

Student payments for school leavers

There are payments to help with further study and training after high school.

What payments are available

Youth Allowance for students and Australian Apprentices is for people studying an approved course full time at an approved provider. For example, a course at a university or TAFE or an Australian Apprenticeship. Most people become eligible once they start study after secondary school, or turn 18. Some people can get it from the age of 16, depending on their circumstances.

ABSTUDY is support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and Australian Apprentices. There are payments to help students in part time or full time tertiary study as well as those doing an apprenticeship.

There are also extra student payments including some to help students who move from regional or remote areas. These include up to \$5,000 to go towards the cost of moving.

How much you can get

Some things that affect if you can get a payment, and how much, are:

- your age
- your parents' income
- where you live and if you pay rent
- how much you earn
- if you have a partner or children.

Use the **Payment and Service Finder** on our website to find out how much your fortnightly payment might be.

Dependent or independent

If you're 21 or younger, we consider you dependent. This means your parents' income may impact your payment.

You automatically become independent when you turn 22. We may consider you independent earlier if you meet certain criteria. For example:

- you've supported yourself through work
- you have a child.

Questions?



find more useful information at
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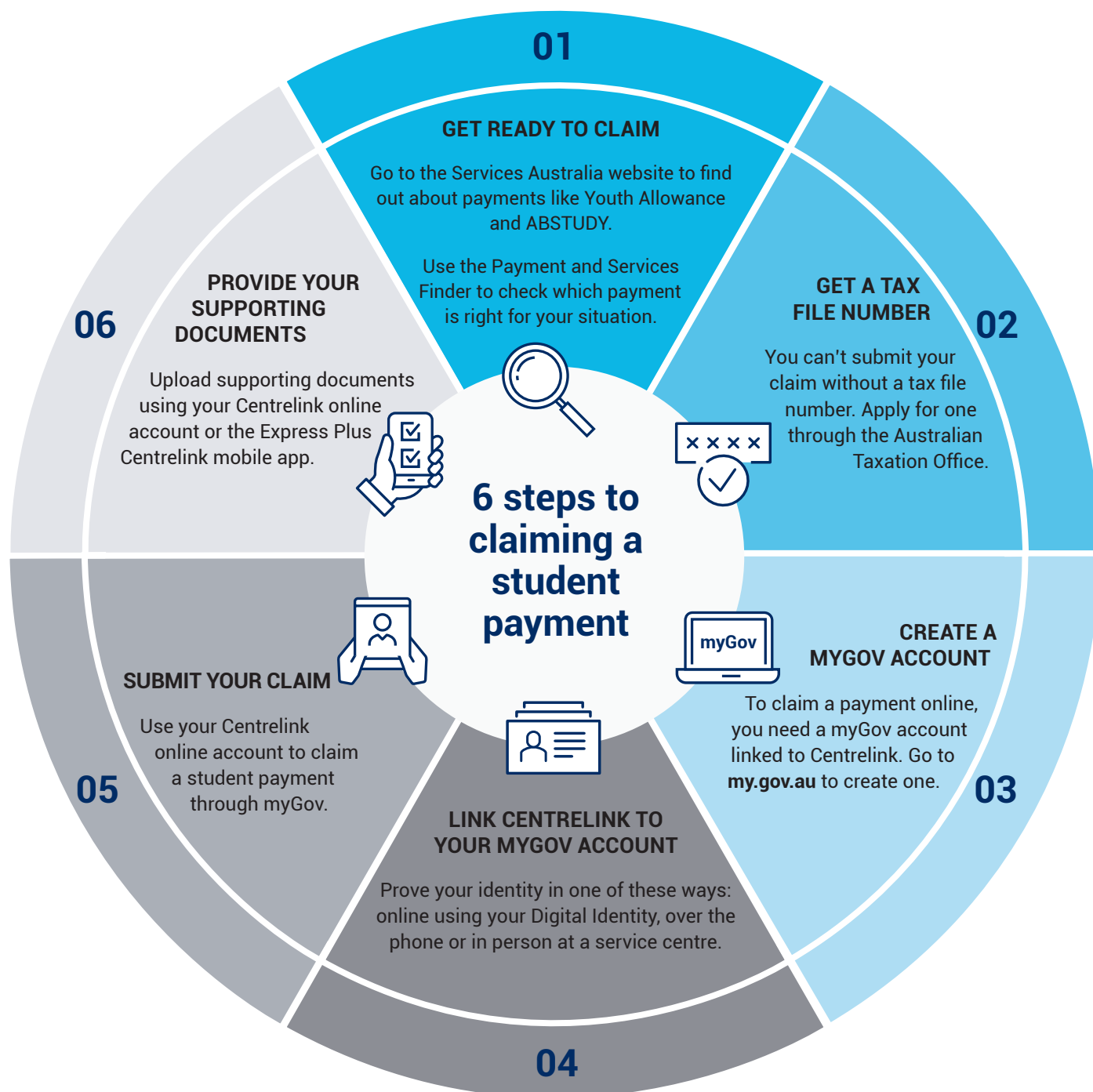
call the Youth and students line on **132 490**
or the ABSTUDY line on **Freecall™ 1800 132 317**



visit a Service Centre



Start early so you can have your payment when you need it. Claim a student payment up to 13 weeks before your course starts.



Claim early! Lots of students apply at the beginning of the year which can make payments slower to process.