

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

ABSTUDY Reference Guide

This guide outlines the ABSTUDY payments a student or apprentice may get based on their situation. For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy or call the ABSTUDY line on **1800 132 317**.

The student or apprentice is a...	Can the student or apprentice get...			
	money to help with living costs?	money to help with accommodation costs?	money to help with education costs?	money to help with travel costs?
full-time primary school student aged 14 or 15 and living at home	X not available	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school	✓ money for books, school clothes and other school costs ✓ money for school fees	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with accommodation and meals to attend a residential school
full-time high school student aged 15 or younger and living at home	X not available	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school	✓ money for books, school clothes and other school costs ✓ money for school fees	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with accommodation and meals to attend a residential school
full-time high school student aged 16 or older and living at home	✓ a fortnightly payment at the at-home rate	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school	✓ money for books, fees and other study costs if aged 18 or older on 1 January X not available if they're younger than 18 years on 1 January	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, fares to attend a residential school

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full-time high school student who needs to study away from home	✓ in some circumstances	✓ boarding fees paid to a boarding school, hostel or a private board provider	✓ tuition fees	✓ fares to the place they're studying and back home each term ✓ fares for other special reasons between school and home
full-time high school student who is considered independent	✓ a fortnightly payment at the independent rate	✓ help with rent ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school	✓ money for books, fees and other study costs if they're aged 18 or older on 1 January X not available if they're younger than 18 on 1 January	✓ fares to the place they're studying and back home each term if they need to study away from home fares ✓ fares for other special reasons between school and home
full-time secondary student studying at TAFE or another institution	✓ a fortnightly payment	✓ if they're living away from home, help with rent ✓ if they need to live away from home, help with the cost of establishing and maintaining accommodation ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school	✓ money for books, fees and other study costs if they're aged 18 or older on 1 January X not available if they're younger than 18 on 1 January	✓ if they need to study away from home, fares to the place they're studying and back home each semester ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, fares to attend a residential school ✓ fares for other specific purposes
part-time high school student aged 18 or older on 1 January Note: high school students who are younger than 18 on 1 January must be studying full time to get ABSTUDY	X not available	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school	✓ money for books, fees and other study costs	✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, fares to attend a residential school

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full-time student studying a tertiary (post-secondary) course at university, TAFE or another institution	✓ a fortnightly payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ if they need to live away from home, residential costs paid to a residential college or hostel, or help with rent and the cost of establishing and maintaining accommodation ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school ✓ help with accommodation and meals to attend a field trip or work placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ money for books, fees and other study costs ✓ sometimes extra money for study costs if they're studying in a course with high essential course costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ if they need to study away from home, fares to the place they're studying and back home ✓ fares to attend a residential school, field trip or work placement part of their course ✓ fares for other specific purposes if they're living away from home
part-time student studying a tertiary (post-secondary) course at university, TAFE or another institution	X not available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school ✓ help with accommodation and meals to attend a field trip or work placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ money for books, fees and other study costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, fares to attend a residential school
student who is a pensioner	✓ a fortnightly Pensioner Education Supplement if they're studying at least 25% of a normal full-time workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ residential costs paid to a residential college or hostel ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, help with short-term accommodation and meals to attend a residential school ✓ if they're in a tertiary course, help with accommodation and meals to attend a field trip or work placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ money for books, fees and other study costs ✓ sometimes extra money for study costs if they're studying in a course with high essential course costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ if they need to study away from home, fares to the place they're studying and back home each semester ✓ if they're studying by distance education or correspondence, fares to attend a residential school ✓ fares to attend a field trip or work placement part of their course ✓ fares for other specific purposes if they're living away from home

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full-time master's degree or doctorate student	✓ a fortnightly payment	✓ if they need to live away from home, residential costs paid to a residential college or hostel ✓ help with accommodation and meals to undertake an essential course activity	✓ money for books, fees and other study costs	✓ fares to the place they're studying and back home each semester if they need to study away from home; or fares for them, their partner and children, and transfer of their personal belongings to relocate to their new place of study ✓ fares to attend a residential school, field trip or work placement that is part of their course ✓ fares for other specific purposes if they're living away from home
full-time Australian Apprentice	✓ a fortnightly payment	✓ help with rent if they're living away from home	✓ money for books, fees and other study costs	X not available
person accepted for a selection test or interview for entry into a tertiary (post-secondary) course	X not available	✓ help with accommodation and meal costs while they're away for the selection test or interview	X not available	✓ fares to selection test or interview
high school student in prison or on remand	X not available	✓ help with accommodation and meal costs if released to attend a residential school	✓ essential course costs paid to the institution, a bookshop or other supplier	✓ fares if they're released to attend a residential school
tertiary (post-secondary) student in prison or on remand	X not available	✓ help with accommodation and meal costs if released to attend a residential school	✓ essential course costs paid to the institution, a bookshop or other supplier	✓ fares if they're released to attend a residential school
full-time Australian Apprentice in prison or on remand	X not available	X not available	✓ essential course costs paid to the institution, a bookshop or other supplier	X not available

This information is accurate as at April 2024. Calls to '1800' numbers from your home phone are free. Calls from public and mobile phones may be timed and charged at a higher rate.