



About The Living Away From Home Allowance

Sometimes it's hard to find work in your local area and the only way to get a job is if you're willing to move. It can be difficult to move from your family and establish a new home when you're starting a new job, but Living Away From Home Allowance can make it easier.

What is the Living Away From Home Allowance?

The Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) is an allowance provided by the Australian Government to help Australian Apprentices who have to move away from their family home.

The allowance is available to eligible full and part-time Australian Apprentices and Australian School-based Apprentices during the first three years of their training.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible to receive the allowance if you have to move away from your family or legal guardian's home in order to:

- Take up an Australian Apprenticeship *or*
- Remain in an Australian Apprenticeship *or*
- Receive essential supplementary on-the-job training with another employer.

You may also be eligible to receive the allowance if you are homeless.

The allowance is not available to Australian Apprentices who:

- Receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY *or*
- Receive rental or accommodation assistance from Centrelink or their employer *or*
- Moved away from their family home three months or more before starting their Australian Apprenticeship.

How much will I be paid?

Australian Apprentices eligible to receive the allowance receive \$77.17 a week for up to 12 months, \$38.59 a week for a further 12 months and \$25.00 a week for a third 12 months.

The allowance is generally paid monthly via direct credit into an eligible Australian Apprenticeship's nominated bank account.



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How do I apply for the allowance?

You will need to complete and submit an Application for *Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) for Australian Apprentices* form to the AMA ATS for the allowance the AMA ATS can provide you with an application form.

Is the allowance taken into account for tax purposes?

You won't be required to pay tax on the Living Away From home Allowance.

For more information

Contact the AMA ATS on (08) 9273 3042, call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73 or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships for more information.

