Australian Government

Tertiary Access Payment

Have you completed Year 12 and moved or are considering a move from regional or remote Australia to commence your tertiary studies? You might be eligible for 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. Eligible students will be paid either $3,000 or $5,000 depending on where they live.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for the TAP you must:

- ✓ be from an inner regional, outer regional, remote, or very remote area as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard - Remoteness Area classification
- ✓ have completed Year 12 or an equivalent level of education and commenced your first year of study in a qualifying tertiary course which is a Certificate IV or above qualification, with a minimum course duration of one academic year
- ✓ have relocated to study at an education provider, which includes: (1) a vocational education and training (VET) provider that offer higher-level tertiary education courses (Certificate IV or above), (2) a non-university higher education provider (NUHEP), or (3) university, at least 90 minutes by public transport from their family home, OR have relocated to study at an education provider and you are registered and accessing a Regional University Study Hub or Suburban University Study Hub at least 90 minutes by public transport from their family home
- ✓ be enrolled in at least 75 per cent of your course's normal full-time study load, or an approved concessional study load
- ✓ be studying face to face, or in dual delivery method, for at least part of the course
- ✓ show that parent(s) or guardian(s) have a combined income of $250,000 or below in the relevant tax year or be exempt from providing parental income, and
- ✓ meet Australian citizenship or residency requirements.

First year students who have taken one or more gap years and meet all other eligibility criteria are now able to apply. The maximum age is 22 years at the time of commencement of your course.

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.

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