

# Living Away From Home Allowance

## Factsheet

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### What is the Living Away From Home Allowance?

The Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) helps Australian Apprentices who are required to move away from their parent's or guardian's residence or facing homelessness to take up or remain in their Australian Apprenticeship Journey. The Living Away From Home Allowance is available during the first three years of an Australian Apprenticeship Journey.

### Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you need to move away from your parent's or legal guardian's home for the first time to:

- take up or remain in an apprenticeship, or
- receive essential supplementary on-the-job training with another employer.

You may also be eligible to receive the allowance if you are undertaking an apprenticeship, and you are, or become, homeless. This may include couch surfing, insecure boarding houses, sleeping in a car, crisis accommodation etc.

If you are applying on the grounds of homelessness, you must complete a statutory declaration outlining your circumstances, including all details of other support received.

### How much am I eligible to receive?

LAFHA is paid in arrears at the following rates:

- in your first year of training, you would receive: \$125.52 per week
- in your second year of training, you would receive: \$94.14 per week
- in your third year of training, you would receive: \$47.07 per week

Each year on 1 July, LAFHA rates will be adjusted in line with the March quarter Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

### What evidence do I need?

To support your claim, you may need to provide evidence, such as:

- a statutory declaration (for example, from a parent or guardian confirming the details of your move from home), and
- proof of your current address (for example, a rental receipt, declaration from property owner, or other supporting documents).

If you are applying due to homelessness, you must provide a statutory declaration outlining your circumstances and any support you are receiving.

### How do I apply?

You will need to submit a completed *Application for LAFHA for Australian Apprentices* through the Apprenticeships

Data Management System. To read a Quick Reference Guide on how to complete an application, visit <https://www.dewr.gov.au/australian-apprenticeships/resources/qrg-how-complete-lafha-claim-application>

### **Is the allowance taken into account for tax purposes?**

This allowance is tax exempt, so you will not be required to pay tax on LAFHA.

### **For more information**

Contact your [Apprentice Connect Australia Provider](#). Your Provider can help you understand eligibility requirements and assist you with your claim, including the evidence you need to provide. To find a Provider near you, visit [www.apprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.au)