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Information you need to know about your claim for

ABSTUDY Remote Areas

ABSTUDY is for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

This claim is for secondary school students from remote communities who need to live away from home to attend school.

Keep this “Information you need to know about your claim for ABSTUDY Remote Areas” for your information

Enquiries

More information on ABSTUDY

If you want to find out more information about anything that is not clear about ABSTUDY, please phone Centrelink on

13 2317

TTY service

FREECALL™ **1800 810 586**

Only for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. A TTY phone is required for this service.

Calling Centrelink

Calls to 13 numbers cost 25 cents from anywhere within Australia. Calls to 1800 numbers are free of charge. Calls from public pay phones or mobile phones will be charged at a higher rate.

More information

A booklet called ***Are you planning to study or train (or currently studying or training)?*** provides more information about ABSTUDY.

If you would like further information on Centrelink services and payments you can visit the Centrelink **website** at www.centrelink.gov.au

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This claim

ABSTUDY allowances

You may be eligible for School Fee Allowance, Basic Payment (living allowance), Rent Assistance and Remote Area Allowance for your student. These allowances are paid to the boarding school in four parts at the beginning of each term to help pay for school fees and boarding costs.

Family Tax Benefit and ABSTUDY School allowances

Students 16 years of age and over

Family Tax Benefit cannot be paid with ABSTUDY if the student is 16 years of age or over. You should carefully consider which payment provides you with the best assistance in your particular circumstances.

Students under 16 years of age

Provided all eligibility conditions are met for both payments, Family Tax Benefit and ABSTUDY can both be paid for a student under 16 years of age.

Other ABSTUDY claims

School students 15 or younger and living at home during the year of study should use the **ABSTUDY Schooling A Claim (Form a)**.

Students 16 or older this calendar year or applying for independent status should use the **ABSTUDY claim (Form b)**.

Commencement dates

You must apply before the student stops going to school during the year, or before 31 December in the year of study if the student is at school all year. Claims received after this date cannot normally be approved.

The sooner you apply, the sooner you can be paid.

Question information

PART A – Student details

Question 6: Aboriginality

ABSTUDY is only for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. If there is any doubt about the student's identity as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, you will be asked to provide proof.

PART C – Away-from-home details

Question 11: Will you be living away from home to study in the current school year?

Living away from home to study means you are staying somewhere other than where you normally live. Living away from home as a secondary student means you are boarding in another person's home, boarding at a hostel or at a boarding school. Secondary students must be approved for one of the away from home reasons listed in Question 18.

Question 12: Do you want ABSTUDY to help with your travel bookings in the current school year?

There are restrictions on the payment of Fares Allowance. If you are a secondary student, you will not get Fares Allowance for interstate travel unless your home is near a border and it is more appropriate for you to study at a closer interstate location, or there are no boarding places in your home State/Territory.

Question 18: Why will you be living away from home.

The Away from Home rate is not normally available to secondary students whose home is within reasonable travelling time of a government school in which the student is qualified to enrol. A secondary student claiming the Away from Home rate must meet one of the requirements in Question 18.

PART D – Parent(s)/Guardian(s) details

Parental Means Test: The income test

Income includes taxable income, maintenance income, fringe benefits received from employers, income from overseas and net passive business losses.

Question 23: Special Assessment

The parent/guardian income test is not applied if a parent/guardian receives:

- a pension, income support benefit or allowance from Centrelink (but not Family Tax Benefit);
- an income-tested pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- a CDEP wage (except if they are the CDEP Project Administrator), where there is a dependent school student;
- ABSTUDY, or Austudy for their own study (both parents must be receiving a payment);
- a Health Care Card from Centrelink; or
- certain other Commonwealth government payments.

The waiving of the income test lasts for as long as the above circumstances apply.

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Question information • *continued*

Question 25: Have you earned any taxable income in the base tax year?

Information provided in the ABSTUDY claim should be completed in respect of the base tax year.

The base tax year for an ABSTUDY payment period is the tax (financial) year that ended on 30 June in the calendar year before the start of the school year in which the applicant claims ABSTUDY.

It is necessary to use a **Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Details** form (**Mod JY**) for such an assessment.

