

# The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia

ICPA (Aust) Inc



# POLICIES

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## **TRAINING**

*It is recommended that this Policy be read in conjunction with the Education Allowances Policy, other individual Portfolio Policies and associated ICPA Aust documents*

### **POLICY**

ICPA seeks to ensure that students from rural and remote areas have access to affordable training opportunities and options which will enable them to pursue the career path of their choice.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Financial assistance and incentives for rural and remote Australian Apprentices and Vocational Education and Training (VET) students who must live away from home to access employment and training.
2. The Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA):
  - a. is available for apprentices and trainees who are required to move and live away from their family home to access components of their qualification.
  - b. closely reflects the actual cost of living away from home and is indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
  - c. eligibility period post-school be longer 36 months for rural and remote school-based apprentices who transfer, at the completion of secondary schooling, to full-time employment with the same apprenticeship.
  - d. apprentice recipients have access to packages/schemes available during specific economic crisis.
3. Travel and accommodation allowances be paid to apprentices and trainees when required to travel to access a training provider.
4. Maintenance and support of agricultural colleges in regional areas.
5. Relocation assistance be available for rural and remote apprentices and trainees who need to relocate away from their family home to pursue their qualification.
6. Students studying Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses deemed 'part time' be eligible to apply for Youth Allowance.
7. Registered Training Organisations ensure all students meet appropriate standards and competencies for their level of accreditation.
8. Regional training facilities are not overlooked when funding and initiatives are implemented.
9. Regional, rural and remote Australian Apprentices receive adequate and timely support from Australian Apprenticeship Support Networks (AASNs).