

Student Accommodation Allowance 2026

What is the Student Accommodation Allowance?

The Student Accommodation Allowance (SAA) provides financial assistance for students in years 11 and 12. It allows students to live away from their usual parental/guardian's Tasmanian home to study subjects that are not available at their local registered government or non-government school. The allowance is available for two years unless special circumstances exist. The allowance is not means tested. **A new application form is required each year.**

How to Apply

Step 1: Read the eligibility conditions for the scheme

Step 2: Complete the application form including:

- Applicant Details
- Student Details
- Enrolment Details
- Bank Details

Step 3: Read, complete and sign the Declaration

Step 4: Forward the completed form, including all requested information via email/post

Eligibility Conditions for the Scheme

1. Students who are required to travel more than 40 kilometres between their usual parental/ guardian home in Tasmania and the closest school in Tasmania offering their chosen course of study and are therefore required to make alternative accommodation arrangements are eligible for the allowance. Special provisions apply for students from Bass Strait Islands.
2. Students are eligible for SAA if their local school does not offer a complete range of subjects that will allow a student to complete their full course of chosen study.
3. Full-time students are those enrolled for 600 or more contact hours. Approved courses are TQA subjects and/or Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects in an approved Tasmanian Senior Secondary School.
4. Students enrolled in courses associated with apprenticeships or traineeships are not eligible for the allowance.
5. A satisfactory attendance is required in all enrolled subjects.
6. The allowance is only payable to permanent Tasmanian residents, not to interstate or overseas students who are attending Tasmanian schools. The allowance is not available for students whilst their parents are residing interstate or overseas.
7. Parents/guardians of students who attend non-government schools are required to provide confirmation of enrolment with their SAA application form. A second confirmation of enrolment and consistent attendance **must** be received by 15 September 2026.

Entitlements

Eligible Full-time students are entitled to an annual allowance of \$1,472

Payment Arrangements

All payments will be made by direct deposit through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the nominated bank account so please check that bank details are correct and up to date to ensure your payment is received.

Payments will be made twice per year by:-

- 17 April 2026 - \$736
- 16 October 2026 - \$736

Application Close Date	Payment Date (no later than)
15 March 2026	17 April 2026
15 September 2026	16 October 2026

To ensure receipt of the first installment, an application must be received by the Department for Education, Children and Young People prior to 15 March 2026. Eligible applications received after this closing date will receive both installments in October 2026.

To be eligible to receive the 2nd installment in October 2026, applications must be received by 15 September 2026.

Lodgement of Your Application

Forward your completed form, including all requested information to:

Email: finserv@decyp.tas.gov.au

or

Post:
Department for Education, Children and Young People
Finance and Budget Services
GPO Box 169
Hobart Tasmania 7001

The Department for Education, Children and Young People reserves the right to amend or cease allowances at any time.

Department for Education, Children and Young People Student Accommodation Allowance (SAA) 2026

Application Form

Applicant Details (Parent/Guardian)

Title (select one): Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other _____

Family Name: _____ Given Name(s): _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Student Details

Student's family name: _____ Student's given name(s): _____

Date of birth: _____

The address the student will be living at while studying: _____

Enrolment Details

Name of school attending: _____ Grade in 2026: _____

Distance from usual home address to the school the student is attending: _____kms

A letter of confirmation of enrolment must be provided for students attending a non-government/independent school prior to each payment being made.

Has this student previously received SAA? (select one): Yes No

If Yes, during which year(s): _____

Bank Details for Direct Deposit of Allowance Payments

All payments will be made by direct deposit through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the nominated bank account within the Australian banking system. This requires a BSB number (6 digits) and an account number (maximum of 9 digits). Credit card account numbers are not accepted

Bank Account Details:

Bank BSB Number (6 digits only) _____

Account number (maximum 9 digits) _____

Bank Account Name (please print): Given name or Initials _____

Surname _____

Should your banking details change, notification of these changes must be provided in writing to the Department at least fourteen days prior to the payment date.

Please complete the *Declaration by Applicant* on next page.

Declaration by Applicant

I, (print full name) _____ declare that

- I am the responsible parent/guardian for whom the allowance is claimed and that all the information provided on the form is correct.
- I have read the eligibility conditions governing this Scheme.

I authorise:

- The Department for Education, Children and Young People to confirm a student's enrolment status and satisfactory attendance.

I understand that:

- The collection of this information is authorised under the Education Act 2016.
- The Department *for* Education, Children and Young People (the Department) will use the personal information provided on this form to assess my eligibility for financial assistance under the Student Accommodation Allowance for Senior Secondary Students (SAA) Scheme.
- I am required to inform the Department within seven (7) days of any changes to the information contained in this form and to make full restitution in respect of any overpayment as a result of non-attendance; lapsed enrolment; or provision of false information.
- If the student attends a non-government school I must provide evidence of enrolment with the application form prior to 15 March 2026. Then prior to 15 September 2026 a second evidence of enrolment and consistent attendance letter must be provided.
- My personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected and will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*. Information may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to the Department.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Enquiries or Assistance

If you require further assistance, please contact the Department *for* Education, Children and Young People, Finance and Budget Services via email to finserv@decyp.tas.gov.au.

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