

# Application for Living Away from Home Allowances

Allowances are available for Queensland students living in isolated areas who board away from home to attend approved schools in Years 1–12



## Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme (LAFHAS) Application Form

This application form is to be completed in conjunction with reading the

## Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme (LAFHAS) — Applicant Guidelines

www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/documents/lafhas-applicant-guide.pdf

## Choose ONE method of applying for LAFHAS assistance

- (a) Online Application Form (Internet): complete and submit electronically.
- (b) Static Application Form (.pdf) (Internet): print, manually complete and return via post to School Financial Resourcing or via email to <u>LAFHAS@qed.qld.gov.au</u>. Please call School Financial Resourcing on freecall 1800 248 997 or 3034 5826 if you have difficulties downloading the form.

#### Accessing the Online and Static Application Forms

- (a) Access internet application forms via the Department of Education website <u>http://gld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/pages/lafhas.html</u>
- (b) The Online Application Form and Static Application Form (.pdf) will be accessible from 1 December.

### Instructions — General

(a)	You must reside in Queensland to be eligible to apply for LAFHAS assistance.
(b)	You must answer all questions on this application form or your application may be returned.
(c)	This application form caters for up to three (3) students. If applying for more than 3 students, a second application form will be required. Contact School Financial Resourcing on freecall 1800 248 997.
(d)	Use BLOCK LETTERS and TICK boxes where required.
(e)	Complete a separate page for each student.
(f)	Distances are measured by the shortest trafficable route by land or sea.
(g)	<b>Distances provided must be correct.</b> Contact the local Department of Transport and Main Roads Regional Office to confirm if any distances have changed as a result of roadwork or bus route changes.
(h)	Distances close to eligibility thresholds are checked prior to payment. Final assessment may be delayed.
(i)	Overpayments that may result from incorrect distances are recoverable.

## Instructions — Information about the Student

#### QUESTION

14.	Enter the shortest practicable and trafficable route by road or by sea for the distance to the boarding location.					
15.	Nearest Queensland Government school with student's school year level.					
	<ul> <li>Approved bypass schools: Where the distance eligibility criteria to the nearest Queensland Government school with the appropriate school year level for the student is not met and the school is an approved bypass school, enter the next nearest appropriate Queensland Government school.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Agricultural campus: for students accessing agricultural courses, equivalent to and in lieu of Years 11 and 12, at one of the Queensland campuses of the Queensland Agricultural Training College (QATC) or at a campus of a state high school offering QATC agricultural courses, the name of the nearest Queensland Government school with Years 11 and 12 must be entered.</li> </ul>					
16.	Enter the shortest distance from your home to the entrance of the nearest appropriate Queensland Government school.					
21.	You will be contacted by School Financial Resourcing if your application is based on one of the Special circumstances categories.					

## Applicant details – Parent or Carer information

QUE	STION							FAMIL	Y Nº:	0	
	Applicant's r	name (Parent, guardian or carer of the student/s)								-	USE ONLY
1.	Title		Mr		Mrs		Miss	Ms		Other_	
2.	Surname										
3.	Given name	€S									
4.	Date of Birth	h		/		/					
	Previous L	AFHAS Applications									
5.	Have you su year? (succ	ubmitted a LAFHAS application in any other essful or not)	Yes		No						
6.	If YES, prov	vide the most recent year									
7.	Your LAFH/	AS Family Number (if known)									
8.	Have you re under a diffe	eceived LAFHAS assistance in any other year erent surname?	Yes		No						
9.	If YES, wha	t was your previous surname?									
	Applicant's	s postal address. This address will be used for all	corresponder	nce.							
10.	Property na	me									
11.	Street addre	ess, PO Box or Mail Service									
12.	Suburb/Tow	vn									
13.	Postcode										
	Do not use a	<b>permanent home address</b> a post office box or write 'as above'. If you will not	be living at thi	is addres	ss for a	ı full yea	r, please	e attach det	tails		
14.	Property na	me									
15.	(include rural ad	ess, PO Box or Mail Service ddress number if available)									
16.	Suburb/Tow	'n									
17.	Postcode										
	Property lo	cation	_								
18.	Council										
19.	Property des (Lot No. and Pla	scription where your <u>home</u> is located an No. from Council rate notice e.g. L68/RP112)									
20.	Global Posi <sup>r</sup>	tioning System (GPS) of <u>home</u> location	Latitude (so	uth):							
			Longitude (e	east):							
	Contact tel	ephone numbers (including area code) and em	ail address								
21.	Home										
22.	Mobile										
23.	Work										
24.	Email										
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	Change of	address									
25.	Have you cl	hanged your address since previous application?	Yes		] No						
26.	If YES, plea the new add	ase enter the date you took up residence at dress.		/		[					
	ICE USE	Transport Region					Date Re	ceived			p2