Proof of Taxable Income

Proof of income is usually a base tax year Tax Assessment Notice (or copy) from the Australian Taxation Office. However, where such a notice has not been issued, or is not available, you should provide:

- a copy of your taxation return;
- group certificates (accompanied by a statutory declaration or letter from your accountant, stating that the group certificates represent all income received in the base tax year);
- a statement of income from an employer or accountant;
- a statement of income from Centrelink; or
- a statutory declaration from a parent/guardian who has no income or no other proof of income.

Question 26: The assets test

This is based on how much you would get for the assets if you sold them, less any debts or mortgages owed. Centrelink may apply a discount for certain allowable farm and business assets.

Assessable assets do not include the value of the home you live in and special aids for people with a disability and the value of any debt on an asset and unreceivable assets.

Farm/business assets include assets that are owned by a business, partnership or trust in which either parent has an interest.

Question information • *continued***PART F – Tax details****Question 29: How to get a Tax File Number (TFN)**

There is a special *Tax File Number application/enquiry form for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander*.

You can get this form from Centrelink offices, Australian Taxation Offices or from the school that you are attending.

To get a TFN you will have to provide proof of identity. When you apply you should take with you documents such as your:

- proof of identity reference on the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tax File Number Application form*;
- form RA010 – Proof of Identity - Verification form;
- Australian birth certificate;
- Australian marriage certificate;
- current passport;
- current driver's licence; or
- recent school certificate.

There are other documents you can use. You can find out what you need from Centrelink or the Australian Taxation Office.

Question 29: Tax File Number Exemptions

ABSTUDY customers do not have to give us their TFN if they are:

- a student who is under 16;
- a person who receives a social security pension or Special Benefit from Centrelink or certain pensions from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA);
- a person who is temporarily overseas;
- a person who is required to attend traditional ceremonies at the time the ABSTUDY claim is lodged;
- a person whose physical safety is at risk from another person and the risk would be increased by disclosure of a Tax File Number; or
- a person who has lost all records of her/his TFN because of fire or flood damage to her/his home in the six months before applying for ABSTUDY.

If you think any of these situations applies to you, attach a note to your claim. But remember, you must give your Tax File Number when you return from overseas or after attending the traditional ceremony.

Privacy and your personal information

Legal authority

Personal information is protected by law, including the Commonwealth Privacy Act. The authority to collect this information is contained in the *Student Assistance Act 1973*.

Purpose of collection and disclosure

The information you provide on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for, and provide payments and services to you, and where relevant, third parties. This information may also be used to detect or prevent fraud and/or recover overpayments.

Centrelink usually gives some or all of your information to its Purchasing Departments (the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Department of Education, Science and Training and Department of Family and Community Services) and their contracted service providers, (where that Purchasing Department or contracted service provider is providing payments or services to you) for the purposes of:

- determining eligibility for correct payment;
- determining eligibility and/or suitability for employment assistance and other appropriate services;
- provision of services and payments;
- evaluation and monitoring of services provided by Centrelink;
- evaluation and monitoring of services provided by Centrelink's Purchasing Departments or their contracted service providers; and
- recovery of overpayments.

Centrelink may disclose limited information (for example, income and assets) about you to other individuals when your circumstances affect their entitlement to payments and services.

Limited personal information collected from you may be used to conduct customer research run by Centrelink, its Purchasing Departments or by research organisations on their behalf. Your participation in customer research is valued, however, if you do not wish to take part please call the Customer Research Team on Freecall **1800 050 004** (refer to the factsheet '*Customer Research and You*' for more information).

Centrelink can give your information to other persons, bodies or agencies without your permission in circumstances where commonwealth legislation requires or authorises the disclosure. For example, Centrelink usually gives some or all of your information about income and taxation matters to the Australian Taxation Office for their uses and purposes.

You can get more information from the factsheet titled '*Your Right to Privacy*'.

Penalties

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

About the information you give • *continued*

If you disagree with a decision

If you think our decision is wrong, phone us or come and see us. We will check the facts and explain the decision. If you do not agree, you can ask for one of our Authorised Officers to look at it. If you still do not agree you can appeal to the Minister for Education, Science and Training about decisions affecting your entitlement, or to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) about debt recovery decisions. The review and appeals are free. Remember, if you do not ask for the decision to be reviewed within three months of being told about it, you may only get backpayment from the date you ask.

If you have concerns about your personal information, phone us or come in and see us. We will look into the matter and tell you about your rights to see and amend your information. If you are still not satisfied you can contact the Privacy Commissioner on **1300 363 992**.

