

Allowances for remote and isolated families

2021

Allowance	Who can apply?	How much?
Federal Allowances: Centrelink Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boarding Allowance 	Parents of geographically isolated school aged students who need to board away from home to attend school. Applies to boarding schools, hostels and private board	\$11,011 per year, made up of 2 components: \$8,557 - basic \$2,454 - additional subject to parental income and actual boarding costs \$8,307 minimum boarding charge threshold for Additional Boarding Allowance
Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distance Education Allowance 	Geographically isolated and undertaking schooling via Distance Education	\$4,278 per year.
Assistance for Isolated Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Home Allowance 	Geographically isolated and run a second home to access education.	\$6,499 per year paid in fortnightly instalments, for up to three students. \$19,497 maximum second home allowance for each family (three children). www.icpa.com.au TAB: Boarding/Hostels/Second Home
Youth Allowance	Young people from 16-24 years, studying, training or looking for work. Dependant children up to 22 years are subject to Parental Means Test. Rural and regional students can claim the independent rate by earning 75% of Wage Level A in a 14 month period.	Varies by situation. Please call the dedicated hotline: 13 24 90 or see the Centrelink website.
State Allowances: DECD Transport Services Department (08) 8226 2406 Travel Allowance	School students living five kilometres or more from the nearest public school or school bus run.	Paid per km. Apply through school principal.
State Education Allowance (SEA)	Families in receipt of AIC Basic Boarding Allowance and recipients of AIC Second Home Allowance.	\$4299.98 per year.

Further information regarding the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Apply through Centrelink

- Dedicated Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Call Centre: 13 23 18

To qualify for AIC, students must live at least 56km from an appropriate government school, or at least 16km from an appropriate state school and at least 4.5km from the nearest bus route.

The Parental Income Free Area for 2020 above which the Additional Boarding Allowance is reduced to \$54,677.