

ALLOWANCES FOR BOARDING SCHOOLS

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NATIONAL	Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)* No income test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 56km from nearest Government School or 4.5km from transport and 16km from nearest Government School or Adverse roads for 20 days or return journey exceed three hours Special needs category - remove from school, learning support, educational disadvantage - apply for Statement of Support Pack 	\$8,856.00	<p>Thanks to Isolated Children's Parents' Association for putting together a lot of the following information which has assisted with putting this together.</p> <p>https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme</p>
	Additional Boarding Allowance (Parental Income Test)	<p>Parental income fee area \$53,728 Upper combined family income limit - contact Centrelink (depends on number of siblings in each family [family pool] and boarding costs for each child). If boarding charges are <\$8,172, only basic paid</p>	<p>\$11,396 per year, made up of 2 parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$8,856 – basic (as above) \$2,540 – additional, subject to parental income and actual boarding costs 	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/payment-rates-assistance-for-isolated-children?context=22121
	Second Home Allowance	<p>The main purpose of you maintaining a second home is to make it easier for the child you're claiming for to go to school, and the principal family home is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the family's usual place of residence, with at least one parent or guardian living there for more than half the time they're getting the allowance where the child you're claiming for usually spends school holidays 	\$257.98 per fortnight	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/payment-rates-assistance-for-isolated-children?context=22121
	Assistance for Isolated Children Pensioner Education Supplement	<p>The child is studying at primary or an ungraded level of study, and they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> get Disability Support Pension or Parenting Payment (single) board away from home live in a second home so they can go to a local school, or study by distance education or do approved home schooling 	\$62.40 per fortnight	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/payment-rates-assistance-for-isolated-children?context=22121
	Youth Allowance	<p>Secondary students You may be eligible if one of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it takes longer than 90 minutes to travel from your parents' home to your place of study by public transport your parents' home is in an isolated area, for example, at least 56 km from an appropriate government school you can't get to school because of blocked roads for 20 school days a year your parents' home isn't a suitable place to study, for example, due to family conflict or illness you have disability and your parents' home is away from facilities you need you're in Year 11 or 12 and your parents move out of the area you need to live away from your parents' home as an equivalent course isn't available nearby. <p>If you choose not to go to an appropriate government school in your area you won't get a higher rate.</p>	Dependant on circumstance	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/youth-allowance-for-students-and-australian-apprentices
	Starting Secondary	For further resources and assistance visit the following link: https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/starting-secondary-school?context=60077		
	Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student must board away from home to attend a government school or accredited non-state school that is eligible for government funding and must study an approved course. Parents/carers or guardians of the student must reside in Queensland. The student's conduct, progress and attendance must be satisfactory. LAFHA applicants must complete a new application each year on the approved form. 	Up to a total maximum of \$5,849 per year	https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas

