

PORTFOLIO REPORTS - STATE COUNCIL

POST COMPULSORY REPORT

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There was one motion raised for the Post Compulsory portfolio at the 2020 ICPA (WA) State Conference.

The motion raised by ICPA (WA) members asked *“that ICPA (WA) approach universities who offer the “Bachelor of Education” to investigate whether station placements could count towards their practical placements as part of their degree”*.

In response to this motion ICPA (WA) forwarded a letter to Professor Stephen Winn, Executive Dean of Education, Edith Cowan University. It expressed that ICPA (WA) could see some fantastic examples of how this could benefit not only the student completing the degree, but also many Western Australian families.

A very welcome change to Youth Allowance was announced by Federal Agriculture Minister David Littleproud. As of 1st November 2020, young people who are working on farms and earning \$15,000 or more will have faster access to Youth Allowance. They will be eligible for the independence certificate needed to qualify for Youth Allowance or Abstudy, rather than having to work for at least 14-18 months or part-time for two (2) years to be able to prove financial independence.

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a payment for those students moving away from home (more than 90 minutes) and commencing studies straight after Year 12 or equivalent. Certain rules must be met to be eligible to claim this allowance.

A number of allowances are available for students who are undertaking an apprenticeship or tertiary studies, these are subject to eligibility criteria. Further information is available to our members through the Centrelink website, <http://www.centrelink.gov.au>