

Information for students



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As a student, leaving school can be both an exciting and stressful time. We know your family, friends and school play an important part in the transition process.

Centrelink has payments and services available to support students and Australian Apprentices.

What payments are available

Youth Allowance for students and Australian Apprentices

Youth Allowance is a payment for people aged 16 to 24 and studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship full time. There are different age requirements depending on your circumstances.

Austudy

Austudy is a payment for people 25 or older and studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship full time.

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY is a group of payments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students or Australian Apprentices.

How much you can get

When working out how much you can get, we consider things like:

- your age
- whether or not you have children
- where you live
- if you have a partner
- how much you earn
- your assets.

If you're under 22, we'll usually consider your parents' income too.

When to claim a payment

Youth Allowance and Austudy

You can claim Youth Allowance and Austudy up to 13 weeks before you start your TAFE, university course or Australian Apprenticeship. This will mean you can be paid from the earliest date you qualify.

ABSTUDY

You can claim ABSTUDY up to 13 weeks before you start your TAFE, University course or Australian Apprenticeship.

For a full year course (over 30 weeks, including holidays), claim by 31 December in the year of study.

For a part year or short course (30 weeks or less, including holidays), claim by the last day of the course.



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How to claim a payment

Claim Youth Allowance and Austudy online.

You can claim some ABSTUDY payments online.

Claim other payments over the phone or at a service centre.

What you need to do to claim:

1. Check if you can get a payment
2. Confirm your identity with us
3. Set up a myGov account and link it to your Centrelink online account if you're claiming online
4. Get your supporting documents ready, and upload them in your online claim
5. Complete your claim

Where to get more information



Get our school leavers information and resources at servicesaustralia.gov.au/leavingschool

Get a full list of student payments at servicesaustralia.gov.au/students



Use Payment and Service Finder to find out what you might get based on your situation at servicesaustralia.gov.au/paymentfinder



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