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QUEENSLAND	Remote Area Travel Allowance	Assistance is available to offset travelling expenses, provided the distance travelled from the primary family home to the boarding location is at least 50 km. This allowance is paid twice a year (by semester) directly into the applicant's financial institution accounts as nominated on the application form and is based on the distance from the family home to the boarding location via the shortest practicable and trafficable route by road (and sea if necessary).	up to \$1,874	https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas
	Remote Area Allowance	For students attending a campus of a Queensland State High School and undertaking an approved agricultural course in lieu of Years 11 and 12.	\$2,554 per student per year	https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas
	Remote Area Disability Supplement	To compensate additional education costs incurred by students with disabilities to access school*	Up to \$8,309	https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas
	Textbook and Resource Allowance	The Department of Education (the department) pays the allowance to schools on behalf of parents of students attending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> years 7-12 at approved state and non-state schools (excluding hospital schools, youth detention education and training centres, students enrolled in part-time distance education at non-state schools and full fee-paying international and temporary resident students) approved special schools studying a modified curriculum at the year level equivalent of 7-12. 	Year 7 to 10 - \$130 per student per annum Year 11 to 12 - \$281 per student per annum	https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance
	Conveyance Allowance	For students who reside more than 4.8km (Secondary) or 3.2km (Primary) from the nearest State school with the required year level.		https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/public/school/school-transport-assistance/school-transport-assistance-schemes#conveyance
	Drought Assistance	Drought assistance (additional conveyance allowance) is available to families who reside on a primary producing property in a drought declared shire, or on an individually drought declared primary producing property, and who are also eligible to receive conveyance allowance Class A or C.		https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/public/school/school-transport-assistance/school-transport-assistance-schemes#conveyance
NEW SOUTH WALES	Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA)	Distance criteria o Category 2.1 o Category 2.2 o Category 2.3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distance to nearest government school Distance to a school of preferred religious denomination Distance to a school for the study of agriculture Other circumstances criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Category 3.1 — one-parent family Category 3.2 — medical condition Category 3.3 — impassable roads Category 3.4 — change of place of residence 	\$2,211 plus \$509 allowance for Year 11 and 12 students	https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/living-away-home-allowance-secondary-students
	School Drive Subsidy (SDS)	If no public transport is available, boarding school students are eligible for subsidised travel between the family home and school at weekends and school holidays. Trips may also be for various purposes during school time, including students attending a school event or sick students travelling home. Students who board in town and attend a day school during term may also be eligible for subsidised travel between the family home and the place of boarding at weekends and school holidays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students that are weekly boarders are entitled up to 22 trips per semester Students that are term boarders are entitled up to 9 trips per year Journeying to school at the beginning of the week or term and journeying back home at the end of the week or term is counted as one overall trip for a boarding school student. There is no subsidy cap on the distance travelled.	70 cents per km per one-way-trip per family	https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/guide-to-school-drive-subsidy

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Boarding Away From Home Allowance (BAHA)	The BAHA allowance is only available to parents/guardians who permanently reside in Western Australia, and have qualified for the Centrelink AIC Boarding Allowance or Second Home Allowance and have children who attend a primary and/or secondary school located in Western Australia and is living away from the primary family residence. Students enrolled full time at a tertiary institution (e.g. TAFE) are not eligible. To be eligible to receive the BAHA payment, you must supply proof with your application that you have prior approval from Centrelink to receive the AIC Boarding Allowance or Second Home Allowance.	\$1,320.00	https://www.education.wa.edu.au/dl/m9n8oq
	Student Subsidised Travel Scheme and Road Travel Subsidy	Subsidised fares for air, bus and train travel for eligible students who live within the defined remote area of Western Australia (see map in link). A road travel subsidy for eligible students who live anywhere within Western Australia but who must be driven in a private vehicle more than 56 km from home to the nearest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate government school with boarding facilities offering classes in the grade or level in which the student is enrolled, or • Regular passenger transport (bus stop, airport or train station - please visit the Transwa – Plan Your Journey website for regular passenger transport hubs and routes), or • A school bus service operating between the student's home and the school they are attending. 	21.51 cents per kilometre travelled in a private vehicle, not including the first or the final 56 km of a round trip.	https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/aboutus/student-travel-subsidies.asp
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	State Education Allowance (SEA)	To be eligible for the State Education Allowance parents must have been approved by Centrelink to receive the Assistance for Isolated Children allowance.	\$4,299.98 in 2021.	https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/transport-app-for-state-education-allowance.pdf?v=1487221793 https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/travel-concession-and-allowances
	Remote Travel Allowance	To get this, your child must meet living, age and study requirements. And meet 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is geographically isolated • has a disability or special education need • has no reasonable access to a government school. 	\$250.00	https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/travel-concession-and-allowances
	Interstate Boarding Allowance	The subsidy is available for full-time students at interstate primary, middle or senior boarding schools. To be eligible you and your child must be permanent residents of the Northern Territory (NT). Your child must also be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accessing curriculum offerings that aren't available at NT schools that have access to boarding facilities • living away from home in order to attend school on a daily basis • approved for Basic Boarding Allowance under the Australian Government's Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) scheme. Your child isn't eligible for the subsidy if they are receiving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Home Allowance under the AIC scheme • ABSTUDY payments. 	The maximum amount for 2019 is \$2,000.	https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/financial-help-for-isolated-students/interstate-boarding-allowance

