

INFORMATION

The Western Australian Department of Education makes available a student Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) to families with children who are attending primary and/or secondary school.

The allowance for 2023 for the full year is \$1,350 subject to confirmation that you have received the Commonwealth Government Services Australia (Centrelink) Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Boarding Allowance or Second Home Allowance for the whole of the year.

The payment is available on a pro-rata basis for those who have only received the AIC allowance for part of the year, but will not be paid for boarding periods covering less than one month.

Applications must be completed annually.

ELIGIBILITY

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.

Confirmation of Eligibility (Important)

The applicant is required to provide a photocopy of a statement/letter for the AIC Boarding Allowance or Second Home Allowance that you will have received from Centrelink with the application.

The applicant must be the parent/guardian who is legally responsible for the student's care, welfare and development and whose name appears on the AIC advice received from Centrelink.

Applications that do not comply with these requirements will be returned for correction.

From time to time, the Department will conduct random audits to ensure applicants meet the eligibility guidelines.

2023 BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

APPLYING

Please complete the attached application form and return it to the Department of Education as soon as possible along with the supporting documentation which shows your Centrelink AIC Boarding Allowance or Second Home Allowance entitlement.

Please use a separate application form for each student.

PROCESSING

In early Term 4, we will verify AIC payments for the remainder of the year through the enrolment status of the student with their relevant boarding provider. When this is acknowledged, the payment process commences.

Should your details change at any time during the year, please notify the Department of Education.

PAYMENTS

Although applications may be submitted earlier in the year please be aware that payments are not made until the fourth term of each year.

In cases where a student attends a Residential College (i.e. Albany, Broome, City Beach, Esperance, Geraldton, Merredin, Moora, Narrogin, Northam); or where a student attends a public WA College of Agriculture (i.e. Cunderdin, Denmark, Harvey, Morawa, Narrogin), the payment will be sent directly to the boarding provider.

Where the student attends another boarding facility, the payment may be sent to either the boarding provider or directly to the parent.

Please indicate your payment preference on the application form. Payment is made subject to all application requirements being met.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Financial Planning and Resourcing Directorate Department of Education 151 Royal Street EAST PERTH WA 6004

Telephone: (08) 9264 4516 Facsimile: (08) 9264 5162 Email: <u>student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au</u>

The closing date for applications is Friday, 24 November 2023.



BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

2023 APPLICATION FORM

Applications close 24 November 2023

NOTE: PLEASE RETAIN A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Please return completed form to:
Financial Planning and Resourcing Directorate
Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004

Email: student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au							
PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS							
SURNAME	FIRST NAME						
STREET (Residential Address)	SUBURB		POSTCO	DE TELEF	PHONE NUMBER		
POSTAL ADDRESS (If different to Residential Address)	<u> </u>	EMAIL ADDRESS					
STUDENT CENTRELINK (AIC) REFERENCE NUMBER							
STUDENT DETAILS							
SURNAME FIRST NAME				YEAR LEVEL	DATE OF BIRTH		
SCHOOL ATTENDING							
SCHOOL ATTENDING							
BOARDING PROVIDER DETAILS							
LENGTH OF BOARDING BOARDING PROVIDER Department of Education R	esidential Co	olleges i.e.	Alban	v Residential	College		
	Broome Residential College						
Full year Private School WA College of Agriculture	City Beach Residential College				ntial College		
or UKA College of Agriculture Term 1 Rotary Residential College	Esperance Residential College Geraldton Residential College						
□ Term 2 □ Second Home				din Resident			
□ Term 3 □ Private Boarding	Moora Re			Residential	College		
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BOARDING PROVIDER NAME BOARDING	PROVIDER ADDR	ESS/SECOND HO		33			
PAYMENT TO (Please tick)							
 Student Attends a Department of Education Residential College (payment will be made directly to the Residential College) Student Attends WA College of Agriculture (payment will be made directly to college) 							
 Student Attends WA College of Agriculture (payment will be made directly to college) Boarding Provider 							
 Parent/Guardian (please provide bank account details below) 							
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (Complete only if Parent/Guardian ticked above)							
Payments will only be made by EFT							
BSB Number: (6 digits)	nt Number: (#	up to 9 digits)					
PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION							
□ I HAVE ATTACHED AN ENTITLEMENT STATEMENT/LETTE							
ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN BOARDING ALL							
The student named is required to board away from home or live in a	a second home ir	n order to attend a	a school of	fering tuition a	at the appropriate level.		
 I am the student's natural parent OR the student's legally adoptive parent or legal guardian) AND I am responsible for the student's ca 			esponsible	e for the stude	ent (such as a step-		
I am a permanent resident in Western Australia.							
 I will advise the Department of Education of any change in my place 		,		01 5			
• The information I have given on this form is true and correct and I understand that action may be taken if false or misleading information is provided.							
 I authorise Services Australia (Centrelink) to verify my current benefit status and other pertinent details to gain this entitlement. * Information obtained from Centrelink will only be used to verify eligibility for BAHA and will remain confidential. 							

I DECLARE THE ABOVE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT AND AM AWARE THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PROVIDE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: