







# Payments for students

Services Australia provides financial help to eligible students. These payments include Youth Allowance and Austudy.

## Payment for people aged 24 or younger

Youth Allowance is a payment for people 16 to 24 years of age who are studying full time or doing a full-time Australian Apprenticeship. Most people need to wait until they finish secondary school or turn 18 years of age before they can apply for Youth Allowance. Before students turn 18 years of age, their parents may get Family Tax Benefit.

## Payment for people aged 25 or older

Austudy is a payment for people 25 years of age or over who are studying full time or doing a full-time Australian Apprenticeship.

## Supplement for people getting other payments

The Pensioner Education Supplement is a payment to help with the costs of study. It is for students who get a payment from either:

- Services Australia
- Department of Veterans' Affairs.

## Loan for some students

The Student Start-up Loan is a voluntary loan for some full-time students who get Youth Allowance or Austudy. The loan is not paid automatically. Students need to apply for it. Students need to pay the loan back once they start earning a certain amount of income.

## Payment for relocating

Some students getting Youth Allowance can also get the Relocation Scholarship. This is paid once a year. It is available to students who need to live away from their family home to study.

## Payment for regional students who move for study

The Tertiary Access Payment is a one off payment. It is for some students from regional or remote areas of Australia. It helps with the cost of moving to study after secondary school.

## Payment for job seekers and other people

The Education Entry Payment is paid once a year. It helps with the costs of doing study or training. People who get some payments from Services Australia, including JobSeeker Payment, may get it.

## Other help

Students who get Youth Allowance, Austudy or the Pensioner Education Supplement may also be able to get other help. For example:

## Help with the costs of travel

Fares Allowance helps with the costs of travel for some students who need to live away from home to study.

## Concessions and allowances

Students may also be able to get other benefits such as a Health Care Card or Rent Assistance.

## For more information

- Call the Youth and Students (Youth and Students) line on **132 490**. Let us know if you need an interpreter, and we will arrange one for free.
- Go to **[servicessaustralia.gov.au/education](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/education)** for more information in English.
- Go to **[servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage)** where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language.
- Call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services.
- Call **132 011** for Medicare and **131 272** for Child Support. Let us know if you need an interpreter, and we will arrange one for free.
- Visit a service centre.

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## Disclaimer

The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It's your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application with regard to your particular circumstances.