If you wish to complain about Centrelink's actions, you can call the Centrelink's customer relations line on **1800 050 004** or you can contact the Commonwealth Ombudsman on **1300 362 072**.

Changes you must tell Centrelink about

When to contact us

You must tell us **within 14 days** about events or changes in circumstances affecting your payment. You can tell us by writing, phoning or going into any of our offices.

The rate of your ABSTUDY payment may need to be adjusted if there are changes in your circumstances. If you are paid too much allowance because you don't tell Centrelink when you are required to do so, Centrelink may recover money from you.

Changes you must tell Centrelink about are

If the student:

- stops attending school;
- is sick or injured and cannot continue study; or
- stops living with you and is no longer dependent on you.

If you or your partner:

- stop receiving a social security or Department of Veterans' Affairs pension, benefit or allowance;
 - stop receiving a CDEP wage; or
 - no longer hold a current Health Care Card.
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Change in address

If you change your address, you should advise Centrelink immediately. If mail is returned to Centrelink unclaimed, your payments may be stopped.

Other payments, concessions and help

If you receive a payment, there are other payments, concessions and help you may receive.

Rent Assistance	Rent Assistance is an additional payment for Centrelink customers who rent their accommodation in the private rental market. This includes paying private rent, board, lodging for accommodation in a house, flat or unit, one or more rooms in a house, boarding house, hostel or private hotel. It also includes a caravan or mobile home where you pay ground rent or site fees, and a boat where you pay mooring fees.
Centrepay	Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Centrepay is voluntary and customers may withdraw at any time. Centrepay can be used for a variety of purposes for example education fees, rent, childcare services, and electricity.
Centrelink Confirmation eServices	Centrelink Confirmation eServices is an electronic service that enables you to choose to have your Centrelink details provided or confirmed directly to another organisation. The service is free and totally secure. With your consent, Centrelink may disclose information needed by an organisation to determine your eligibility for the concession or other service you are claiming from them.
Health Care Card	A Health Care Card provides you access to pharmaceutical medications listed under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme at a reduced cost. You may also receive other concessions provided by State and Territory Governments and other private organisations.
Remote Area Allowance	Remote Area Allowance was introduced as an additional assistance for social security customers in remote areas. It recognises that many customers who do not pay tax, or very little tax, do not get the full benefit of tax zone rebates. Remote Area Allowance makes a contribution towards some of the costs associated with living in particularly remote areas.
Someone to deal with Centrelink for you	Some Centrelink customers may have difficulty managing their Centrelink affairs, often because of a disability or illness or problems reading, writing, understanding information or handling money. If you receive a payment or service from Centrelink or the Family Assistance Office, a Person Permitted to Enquire or Nominee arrangement is available. Person Permitted to Enquire (PPE) arrangements provide for a Centrelink customer to authorise a person or organisation to make limited enquiries only and confirm information held. A PPE is not a nominee arrangement. A Nominee arrangement authorises a person or organisation to enquire, act and make changes on your behalf and/or receive your Centrelink payment on your behalf. A form is available for customers interested in such arrangements, 'Authorising a person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf' (SS313) .
Social Workers	Centrelink has professional Social Workers in its Customer Service Centres and Call Centres throughout Australia. Social Workers can provide counselling and support for any personal or family concerns. These concerns could include homelessness, family and domestic violence followed by depression, isolation, grief and loss or adjustment to disability issues. Social Workers can also provide a referral to other services that can help you. The referral could be to a service that provides advocacy or budgeting help.
Jobs, Education and Training (JET) program	Help for people receiving Carer Payment, Parenting Payment (single), Widow B Pension or Special Benefit to find a job or undertake training. JET advisors make referrals to specialist help and offer advice on work preparation, education, training, and child care.
Community Officers	Community Officers may be able to visit you if you are homeless, living in a hostel or refuge, suffering from a mental illness, or fleeing from domestic violence. Community Officers can tell you about Centrelink payments and services and help you access these services. They provide Centrelink services in locations like rehabilitation centres, psychiatric hospitals, prisons, hostels, drop-in centres.

