



Budget 2020-21

This information is accurate as at 6 October 2020.

COVID-19 Response Package – recognising the impacts of Coronavirus for Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY independence

This measure acknowledges the impact Coronavirus (COVID-19) has had on young people proving their independence for Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY. It will automatically recognise the initial COVID-19 period as contributing to existing workforce independence criteria. The initial COVID-19 period is from 25 March to 24 September 2020.

This change is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects Youth Allowance job seekers, Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY students and apprentices.

When will this start and finish?

This starts on 1 January 2021 and will finish on 24 September 2022.