## Applicant details (cont)

(Remote Area Tuition	Allowance (if payable) is paid directly to	
Note: You should only	/ supply YOUR own personal financial ir	stitution/bank account details here.
Full name of accou	nt holder 1	
Full name of accou	nt holder 2	
Full name of financi or credit union, etc.	al institution/bank, building society	
Branch where acco	unt is held (Town / Suburb)	
Branch number (BS	в)	This is a six digit number – check with y
Account Number		
Account Number		

## Information about Student 1

1.	What is your relationship with this student?		STUDENT Nº: 0	
	Mother Father Step-parent	Carer / Guardian	OFFICE USE ONLY	
2.	Student's Surname			
3.	Given names			
4.	Date of Birth			6
5.	Is the student	Male	Female	TUDE
6.	Indicate the student's enrolment year level in Current Year	Current Year		INT D
7.	Agricultural College equivalent (Please supply a copy of course acceptance)	11 + 12	Other	STUDENT DETAILS
8.	Is the student likely to receive a Commonwealth Indigenous allowance (ABSTUDY) in Current Year?	Yes	No	- V)
	If YES, you are not eligible for assistance for this student.			
9.	Is the student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin (Optional question)	Yes	No	
10.	Name of the school to be attended			AT
				SCHOOL ATTENDED
11.	Where will the student board? If second home, you are not eligible for assistance for this student.	Boarding School	Private Board An agriculture campus	
12.	What date will the student commence boarding?			BOARDING
13.	What is the boarding address? If <b>private board</b> , provide name of family, address and relationship to student			BOARDING ARRANGEMENTS
14.	What is the distance from your home to the boarding address?		KM (Nearest kilometre)	
15.	Nearest Queensland Government school with student's school year level Where the distance criteria are not met and the nearest school is an approved bypass school, enter the next nearest Queensland Government school.			
16.	Shortest distance to this school (from your home)		KM (up to 3 decimals)	NEARE
17.	Are there transport services to this school available? If YES, answer questions 20 to 25 and 26 if applicable. If NO, go to question 26 if applicable.	Yes	No	REST S
18.	Shortest distance from your home to the nearest transport service to this school		KM (up to 3 decimals)	EST SCHOOL
19.	Transport service number			
20.	Distance to this school via the transport service From your home garage to the bus pickup point [Question 20] plus the distance via the official school transport service.		KM (up to 3 decimals)	
21.	<b>Special Circumstances</b> If the distance from home to the nearest Queensland Government school does not meet the eligibility criteria, indicate if a special circumstance applies. This may include, but not limited to, impassable roads, itinerant occupations, medical conditions, excess travel. (You will be contacted by School Financial Resourcing if your application is based on one of the <i>Special circumstances</i> categories).	Yes	No	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

## Information about Student 2

1.	What is your relationship with this student?		STUDENT N°: 0
	Mother Father Step-parent	Carer / Guardian	OFFICE USE ONLY
2.	Student's Surname		
3.	Given names		
4.	Date of Birth		
5.	Is the student	Male	Female
6.	Indicate the student's enrolment year level in Current Year	Current Year	
7.	Agricultural College equivalent (Please supply a copy of course acceptance)	11 + 12	Female Cother
8.	Is the student likely to receive a Commonwealth Indigenous allowance (ABSTUDY) in Current Year?	Yes	No
	If YES, you are not eligible for assistance for this student.		
9.	Is the student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin (Optional question)	Yes	No
10.	Name of the school to be attended		
11.	Where will the student board? If second home, you are not eligible for assistance for this student.	Boarding School	Private Board An agriculture campus
12.	What date will the student commence boarding?	Second home        /	
13.	What is the boarding address? If private board, provide name of family, address and relationship to student		
14.	What is the distance from your home to the boarding address?		KM (Nearest kilometre)
15.	Nearest Queensland Government school with student's school year level Where the distance criteria are not met and the nearest school is an approved bypass school, enter the next nearest Queensland Government school.		
16.	Shortest distance to this school (from your home)		KM (up to 3 decimals)
17.	Are there transport services to this school available? If YES, answer questions 20 to 25 and 26 if applicable. If NO, go to question 26 if applicable.	Yes	No KM (up to 3 decimals)
18.	Shortest distance from your home to the nearest transport service to this school		KM (up to 3 decimals)
19.	Transport service number		
20.	Distance to this school via the transport service From your home garage to the bus pickup point [Question 20] plus the distance via the official school transport service.		KM (up to 3 decimals)
21.	<b>Special Circumstances</b> If the distance from home to the nearest Queensland Government school does not meet the eligibility criteria, indicate if a special circumstance applies. This may include, but not limited to, impassable roads, itinerant occupations, medical conditions, excess travel. (You will be contacted by School Financial Resourcing if your application is based on one of the <i>Special circumstances</i> categories).	Yes	No

