



Department of  
Education



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## 2016 BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

### INFORMATION

The Western Australian Department of Education makes available a student Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) to families with children who are attending primary and/or secondary school.

The allowance for 2016 for the full year is \$2 105 subject to confirmation that you have received the Commonwealth Government Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance or Second Home Allowance for the whole of the year.

The payment is available on a pro-rata basis for those who have only received the AIC allowance for part of the year, but will not be paid for boarding periods covering less than one month.

### ELIGIBILITY

The BAHA allowance is only available to parents/guardians who permanently reside in Western Australia, and have qualified for the Commonwealth Government Department of Human Services (Centrelink) (AIC) allowance and have children who attend a primary and/or secondary school located in Western Australia. Students enrolled full time at a tertiary institution (e.g. TAFE) are not eligible.

To be eligible to receive the BAHA, you must supply proof with your application that you have prior approval from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) to receive the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance or Second Home Allowance. Furthermore, your principal place of residence must be geographically isolated in accordance with AIC guidelines.

### Confirmation of Eligibility (Important)

The applicant is required to provide a photocopy of a statement/letter for the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance or Second Home Allowance that you will have received from Centrelink with the application.

The applicant must be the parent/guardian who is legally responsible for the student's care, welfare and development and whose name appears on the AIC advice received from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink).

Applications that do not comply with these requirements will be returned for correction.

From time to time, the Department will conduct random audits to ensure applicants meet the eligibility guidelines.

### APPLYING

Please complete the attached application form and return it to the Department of Education as soon as possible along with the supporting documentation

Please use a separate form for each student.

### PROCESSING

In early Term 4, we will verify AIC payments for the remainder of the year through the enrolment status of the student with their relevant boarding provider. When this is acknowledged, the payment process commences.

Should your details change at any time during the year, please notify the Department of Education.

### PAYMENTS

Although applications may be submitted earlier in the year please be aware that payments are not made until the fourth term of each year.

In cases where a student attends a Country High School Hostels Authority residential College (i.e. Albany, Broome, City Beach, Esperance, Geraldton, Merredin, Narrogin, Northam, St James Residential College Moora); or where a student attends a WA College of Agriculture (i.e. Cunderdin, Denmark, Harvey, Morawa, Narrogin), the payment will be sent directly to the boarding provider.

Where the student attends another boarding facility, the payment may be sent to either the boarding provider or directly to the parent.

Please indicate your payment preference on the application form. Payment is made subject to all application requirements being met.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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**The closing date for applications is Friday, 25 November 2016.**

