



Australian Government

Tertiary Access Payment

Have you finished Year 12 recently, and are you considering a move from regional or remote Australia to commence your tertiary studies? You might be eligible for a payment starting from \$3,000 up to \$5,000 from the Tertiary Access Payment (TAP).

About the TAP

Moving away from home can be expensive and the TAP helps ease the costs for eligible school leavers moving to study. The TAP can help pay for things like rent, household bills, groceries, textbooks, or other study supplies.

Am I eligible?

The TAP will be available for Year 12 school-leavers who:

- ✓ meet Australian citizenship or residency requirements
- ✓ are from an inner regional, outer-regional, remote or very remote area (defined using the Australian Statistical Geography Standard - Remoteness Area classification)

- ✓ are undertaking a Certificate IV or above, at least 75 per cent of fulltime study load with a minimum duration of a year, within 12 months following completion of Year 12 (or equivalent).
- ✓ are studying face to face, or in dual delivery method, for at least part of the course
- ✓ are 22 years of age or under at the time they commence their course
- ✓ relocate to study at an education provider or Regional University Study Hub at least 90 minutes by public transport from their family home
- ✓ parent(s) or guardian(s) have a combined income of \$250,000 or below (or be exempt from meeting this requirement).

The TAP is unavailable to students who leave school before the end of Year 12 to pursue an apprenticeship.

TAP is not considered 'income for social security purposes' and, where relevant, would not affect your eligibility for other income support.

Visit [Services Australia](#) to read the full list of eligibility criteria and read the program guidelines.

How do I apply?

Students can apply at [Services Australia](#) from 1 January. Applications close on 31 December.

If you apply for the payment, you may need to confirm your course details and the address you'll be living at while studying to receive the payment.

Services Australia will contact you to confirm these details. You will need to provide confirmation within 14 days or you may not receive your payment.