

# Tertiary Access Payment



The Tertiary Access Payment is a payment for students from regional and remote areas. It's to help with the cost of moving for tertiary study.

## How much you can get

It's a payment of up to \$5,000 that we pay in your first year of study.

If you're from an inner regional area, you'll get \$3,000 in one instalment shortly after you start your course.

If you're from an outer regional or remote area, you'll get \$5,000 paid in 2 instalments. We pay \$3,000 shortly after you start your course, and \$2,000 in your next semester.

You can only get the payment once, even if you change your study.

## Who can get it

This payment is for regional and remote students who need to move away from home to study after year 12. You can be studying at a university, vocational education and training provider or another higher education provider.

You need to meet study rules as well as meet all the following eligibility criteria:

- you're an Australian resident meeting residence rules
- your family home is in an inner regional, outer regional, remote or very remote area
- you're moving to study at a tertiary education provider that's at least 90 minutes away from your family home by public transport

- you have completed year 12 or equivalent
- you're aged 22 or younger on the day you start your tertiary course
- your parents' or guardians' income is under the current combined parental income limit of \$250,000.

## Study rules

You also need to meet study rules to get the Tertiary Access Payment. You need to start studying in the 12 months immediately after completing year 12 or equivalent.

You also need to be studying:

- a certificate IV or above
- a course with a minimum duration of one academic year
- at least 75% of a full-time study load of the academic year.

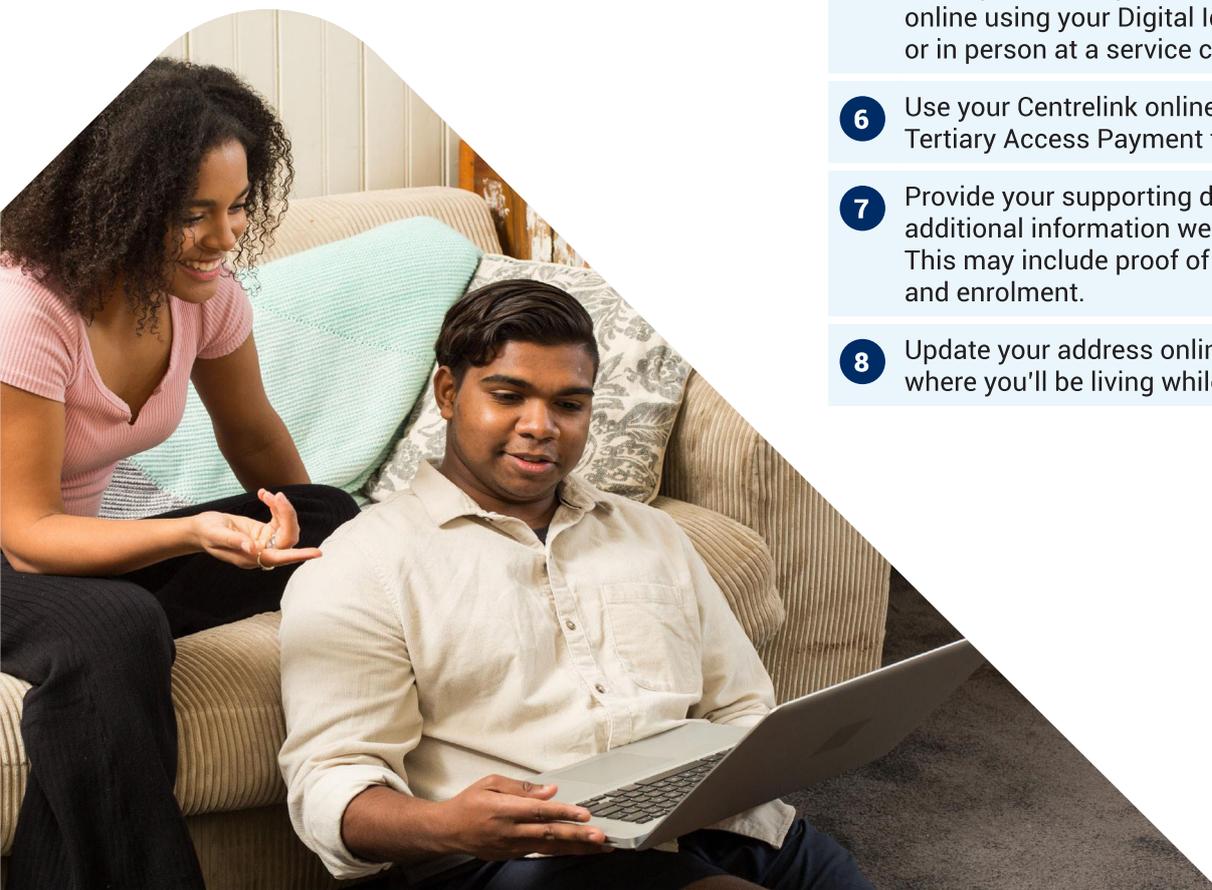
Your study program needs to be face-to-face, a combination of online and face-to-face, or at a Regional University Centre (RUC).

## When to claim a payment

You can apply for the Tertiary Access Payment from 1 January of the year you start tertiary study.

You must submit your claim by 31 December in your first year of study.

If you're claiming another student payment, like Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY, this is a separate claim. You can get the Tertiary Access Payment while getting another student payment from us. But you can also get the Tertiary Access Payment on its own.



## How to claim

Follow these steps to claim the Tertiary Access Payment.

- 1 Check our website to see if you're eligible for the payment.
- 2 Use our online tool to check your family home location is in an inner regional, outer regional or remote area.
- 3 Apply for a tax file number through the Australian Taxation Office.
- 4 Set up a myGov account.
- 5 Link your myGov account to Centrelink. Prove your identity in one of these ways: online using your Digital Identity, over the phone or in person at a service centre.
- 6 Use your Centrelink online account to claim the Tertiary Access Payment through myGov.
- 7 Provide your supporting documents and any additional information we may ask for on time. This may include proof of your parental income and enrolment.
- 8 Update your address online, as soon as you know where you'll be living while you study.

## More resources

Find more information and resources for school leavers at [servicesaustralia.gov.au/leavingschool](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/leavingschool)

 Follow us and ask questions on Facebook at [facebook.com/servicesaustralia](https://facebook.com/servicesaustralia) or

 Instagram at [instagram.com/services.australia](https://instagram.com/services.australia)

### Remember

Social media is not private or secure, so don't share personal information on social media. If you need to talk about your personal circumstances, call or visit us.

## Where to get more information

 Find more information about the Tertiary Access Payment at [servicesaustralia.gov.au/tertiaryaccesspayment](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/tertiaryaccesspayment)

 Call the Youth and students line on **132 490**.

 If you need to speak to someone in your language, call the Centrelink Multilingual Phone Service on **131 202**.