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Living Away From Home Allowance

What is the Living Away From Home Allowance?

The Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) is an allowance for eligible Australian Apprentices (apprentices) who have to move away from their parents' or guardians' home to take up or retain an Australian Apprenticeship (apprenticeship). The allowance is available to eligible full-time and part-time apprentices during the first three years of their apprenticeship.

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 in order 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.

How do I apply?

You will need to submit a completed *Application for LAFHA for Australian Apprentices* form to your local Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) Provider to apply for the allowance. Your AASN Provider can provide you with an application form.

Is the allowance taken into account for tax purposes?

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

For more information

Contact your Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) Provider.

To find an AASN Provider near you, visit www.apprenticeships.gov.au