

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME - NON GOVERNMENT (PRIVATE) SCHOOLS - 2022 ELIGIBILITY AND PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY

CLAIMANT

- ◆ The Claimant must hold one of the following cards, valid for a period of no less than four weeks
 - Services Australia (Centrelink) Health Care Card
 - *Card holder must be parent/guardian. Claims cannot be made by a parent using a student's card (i.e. the student may hold a card for disability/health conditions)*
 - *Student name should be listed on the card (except for some year 11 and 12 students, or in cases of disability/health reasons - see note below)*
 - Services Australia (Centrelink) Pensioner Concession Card
 - *Student name should be listed on the card (except for some year 11 and 12 students, or in cases of disability/health reasons - see note below)*
 - Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
 - *Health Pensioner Card, TPI or TPI Gold Cards cannot be accepted as they are issued for medical benefit purposes only*
 - *Student name should be listed on the card (except for some year 11 and 12 students, or in cases of disability/health reasons - see note below)*

CARD DETAILS

- ◆ The card must be valid sometime during Term 1 (31 January 2022 – 8 April 2022).
- ◆ For interstate applicants applying throughout the year, the card must be valid sometime in Term 1. Application for the Secondary Assistance Scheme must be made within one month of enrolling at the school.
- ◆ For overseas applicants applying throughout the year, the card must be current at the time of application. Application for the Secondary Assistance Scheme must be made within one month of enrolling at the school.

STUDENTS

- ◆ Must be enrolled in Years 7 to 12 studying a full-time secondary course in a Western Australian non government (private) school. Allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age (i.e. not eligible if born in 2003 or before).
- ◆ Students can only claim for themselves if they are classified by Centrelink as an Independent Youth. Appropriate evidence must be supplied by Centrelink to validate the claim.

CONCESSION CARD NOTES

- ▶ **Students in Years 11 and 12 or with disability/health conditions will possibly not be listed on the parent/guardian concession card, as they may hold their own concession card.**
- ▶ **In this instance, please ensure to sight both concession cards for validity (parent and student), when accepting the completed SAS forms.**

INELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Parents/Guardians/Students in receipt of the ABSTUDY School Fees Allowance through Centrelink (Commonwealth Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander payments).
 - *ABSTUDY payments are made for schooling expenses, the same purpose as the Secondary Assistance Scheme, therefore both cannot be applied for. Alternatively, the ABSTUDY Supplement Allowance of \$79 may be applied for, by completing the 2022 ABSTUDY Supplement Allowance application.*
- ◆ Students who have previously received the allowance when enrolled at another school in the same year.
- ◆ Students cannot claim on their own concession card unless they have been declared independent by Centrelink. Proof of independent status needs to be provided.
- ◆ The Department of Communities Child Protection and Family Support is responsible for all associated costs for Children in Care, therefore a Foster parent cannot apply.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

- ◆ Claimants who satisfy the eligibility criteria will receive payment of \$115 made to the parent/guardian. Payments will be made via EFT only.
- ◆ Claimants that submit applications for students from interstate or overseas who enrol during the year will receive the full \$115 clothing allowance.

EDUCATION PROGRAM ALLOWANCE

- ◆ An amount of \$235 will be paid to the school for eligible claimants.
- ◆ Applications submitted for students from interstate or overseas who enrol after Term 1 will receive a pro-rata Education Program Allowance at \$58.75 per term enrolled.

- ▶ **To assist with prompt payment, schools are requested to submit completed application forms to Financial Planning and Resourcing Directorate as soon as possible after commencement of Term 1.**