work. You can download the form from our website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/startwork.

Want a job but worried about your lease ending or how much rent you will have to pay?

There's nothing to worry about.



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Start Work Bonus

Starting work can mean some extra costs, like travel and new clothes. To make the change easier, we now offer tenants a 26 week rent freeze when someone in the household starts work for the first time or after a period of unemployment.

What are the benefits for you?

Starting work will usually mean your rent will increase by \$25 per week for each extra \$100 per week you earn.

If you are approved for the Start Work Bonus, your rent won't change for the first 26 weeks of your

employment. It gives you some time to get on your feet without worrying about rent increases.

What happens after 26 weeks?

After 26 weeks, your rent will increase based on your new household income. After getting a job, most tenants find they still only have to pay 25% of their income in rent and they continue to receive a rent subsidy.

Who is eligible?

If you or any person in your home over the age of 18 starts work for the first time or after a period of unemployment, you may be eligible for the Start Work Bonus.

How much will my rent increase if I start work?

If you start work you will have to pay more rent, but maybe not as much as you thought. In most cases this is how much extra rent you would pay:

Extra Income	Extra Rent
\$100	\$25
\$200	\$50
\$400	\$100
\$600	\$150