## Information about Student 3

1.	What is your relationship with this student?	STUDENT Nº: 0
	Mother Father Step-parent	Carer / Guardian OFFICE USE ONLY
2.	Student's Surname	
3.	Given names	
4.	Date of Birth	
5.	Is the student	Male Female
6.	Indicate the student's enrolment year level in Current Year	Current Year
7.	Agricultural College equivalent (Please supply a copy of course acceptance)	Male     Female       Current Year       11 + 12
8.	Is the student likely to receive a Commonwealth Indigenous allowance (ABSTUDY) in Current Year?	Yes No
	If YES, you are not eligible for assistance for this student.	
9.	Is the student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin (Optional question)	Yes No
10.	Name of the school to be attended	
11.	Where will the student board? If second home, you are not eligible for assistance for this student.	Boarding School Private Board An agriculture campus
12.	What date will the student commence boarding?	
13.	What is the boarding address? If private board, provide name of family, address and relationship to student	Second home Hostel
14.	What is the distance from your home to the boarding address?	KM (Nearest kilometre)
15.	Nearest Queensland Government school with student's school year level Where the distance criteria are not met and the nearest school is an approved bypass school, enter the next nearest Queensland Government school.	
16.	Shortest distance to this school (from your home)	KM (up to 3 decimals)
17.	Are there transport services to this school available? If YES, answer questions 20 to 25 and 26 if applicable. If NO, go to question 26 if applicable.	Yes No KM (up to 3 decimals)
18.	Shortest distance from your home to the nearest transport service to this school	KM (up to 3 decimals)
19.	Transport service number	
20.	Distance to this school via the transport service From your home garage to the bus pickup point [Question 20] plus the distance via the official school transport service.	
21.	<b>Special Circumstances</b> If the distance from home to the nearest Queensland Government school does not meet the eligibility criteria, indicate if a special circumstance applies. This may include, but not limited to, impassable roads, itinerant occupations, medical conditions, excess travel. (You will be contacted by School Financial Resourcing if your application is based on one of the <i>Special circumstances</i> categories).	

#### CHECKLIST

- Use this checklist to ensure pertinent questions have not been omitted to be answered.
- Your application may be RETURNED if all relevant questions are not completed and this will delay the application being processed.

Applican	t details	
Q25-26. Q27. P7.	Ensure change of address details are complete Account details are provided SIGNED the application form	This application form must be received by the Department of Education no later than 31 December in
Student	details	<u>CURRENT Year</u> .
Q1.	<ul> <li>You may be contacted by School Financial Resourcing</li> <li>If you are the Carer/Guardian for this student please attach: <ul> <li>a statutory declaration stating your relationship to the student and/or a letter from the Foster Care Organisation who has placed the student in your care; and</li> <li>a copy of your Centrelink card which shows student full name.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Forward application to:
Q6.	Enrolment year levels is entered	School Financial Resourcing
Q8. Q12.	The ABSTUDY question is answered Boarding commencement date is entered	Department of Education PO Box 15033, City East Qld 4002
Q14. Q12-21.	The distance to boarding location is entered Completed all relevant questions	Facsimile: 3034 5890 Email: <u>LAFHAS@ged.qld.gov.au</u>
	All supporting documents are ATTACHED	

#### **Declaration of the applicant:**

I declare that the statements made in this application including the details of my personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Note: A person who makes a false or misleading statement may, by virtue of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, be liable to a maximum penalty fine.

Signature of applicant		Date	 
Reconfirm relationship to	student/s		 

#### Privacy notice:

The Application Form collects personal information pursuant to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

The purpose of the collection is to process your application for Living Away From Home Allowances Scheme (LAFHAS) available to eligible Queensland students. Where the system identifies that a distance check is required, the information collected may be disclosed to the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads to enable physical distance checks to be conducted.

Relevant information collected is provided to schools attended, and LAFHAS payments are subject to school certification of attendance during the year. The information may be provided to agencies contracted to the Queensland Department of Education to perform services such as electronic entry of data. The information may also be provided to Centrelink as required to clarify LAFHAS/Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) entitlements.

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Amendments	Student No.	Date	Ref./Initial