

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) provides assistance to eligible Australian Apprentices who are required to move away from their parent's or guardian's residence to take up or remain in their Australian Apprenticeship Journey. LAFHA is available to eligible full-time and part-time Australian Apprentices during the first three years of their 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.

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: \$120.00 per week
- in your second year of training you would receive: \$90.00 per week
- in your third year of training you would receive: \$45.00 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)

How do I apply?

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

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

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