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	Isolated students education allowance for boarding institutions	<p>Eligible boarding facilities must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> based in the Northern Territory (NT) offering specific assistance to boarding students in the areas of homework supervision and recreational and social development. <p>The funding can only be used for students who meet all of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are attending an NT primary, middle or senior school have a custodial parent or guardian that is a resident of the NT have been approved for Basic Boarding Allowance under the Australian Government's Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) scheme. 	The maximum amount paid per school year to a boarding facility is \$3,372 in 2019.	https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/financial-help-for-isolated-students/isolated-students-education-allowance-for-boarding-institutions
	Mid term travel scheme	<p>Your child must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be living away from home so they can attend school on a daily basis be approved for Basic Boarding Allowance under the Australian Government's Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) scheme. <p>Your child isn't eligible for the subsidy if they are receiving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Home Allowance under the AIC scheme ABSTUDY payments any other financial assistance that includes a travel component. 	<p>Trips by private vehicle \$0.46 cents per kilometre (km).</p> <p>Trips by plane reimbursement will be based on the cost of the most direct and economical fare available.</p>	https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/financial-help-for-isolated-students/mid-term-travel-scheme
	Student travel scheme	<p>To be eligible you and your child must be permanent residents of the NT. Your child must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be living away from home so they can attend school on a daily basis be approved for Basic Boarding Allowance or Second Home Allowance under the Australian Government's Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) scheme. 	<p>Trips by private vehicle \$0.46 cents per kilometre (km).</p> <p>Trips by plane reimbursement will be based on the cost of the most direct and economical fare available.</p>	https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/financial-help-for-isolated-students/student-travel-scheme
	Supplementary boarding allowance	<p>To be eligible you and your child must be permanent residents of the NT. Your child must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be living away from home in order to attend school on a daily basis. be approved for Basic Boarding Allowance under the Australian Government's Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) scheme. <p>Your child isn't eligible for the subsidy if they are receiving Second Home Allowance under the AIC scheme.</p>	The maximum amount for 2019 is \$600.	https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/financial-help-for-isolated-students/supplementary-boarding-allowance

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TASMANIA	The Student Accommodation Allowance (SAA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students who are required to travel greater than 40 kilometres between their usual home in Tasmania and the closest school in Tasmania offering their chosen course of study and are therefore required to make alternative accommodation arrangements are eligible for the allowance. Special provisions apply for students from Bass Strait Islands. Students are eligible for SAA if their local school does not offer a complete range of subjects that will allow a student to complete their full course of chosen study. Full-time students are those enrolled for 600 or more contact hours. Part-time students must be enrolled for a minimum of 300 contact hours. Approved courses are TQA subjects and/or Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects in an approved Tasmanian Senior Secondary School. A satisfactory attendance record is required in all enrolled subjects otherwise the available benefit may be reduced or stopped. The allowance is only payable to permanent Tasmanian residents, not to interstate or overseas students who are attending Tasmanian schools. The allowance is not available for students whilst their parents are residing interstate or overseas. Students enrolled in courses associated with apprenticeships or traineeships are not eligible for the allowance. Students who undertake courses or activities linked to their course of study and who need to live away from home for a minimum of five (5) nights, and who meet the distance rule, may be eligible for a pro-rata payment once enrolment and accommodation details Please contact Finance and Budget Services on 1800 827 055 for further information. 	\$1,472.00	Student Accommodation Allowance 2022 application form
ABSTUDY	<p>Living away from home</p> <p>School Fees Allowance (Group 2) - Non income tested component and income tested component added together</p> <p>Additional Assistance - Exceptional circumstances</p> <p>Away from Base assistance - Paying travel costs to attend an activity</p> <p>Administrative and audit costs (Away from base) - Where an education provider delivers an Away from Base activity at the home location of a group of students</p> <p>Fares Allowance - paying travel costs</p> <p>Incidentals Allowance - Approved courses that are under 12 weeks or up to 52 weeks</p> <p>Additional Incidentals payments</p> <p>Residential Costs Option - Living in a residential college or hostel</p>	<p>To get ABSTUDY, you must be all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian descent identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian accepted as such by the community in which you live or have lived an Australian citizen and normally live in Australia covered under 1 of the 7 ABSTUDY Awards be studying an approved course or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. <p>You can't get ABSTUDY if you're getting other financial help to study. For example, an income support payment.</p>	\$13,790.40	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/abstudy/who-can-get-it/payment-rates