

# ABSTUDY<sup>1</sup>

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| <b>What is it</b>             | A grants scheme, administered by Centrelink, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.   |
| <b>Who is Eligible</b>        | Indigenous persons with Australian citizenship who are either <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 14 years of age (as of January 1) studying at primary school, or</li><li>- Studying at secondary school, or</li><li>- Studying (full or part-time) at TAFE, university or other tertiary institutions</li><li>- Have a full-time Australian Apprenticeship</li><li>- Undertaking distance education or correspondence course</li><li>- Studying for a Masters or Doctorate degree</li></ul>  |
| <b>How Much</b>               | <p>The amount of money one can get from ABSTUDY depends on the applicant's age, dependency on parents/guardians, income of applicant and of partner and of parents/guardians, full-time vs. part-time study, course being studied, living at home vs. not living at home, etc. The payment is subject to both a means and asset test.</p> <p>As of 30 April 2008, students aged 16-20 living away from home are given a maximum allowance of \$355.30. For more information regarding payments, visit:<br/><a href="http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/pay_how_abs.htm">http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/pay_how_abs.htm</a></p> |
| <b>How Does it Work</b>       | The ABSTUDY Living Allowance is paid directly into one's bank account or other specified account on a fortnightly basis.   |
| <b>How to Apply</b>           | To apply, the applicant needs proof of identity, and needs to lodge a claim that best suits the specific needs of the applicant. Additional forms, such as parent/guardian details, may be required. Forms can be accessed at the following site:<br><a href="http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/forms/claim_forms_abs.htm">http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/forms/claim_forms_abs.htm</a>   |
| <b>Additional Information</b> | For additional information, visit Centrelink's website:<br><a href="http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/abstudy.htm">http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/abstudy.htm</a>   |

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<sup>1</sup> All information for this information sheet was compiled from Centrelink.