

Student Payments Snapshot



Centrelink offers a range of payments and services to support you and your family if you are planning to study or undertake training.

The Centrelink payments available to students or Australian Apprentices include:

Youth Allowance

Youth Allowance can assist you if you are:

- 16 to 24 years of age and studying full-time
- 16 to 24 years of age and undertaking a full-time Australian Apprenticeship
- 16 to 20 years of age and are undertaking approved activities (including training, suitable work or participation in another government program), **or**
- 15 years of age and above the minimum school leaving age in the state or territory in which you live and considered independent. You must also be studying full-time, undertaking a full-time Australian Apprenticeship or approved activities (as shown above).

Austudy

Austudy provides financial assistance if you are 25 years of age or over and:

- studying full-time
- eligible for a studyload concession, **or**
- undertaking a full-time Australian Apprenticeship.

ABSTUDY

If you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander secondary or tertiary student, ABSTUDY may assist you to:

- stay at school
- go on to further studies, **or**
- undertake a full-time Australian Apprenticeship.

ABSTUDY includes a fortnightly living allowance, as well as other allowances, that help with the costs associated with undertaking study or an Australian Apprenticeship.

Assistance for Isolated Children

Assistance for Isolated Children helps if your family has a primary or secondary student who cannot go to an appropriate state school on a daily basis because of geographical isolation, disability or special need.

It also helps families with an eligible tertiary student who is isolated from an appropriate state school they could otherwise attend.

Pensioner Education Supplement

Pensioner Education Supplement is an additional payment for customers receiving certain pensions or benefits who are undertaking full-time study, or are eligible for a studyload concession.

For more information

For more information see the *Studying or Training?* booklet available at www.centrelink.gov.au, visit your local Centrelink Customer Service Centre or call us on one of the following numbers:

Youth Allowance, Austudy and Pensioner Education Supplement	13 2490
ABSTUDY and ABSTUDY Pensioner Education Supplement	13 2317
Assistance for Isolated Children	13 2318

What payment can you apply for?

If you are:	You can apply for:	You may also be entitled to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a student or Australian Apprentice 16 to 24 years of age, or a student or Australian Apprentice 15 years of age and considered independent. 	Youth Allowance	Rent Assistance Fares Allowance Low Income Health Care Card Youth Disability Supplement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a student or Australian Apprentice 25 years of age or over. 	Austudy	Rent Assistance Fares Allowance Low Income Health Care Card
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an Indigenous student or Australian Apprentice 16 years of age or over, or a parent or guardian of an Indigenous student or Australian Apprentice, under 16 years of age and living away from home. 	ABSTUDY Living Allowance	Incidentals Allowance Rent Assistance Fares Allowance School Fees Allowance Low Income Health Care Card Youth Disability Supplement Other assistance may apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a parent or guardian of an Indigenous secondary student under 16 years of age and living at home, or a parent or guardian of an Indigenous primary student 14 years of age or over at the start of the school year and living at home. 	ABSTUDY School Term Allowance	School Fees Allowance Family Tax Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a student receiving a qualified pension or benefit from Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs. 	Pensioner Education Supplement (PES) ABSTUDY PES for Indigenous students	Fares Allowance Other assistance may apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary student or tertiary student (of school age) who is geographically isolated from the nearest state school. 	Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) non-means tested Basic Boarding, Second Home & Distance Education allowances	Income tested AIC Additional Boarding Allowance Family Tax Benefit

Disclaimer

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