

ALLOWANCES 2021

ALLOWANCES	CRITERIA	YEARS	PAYMENT PA	CLOSING DATE	APPLICATION
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)* No Income Test	1. 56 km from nearest Govt School OR 2. 4.5 km from transport and 16 kms from nearest Govt School OR 3. Adverse roads for 20 days OR return journey exceeds 3 hours 4. Special needs category - remove from school, learning support, educational disadvantage - apply for Statement of Support Pack	Primary, Secondary & Tertiary up to 16	\$8,557	31/12/2017	Centrelink 132318 www.humanservices.gov.au
FEDERAL					www.schools.nsw.edu.au/rde/scholarships/aic
Additional Boarding Parental income Test	Parental income free area \$5372 Upper combined family income limit - contact Centrelink (depends on number of siblings in each family (Family pool) & boarding costs for each child) If Boarding charges are \$8172 , only basic paid		\$2,454	(Reduces \$1 for each \$5 over \$53728)	
Second Home Allowance Distance Education Allowance	Limited to a maximum of 3 children per family	Primary & Secondary	\$249.28 p/fn/student \$4,278		
Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA)	Means tested \$66,775 /year (adjusted) 48 kms from nearest Government School (isolation) 48 kms from preferred Church School (choice)	Secondary Students	\$2,173 an additional \$500 in Years 11 & 12	30 June for a full years payment	NSW Dept. of Education PO Box 717 Bathurst NSW 2795 Telephone 02 63348070 Facsimile 02 63348069 www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport
STATE	Medical One parent family Impassable roads clause Studying agriculture at a senior level		for applicants of geographical isolation criterion only		
Boarding Scholarships for Isolated Students (BSIS)	Ag or Specialist High School Boarding at School Term Hostel	Secondary Students	\$6212	31/03/2021	
NEW School Drive Subsidy (SDS)	For transporting all students (all school to tertiary students) daily, weekly, termly or semester to school or to nearest transport pick up point.	Tertiary Primary, Secondary	70 cents per km per one way trip per family	Paid twice yearly and applications need to be made before end of semester claimed	https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolDriveSubsidy 131500
YOUTH ALLOWANCE Dependent Independent	All applicants must check Centrelink website www.centrelink.gov.au for detailed information and eligibility criteria Parental income test 1. Earned at least 75% of the National Training Wage within an 18 month period since leaving school 2. Worked part-time (min 15 hrs each week) for at least 2 years since leaving school 3. Employed for 30 hrs per week for 18 months in a two year period on leaving school 4. Age of independence 22 years in 2021 5. Individual circumstance provisions	Full time students & new apprentices 16 - 24 <i>(Independent students - combined parental income limit, contact centrelink) (depends on number of siblings in family)</i>	<18home \$253.20 <18away \$462.50 >18away \$462.50 >18home \$304.60 per fortnight max	Payment from date Centrelink appointment is made	Centrelink 132490 www.humanservices.gov.au
Loan	Student Start-Up (All YA recipients)		\$1,094	Can apply for up to two loan payments each calendar year Loan periods are 1 Jan. to 30 June and 1 July to 31 December each year	
Scholarship	Relocation (Dependent YA only) Need to live away from family home to study		\$4626 1st year	\$2,314 2nd or 3rd year \$1,156 following years Payment from 24 February each year	
*The AIC and the Family Tax Benefit can be received simultaneously but NOT Youth Allowance and the Family Tax Benefit. Eligibility criteria change each year so please do not self-assess.					
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