

## Federal Allowances 2022 for Rural and Remote Students

ALLOWANCE	CRITERIA	YEARS	PAYMENTS	CLOSING DATES	APPLICATION INFORMATION
<b>Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)</b>	<b>If your student is geographically isolated, has no reasonable access to a government school or has a disability or special education needs, you may be eligible for the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Scheme</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Boarding Allowance (not means-tested)</b> assists with the cost of boarding school fees</li> </ul>	<b>AIC Boarding, Second Home and Distance Education Allowances</b> 1. 56km from nearest Govt School OR 2. 4.5km from transport and 16 km from nearest Govt School OR 3. Adverse roads for 20 days or return journey exceeds 3 hrs OR 4. Special needs category	Primary/Secondary/ (and Post-compulsory schooling in certain circumstances)	\$8856 per annum	31 December of the year of study	Centrelink  132318 <a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Additional Boarding (means-tested)</b></li> <li><b>Second Home Allowance</b> to maintain a second home so children can attend a local school</li> <li><b>Distance Education Allowance</b> helps families with the cost of distance education in the home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject to parental income and actual boarding costs</li> <li>Limited to max of 3 children per family</li> <li>One application for each child</li> </ul>	“	\$2540 per annum	“	“
		“	\$257.98 per child per fortnight	“	“
		Primary and Secondary	\$4428 per annum	“	“
<b>Youth Allowance</b>	<b>If you are studying an approved course with an approved education provider (e.g. university, TAFE) or under an Australian Apprenticeship you may be eligible for Dependent or Independent Youth Allowance</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dependent and Independent</b></li> </ul>	Further information can be found in the <a href="#">Youth Allowance Overview</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18-24 yrs studying full-time</li> <li>16-17 yrs studying full-time and completed Yr 12 or considered independent for Youth Allowance or needing to live away from home to study</li> <li>16-24 yrs undertaking full-time Australian Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	Tertiary/Post-compulsory schooling	Payment rates vary	You can claim Youth Allowance up to 13 weeks before you start full time study or an Australian Apprenticeship	Centrelink 132490  <a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<b>Relocation Scholarship</b> need to have moved from regional/remote area for higher education study	Eligibility is assessed by Centrelink based on receipt of other payments e.g. Dependent Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance	Tertiary	1st year \$4788 2nd year \$2395 3rd and following years \$1196		<a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<b>Rent Assistance</b>	Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY, Austudy (all subject to special rules) Eligibility assessed by Centrelink as part applications for the above allowances	Tertiary/Post-compulsory schooling	Max \$142.80 per fortnight based on single/no dependent children		<a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<b>Fares Allowance</b> Helps with travel costs between home and place of tertiary study	Youth Allowance student, ABSTUDY, Austudy	Tertiary	May reimburse public/private transport. Payment rates vary	By 31 March in the calendar year following the year of study	<a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<b>Student Start Up Loan</b> a voluntary loan you can get up to twice per year if you are an eligible higher education student	Youth Allowance student, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance	Tertiary	\$1132 up to twice a year	Throughout the claim period	<a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<b>Tertiary Access Payment (TAP)</b> Assists students with the cost of moving from inner regional, outer regional or remote areas for tertiary study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An inner regional, outer regional or remote student.</li> <li>Relocating at least 90 mins from family home by public transport to commence a full-time higher-level tertiary education (Certificate IV or above)</li> <li>Commencing study immediately following completion of year 12 or equivalent</li> </ul>	Tertiary/Post-compulsory schooling	Up to \$5000 in 2 instalments  (\$5000 for outer regional, remote and very remote students \$3000 for inner regional students)	Students relocating to study at a university, a non-university higher education provider or a vocational education and training (VET) provider apply through Services Australia	<a href="http://www.dese.gov.au">www.dese.gov.au</a>  <a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<b>Commonwealth Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA).</b> An allowance to assist with rental expenses for Australian Apprentices who need to move away from home to access an apprenticeship.  <i>(NOTE: This allowance differs from certain State allowances of the same name)</i>	Eligible Apprentices must <b>NOT</b> have lodged a claim or been approved for Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy	Post-compulsory schooling	1st year \$77.17 per week 2nd year \$38.50 per week 3rd year \$25 per week	To apply, obtain an Application form from your Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) provider and submit the completed form to your AASN provider	<a href="#">LAFHA Fact Sheet</a>  <a href="#">Apprenticeship Network Provider</a>
As an Australian Apprentice you may be eligible for financial assistance from the Australian Government to help with the costs of undertaking an apprenticeship. <a href="#">Financial Support for Australian Apprentices</a>					
<b>ABSTUDY</b> A group of payments for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students or apprentices (includes a Fares Allowance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian in an approved course, Australian Apprenticeship or traineeship</li> <li>Must not be getting another payment to study or train</li> </ul>	Primary/Secondary/ Tertiary/ Post-compulsory schooling	Payment rates vary		132317  <a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>
<b>Austudy</b> Financial help if you're 25 or older and studying or an Australian Apprentice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 yrs or older</li> <li>student studying full time or an undertaking a full-time apprenticeship or traineeship</li> <li>income and asset means-tested</li> </ul>	Tertiary/Post-compulsory schooling	Payment rates vary	You can claim up to 13 weeks before you start full time study or an Australian Apprenticeship	<a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>

**This information is compiled by ICPA (Aust) and relates to rural and remote students intending to apply for Federal Allowances. It is current as of February 2022. It is a guide only.**



# ICPA - Isolated Children's Parents' Association

## Your Membership

- ICPA advocates for access to an equitable education for all rural and remote students.
- As a member of ICPA you are a member of your Branch, your State ICPA and Federal ICPA.

## ICPA BRANCHES

## Your Branch ICPA

- There are 101 Branches across Australia.
- Branches advocate for local educational issues and are represented by delegates at State and Federal Conferences.
- Branches fundraise to send delegates and observers to Conference and to support rural and remote families at a local level.

## ICPA IN YOUR STATE

## Your State ICPA

- There are 5 State Councils - QLD.,NT, NSW, SA and WA.
- State Councils advocate to the State or Territory Government and stakeholders on State education issues. This includes state run schools and education facilities, state allowances, local bus runs and much more.
- State Councils hold annual Conferences where Branch delegates can put forward State based motions relating to rural and remote education.

## ICPA AUSTRALIA

## Your Federal ICPA

- ICPA (Aust) advocates to the Federal Government and stakeholders on Federal education issues. This includes the Assistance for Isolated Children, Youth Allowance, In Home Care and much more.
- ICPA (Aust) holds an annual Conferences where Branch delegates can put forward Federal based motions relating to rural and remote education.

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