Other payments, concessions and help • *continued*

Indigenous Services Staff	Indigenous Services Staff are located in most Centrelink Customer Service Centres. Some Centrelink Customer Service Centres also have staff who speak Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages and teams who visit and help remote communities.
Financial Information Officers	Centrelink's Financial Information Service (FIS) helps people to make informed decisions about investment and financial issues for their current and future financial needs. FIS is independent, free and confidential and provides a service by phone, by appointment and through seminars.
Centrelink Disability Officers	Help for people with disabilities to access specialist and mainstream employment and training services, and arrange referral to other agencies for information and support services.
Lump Sum advances	Centrelink customers can apply for an advance payment once a year of up to \$500. This is recovered, interest free, from your payments over 13 fortnights.

Family Tax Benefit

Students 16 years of age and over

Family Tax Benefit **cannot** be paid with ABSTUDY if the student is 16 years of age or over. You should carefully consider which payment provides you with the best assistance in your particular circumstances.

Students under 16 years of age

Provided all eligibility conditions are met for both payments, Family Tax Benefit and ABSTUDY can both be paid for a student under 16 years of age.

What is Family Tax Benefit?

Family Tax Benefit helps parents or guardians with the cost of raising children.

Family Tax Benefit Part A is paid per child and is worked out using the family's combined annual income and the ages and number of dependent children in the family.

If you choose to get payments fortnightly, you need to estimate your family's income for the financial year ahead.

You must:

- provide care to a dependent child up to and including the age of 20 years, or a dependent full-time student up to the age of 24 years;
- meet Australian residence requirements for family assistance purposes; and
- meet the income test.

Family Tax Benefit Part B is paid per family and is worked out using the lower income earner's income. Single parents always get the maximum rate of payment.

You must:

- be a single parent family OR a two parent family where the income of the lower earner meets the income test;
- provide care to a dependent child under 16 years of age (or 18 if they are a full time student and not receiving an education allowance such as ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance); and
- meet Australian residence requirements for family assistance purposes.

You can choose to receive your Family Tax Benefit annually as a lump sum or get some of your payment fortnightly and get the rest after the end of the financial year. (If you claim through the tax system, you will not be able to get any Rent Assistance or a Health Care Card, if you are entitled to them). If you receive an income support payment, you must receive Family Tax Benefit fortnightly.

For more information, phone the Family Assistance Office on **13 6150**.

Other payments, concessions and help • *continued*

More information

More information

A booklet called ***Are you planning to study or train (or currently studying or training)?*** provides more information about ABSTUDY.

Centrelink Call Centres are staffed with people who can answer your questions. Just call **13 2317** to find out more information about anything that is not clear about ABSTUDY.

Information on-line

Information about ABSTUDY is available at the Centrelink Website at **www.centrelink.gov.au**



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Claim for ABSTUDY

Remote Areas

This form is for dependent secondary boarding school students from remote communities.

Please use blue or black pen only.

This claim has been attached inside the notes booklet ***Information you need to know about your claim for ABSTUDY Remote Areas.***

In this claim, this booklet will be referred to as ***information notes.***

If you don't have these notes, call Centrelink on **13 2317.**

Centrelink office use only	
Customer Reference Number—Applicant	<input type="text"/>
Customer Reference Number—Student	<input type="text"/>
Date received by community agent, institution etc.	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>
Date accepted by Centrelink	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>
Date received in processing office	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>
Logon ID	<input type="text"/>
Date stamps	

PART A**Student details****Give the ABSTUDY student's details in PART A – Questions 1 to 7**

1 What is your name?

Title Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First name

Second name

2 Do you use, or have you used, any other names?
(e.g. maiden name or clan/skin/tribal name)

No

Yes Maiden name Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander name

Give name

3 Are you: Male Female

4 What is your date of birth?

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NOTE: If you are a student and 15 or younger during the year of study and are living at home, your parent(s)/guardian(s)/carer should complete an ABSTUDY Schooling A claim (Form a).

5 What is your postal address?

Number and street or PO Box

Suburb, town or community

State Postcode

6 Are you an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, that is:

- you are of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- you identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- you are accepted as such by the community in which you live or have lived?

Refer to **information notes**.

No **You are not eligible for ABSTUDY**

Yes **Are you** Aboriginal? Mark both boxes if you are of both
Torres Strait Islander? Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin.

