

2025 Allowances Guide

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Allowances	Criteria	Years	Payment
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Federal			
Basic Boarding Allowance Not means tested	1. At least 56km from nearest appropriate Government school 2. 4.5km from transport and 16kms from the nearest appropriate Government school 3. Adverse roads for 20 days or return bus service exceeds 3 hours 4. Adverse roads for 20 days or return bus service exceeds 3 hours 5. Special needs category - remove from school, learning support, educational disadvantage	Primary & Secondary up to the age of 19	\$10,338 per year
Additional Boarding Allowance Parent Income Tested	Subject to parental income and actual boarding costs		\$2,965 per year Reduced by 20¢ for every \$1 over \$65,189)
Second Home Allowance	Limited to a maximum of 3 children per family One application for each child	Primary & Secondary	\$301.13 per fortnight, per student
Distance Education Allowance (State)		Primary & Secondary	\$5,169 per year
AIC Pensioner Education Supplement	If you are studying at least a 50% full time course load If you are studying at least a 25% full time course load		\$62.40 per Fortnight \$31.20 per Fortnight
Secondary Assistance Scheme <i>Applications Close Term 1</i>	Eligible families must hold one of the following: Centrelink Health Care Card Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card Education Programs Allowance: Paid Directly to the school Clothing Allowance: Paid to parent or school		\$235 per year \$300 per year
Boarding Away From Home Allowance (BAHA) (State)	Eligible to families that permanently reside in WA and qualify for the AIC Basic Boarding Allowance	Primary & Secondary	\$1,424 per year
Student Travel Subsidy Scheme (STSS) (State)	*Students must be dependent upon their parents/guardian and not working full time *Not receiving Youth Allowance or Abstudy payments; and *Have both parents or sole parent living within the Defined Remote Area (DRA) *Applications must be submitted one month prior to travel *The subsidised fare is limited to the cost of the air/bus/train fare for the most direct route by air/bus/train between the principal family home or usual place of residence and Perth.	Primary, Secondary & Tertiary up to 26	Primary & Secondary students receive 4 return trips per school year. Tertiary students receive up to 4 return trips depending on year of study. SIDE students receive up to 3 return trips per school year depending on year of study.
Road Travel Subsidy (RTS) (State)	*At least 56km from home to the nearest appropriate Govt school with boarding facilities OR regular passenger transport (bus depot, airport) *Can claim up to 8 round trips per school year *Should only be claimed once at the end of the school year when all travel has been undertaken	Primary, Secondary & Tertiary	55.6 cents p/km per round trip after 112km (56km x 2)
Conveyance Allowance (State)	*Reside more than 4.5km from the nearest appropriate Government school; OR *Required to travel more than 4.5km from home to the nearest School Bus Stop *Reside outside the designated Public Transport Area	Primary & Secondary	55.6 cents p/km
Youth Allowance Dependent & Independent (Federal)	<u>All applicants must check the Centrelink website for detailed information and eligibility criteria.</u> Single, no children, younger than 18, and live at your parent's home Single, no children, younger than 18, living away from your parent's home to study, train or look for work Single, no children, 18 or older and live at your parent's home Single, no children, 18 or older and need to live away from your parent's home Single, with children	Full-time Tertiary & new apprentices 16-24	\$410.30 \$663.30 \$472.50 \$663.30 \$836.60 per fortnight max
Student Start-Up Loan	Available to all Youth Allowance recipients Loan periods are 1 Jan to 30 Jun and 1 Jul to 31 Dec each year	Tertiary	\$1,321 up to twice per year
Relocation Scholarship	Eligibility is assess based on receipt of other payments e.g. Dependent Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance Recipients who need to live away from home to study		\$5,590 1st year \$2,795 2nd year \$1,396 3rd and following years
Fares Allowance (Federal)	Available to eligible Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY recipients only who are enrolled in either On Campus or External Tertiary Studies.	Full time Tertiary	Up to 2 return trips per study year
Living Away from Home Allowance (Federal)	Available to eligible young people who have to move away from home to take up or continue with an apprenticeship or traineeship. Not available if claiming Youth Allowance.	Full time or part-time apprentices or school based apprentices	1st year \$77.17 2nd year \$38.50 3rd year \$25 per week
Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) (Federal)	* An inner regional, outer regional or remote student. * Relocating at least 90 mins from family home by public transport to commence a full-time higher-level tertiary education (Certificate IV or above) * Commencing study immediately following completion of year 12 or equivalent	Tertiary Post Compulsory schooling	Up to \$5,000 in 2 installments \$5,000 for outer regional, remote and very remote students \$3,000 for inner regional
ABSTUDY	Must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian in an approved course, Australian apprenticeship or traineeship Must not be getting another payment to study or train	Primary/Secondary Tertiary Post Compulsory schooling	Rates vary
Austudy	* 25 years or older * Student studying full-time or undertaking a full-time apprenticeship or traineeship * Income and asset means tested	Tertiary Post Compulsory schooling	Rates vary

*** This information was correct at the time of print but should be verified through the appropriate governing agencies.***