

# Community Language Schools Guidelines 2022

Community Languages Schools are after-hours language schools that provide first language teaching and cultural education.

The Department of Education recognises the valuable role of community language schools in our community.

At Community Language Schools, learners can consolidate their use and understanding of their home language in an atmosphere which values education, diversity and mutual respect. In doing this, the schools make a positive contribution to Australia's cultural and linguistic diversity.

## Grant funding

In 2022, the Department of Education will once again provide grant funding for community language schools in Tasmania. A per capita grant will be provided for each student enrolled. Grant monies will be sent directly to schools for this school year.

Applications for a Community Languages School grant close on Thursday, 28 April 2022.

Applicants must fill in the online [application form](#) and the [student enrolment form](#).

Please note that letters are required from schools (Government, Catholic or Independent) confirming that the named students attend full-time schooling.



## Grant funding criteria

The Department of Education will pay grants to schools that meet the following criteria:

- The Secretary of the Department of Education must be satisfied with the bona fide nature of the organisation.
- Language instructors must have a Working with Vulnerable Children check before providing any instruction to students. Please provide proof with this application.
- The community language school must be controlled by, or be part of, a community group.
- Community language school authorities must be a legal not for profit organisation to be eligible for funding.
- Courses must involve instruction in a language other than English and must be open to students of any background.
- Schools must require students to attend for at least two hours each week.
- Students must also be enrolled in full-time schooling (Prep to Year 12).
- Students must be Australian citizens or permanent Australian residents.
- Classes must be held either after school hours or at weekends.
- Community language schools must organise a suitable public venue before funding will be granted.

It is recommended that schools are run by a qualified teacher.

Grants will not be paid for students in any class conducted within the normal program of a government or non-government school.

When applying for a grant, schools must:

1. Provide details of a proposed budget demonstrating the expenditure of the grant.
2. Meet financial accountability requirements associated with previous years' grants.
3. Provide an outline of the program to be provided by the school.

Community Language School grants will be administered by a formal Grant Deed. This is required by the relevant legislation. After acceptance of a 2022 Grant Application, a Grant Deed will be provided by the Department of Education for mutual agreement before payment of the grant.

Community language schools statewide are encouraged to apply for a grant from the Department of Education.

## Contact

For more information or assistance with the application process, please email [curriculum@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:curriculum@education.tas.gov.au).