7 Would you like another person or organisation to act on your behalf when dealing with Centrelink?

No

Yes  You will need to complete and attach an **Authority for a Nominee** form (SS313). If you do not have this form, contact Centrelink or go to our website at www.centrelink.gov.au

PART B**School details**

Give the ABSTUDY student school details in PART B – Questions 8 to 10

8 What grade will you be in during the current school year?

(e.g. Year 9)

9 What school will you be going to in the current school year?

10 What date will you start school in the current school year?

NOTE: If you do not start on the first day of school, it may affect your ABSTUDY payments.**PART C****Away-from-home details**

Give the ABSTUDY student away-from-home details in PART C – Questions 11 to 18

11 Will you be living away from home to study in the current school year?

No
Yes ▶ For further assistance please contact Centrelink on **13 2317**

12 Do you want ABSTUDY to help with your travel bookings in the current school year?

No
Yes

13 Where will you live while you are studying?

Boarding school
Residential college ▶ Go to **Question 14**
Hostel
Boarding privately ▶ Go to **Question 15**

14 What is the name of the boarding school, residential college or hostel where you will be boarding?

▶ Go to **Question 16**

15 Give details of the person providing board

Title

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Other

Family name

First name

Second name

16 What is the address where you will be boarding?

Number and street

Suburb, town or community

State

Postcode

17 What is the telephone number where you will be boarding?

(include STD area code)

PART C *continued* • **Away from home details**

- 18** Tick one box beside the statement that best describes why you will be living away from home.



You must attach a statement, document or letter as requested in the note following the box ticked. **Your payments cannot start until this is provided.**

YOU WILL LIVE AWAY FROM HOME BECAUSE:

You must travel for at least 90 minutes (one way) from home to the nearest school/institution

- Give the time spent traveling each way

Your access from home to the nearest school/institution is often disrupted

- Please provide a statement from the local Council describing road conditions and the number of times access was not possible during the previous school/academic year.

Your home conditions make study difficult

- Please provide a written statement by yourself and at least one supporting statement from an independent authority with first-hand knowledge of your circumstances.

Appropriate schooling cannot be provided at your local government schools

- Give the name of the school(s) you previously attended.

You have a disability and cannot attend your local schools

- Please provide a medical certificate stating the disability and reason why the local school cannot be attended (this is not required if an assessment was a requirement of acceptance into a special education institution). Alternatively, you may be eligible for Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC).

You are a secondary student studying an approved special course at a government school

- Please provide a statement from the school confirming the special course enrolment.

You are a secondary student and your family moves often because of work

- Please provide a statement of your family's recent and expected moves for work.

You have been subjected to serious and continuing racial discrimination at your local schools

- Please provide a written statement from your parent/guardian and at least one supporting statement from the school, Indigenous Education Consultative Board (IECB), or their nominee explaining the situation. In the absence of an IECB, an independent representative from the local Indigenous community with an education background should be involved.

You have been awarded an approved independent school scholarship

- Please provide a letter from the school confirming the scholarship and evidence of the involvement of the Indigenous Education Consultative Board (IECB) or their nominee.

You are a school student applying for continuity of study provisions

- Call Centrelink on **13 2317** for details.

PART D**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) details****Student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide details in PART D – Questions 19 to 26**

If your parent(s)/guardian(s) would prefer to provide their details on a separate form, call Centrelink on **13 2317**.
Your payments cannot start until all of these questions have been answered.

	<i>The ABSTUDY student's parent/guardian should complete this column</i>	<i>The parent's/guardian's partner should complete this column</i>
	PARENT/GUARDIAN	PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S PARTNER
19 What is your marital situation?	Married <input type="checkbox"/> De facto <input type="checkbox"/> → Give date Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> / / Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Never married <input type="checkbox"/>	Married <input type="checkbox"/> De facto <input type="checkbox"/> → Give date Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> / / Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Never married <input type="checkbox"/>
20 What are your personal details?	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> Family name <input type="text"/> First name <input type="text"/> Second name <input type="text"/> Date of birth <input type="text"/> / /	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> Family name <input type="text"/> First name <input type="text"/> Second name <input type="text"/> Date of birth <input type="text"/> / /
21 Where do you live?	Number and street <input type="text"/> Town/suburb/community <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Postcode <input type="text"/>	Number and street <input type="text"/> Town/suburb/community <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Postcode <input type="text"/>
22 What is your relationship to the ABSTUDY student named at Question 1?	Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> → Describe relationship <input type="text"/>	Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> → Describe relationship <input type="text"/>
23 Do you or will you receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a pension, benefit or allowance from Centrelink (not Family Tax Benefit), or a full service pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs some other Commonwealth income support payment? 	No <input type="checkbox"/> → Go to Question 24 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → Give details Name of payment <input type="text"/> Customer Reference Number <input type="text"/> Date payment started (if after 1 January) <input type="text"/> / /	No <input type="checkbox"/> → Go to Question 24 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → Give details Name of payment <input type="text"/> Customer Reference Number <input type="text"/> Date payment started (if after 1 January) <input type="text"/> / /

▶ Go to **Question 27**▶ Go to **Question 27**

PART D continued • **Parent(s)/Guardian(s) details**

24 Do you get a Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) wage?

PARENT/GUARDIAN

No
 Yes ▶ Date payment started
 _____ / _____ / _____


Are you the CDEP Project Administrator in your community?
 No Yes


PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S PARTNER

No
 Yes ▶ Date payment started
 _____ / _____ / _____

Are you the CDEP Project Administrator in your community?
 No Yes

25 Have you earned any taxable income in the base tax year?

No
 Yes ▶  You will also need to complete and attach a **Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Details form (Mod JY)**. If you do not have this form, call Centrelink on **13 2317** or go to our website at **www.centrelink.gov.au**

No
 Yes ▶  You will also need to complete and attach a **Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Details form (Mod JY)**. If you do not have this form, call Centrelink on **13 2317** or go to our website at **www.centrelink.gov.au**

26 What is your estimate of the current market value of your family assets less any debts owing on them?

NOTE: If you have farm/business assets, Centrelink may apply a deduction from the value of your assets.

Do you have farm/business assets?

No
 Yes ▶ Current market value
 \$ _____

Include personal effects and household contents and business assets used for personal use. Include all overseas assets. Do NOT include your principal home.

Do you have OTHER assets?

No
 Yes ▶ Current market value
 \$ _____

Include all assets outside of Australia. Do NOT include the principal family home including an area of up to 2 hectares (5 acres) around the home provided it is used for domestic purposes and do not include business assets used for personal use.

PART E

Payment details

27 Who do you want payments to go to?

Boarding school or hostel
 Person providing board

28 Please provide the account details

NOTE: Check your account and branch numbers with your bank, building society or credit union. Payments will be delayed if your account number is wrong. It is up to you to give the right number.

Name of bank, building society or credit union

Type of account (e.g. savings, cheque)

Branch where the account is held

Branch number (BSB) - if known

Account number (This may not be your card number)

Account held in the name(s) of

PART G**Declaration****30 You and your parent(s)/guardian(s) if relevant, must read and sign this declaration**

It is important to read the declaration carefully before you sign it. Everyone who provides personal information on the claim must sign the declaration.

When you sign it, you are declaring that the information you have provided is true and correct. You are also agreeing to the conditions in the declaration.

If the declaration is not signed, payments will not start.

I declare that:

- I, the student, am of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- I, the student, identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- I, the student, am accepted as such by the community in which I live or have lived; and
- the information given by me on this claim is complete and correct.
- I have received the booklet "Information you need to know about your claim for ABSTUDY Remote Areas" which contains the privacy notice.

I understand that:

- I, the parent/guardian, am responsible for the payment of any expenses associated with school and board that are not covered by ABSTUDY.
- to retain ABSTUDY, students must attend all classes, tutorials and practical exercises, and submit all the required course work to the satisfaction of the institution.
- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
- Centrelink can make relevant enquiries to ensure the I receive my correct entitlements.
- I must notify Centrelink of any changes to this information within 14 days of the change(s) occurring.
- Centrelink will, from time to time, check with the school you nominated on the claim, that the student is enrolled and attending.

**Signature of
ABSTUDY student**



Date

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**Signature of
parent/guardian**



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**Signature of
parent's/guardian's partner**



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Now that you have completed this claim, hand it in to a Centrelink agent, post it to one of the following ABSTUDY Customer Service Support Centres, or ask your boarding school to fax your claim to the relevant ABSTUDY Customer Service Support Centre.

Customer Service Support Centres

ABSTUDY, Perth	ABSTUDY, Palmerston	ABSTUDY, Cairns	ABSTUDY, Mt Druitt
GPO Box T1642	PO Box 3724	PO Box 429	PO Box 429
Perth WA 6845	Palmerston NT 0831	Cairns QLD 4870	Mt Druitt NSW 2770
fax no: (08) 9464 2622	fax no: (08) 8936 9998	fax no: (07) 4033 4980	fax no: (02) 9208 6598

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