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Purpose of this form

For Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are:

- part-time students
- full-time students who wish to claim non-means-tested ABSTUDY allowances only (including Incidentals Allowance)
- Australian Apprentices who wish to claim Incidentals Allowance only, **or**
- seeking assistance to attend a Testing and Assessment activity to gain entry to either:
 - a tertiary course
 - an enabling course at university.

Note: If you are a full-time student or an Australian Apprentice you can claim by calling us on **1800 132 317**, or by completing the **Claim for ABSTUDY** form (**SY019**).

The **ABSTUDY** brochure provides you with more information about ABSTUDY entitlements and allowances.

Filling in this form

- **Please use black or blue pen.**
- Print in BLOCK LETTERS.
- Mark boxes like this with a ✓ or X.
- Where you see a box like this ► **Go to 5** skip to the question number shown. You do not need to answer the questions in between.

Returning your form

Check that all required questions are answered and that the form is signed and dated.

Return this form and any supporting documents to us **within 14 days** so we can process your application or claim. If you cannot do this **within 14 days**, you must contact us at the earliest possible date to make an arrangement.

You can return this form and any supporting documents:

- online – submit your documents online (excluding identity documents). For more information about how to access an Online Account or how to lodge documents online, go to **humanservices.gov.au/submitdocumentsonline**
- by post – return your documents by sending them to:

Department of Human Services
Student Services
Reply Paid 7804
Canberra ACT 2610
- in person – if you are unable to submit this form and any supporting documents online or by post, you can provide them in person to one of our service centres.

For more information

Go to humanservices.gov.au/abstudy or call us on **1800 132 317** or visit one of our service centres.

To speak to us in languages other than English, call **131 202**.

Note: Call charges may apply.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can contact the **TTY service** on Freecall™ **1800 810 586**. A TTY phone is required to use this service.

1 Please read this before answering the following question.

You are considered to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, if:

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

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?


If you are of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, please tick both 'Yes' boxes.

No  **You are not eligible for ABSTUDY Allowances and Part-time Award. Please call us on 1800 132 317.**

Yes – Aboriginal

Yes – Torres Strait Islander *Go to next question*

2 Are you an Australian citizen?

No  **You are not eligible for ABSTUDY. Call us on 1800 132 317.**

Yes Country of birth

Date of citizenship (if not born in Australia)?

3 Is your course a compulsory requirement for your current job?

No *Go to next question*

Yes  **You are not eligible for ABSTUDY. Call us on 1800 132 317.**

4 Do you, or will you, receive training assistance, wage subsidies or employer assistance (see the list below)?

Tick any box(es) that apply

your employer:

provides paid study leave

pays your course fees/training costs

pays travel costs associated with undertaking the course or training away from the home location

pays meals and accommodation costs associated with undertaking the course or training away from the home location

you receive:

other training assistance for formal study

an Australian or state/territory government wage subsidy

Cadetship or bursary (Give detail below)

Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS)

Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) for Australian Apprentices

any other assistance (Give details below)

Name of payment or type of assistance

5 Please tick if you are:

A student or intending to be a student

An Australian Apprentice (apprentice or trainee)

6 Your name

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First given name

Second given name

7 Have you ever used or been known by any other name (e.g. name at birth, maiden name, previous married name, Aboriginal or tribal name, alias, adoptive name, foster name)?

No *Go to next question*

Yes Give details below

1 Other name

Type of name (e.g. name at birth)

2 Other name

Type of name (e.g. maiden name)

If you have more than 2 other names, please attach a separate sheet with details.

8 Your gender

Male

Female

9 Your date of birth



17 When will you be studying?

You start your studies on

/ /

Your studies finish on

/ /

18 Have you enrolled in this course?

No  You must enrol to be entitled to ABSTUDY

Yes



As proof of your enrolment you must provide a copy of the notice you are given by the institution **within 14 days** of starting studies. Payments cannot be made if you do not provide proof. Secondary school students and students in a higher education course at university are not required to provide proof of enrolment.

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19 Will you receive any other financial assistance to attend the selection test/interview?

No Go to next question

Yes Give name of assistance

20 Have you received ABSTUDY assistance to attend 2 other selection tests/interviews this year?

No Go to next question

Yes  You are not eligible for ABSTUDY Allowances and Part-time Award. Please call us on 1800 132 317.

21 Give details of the course for which you are being tested/interviewed

If you are accepted into your course and want to claim ABSTUDY Living Allowance, you will need to complete a **Claim for ABSTUDY** form (SY019). If you do not have this form, go to humanservices.gov.au/forms or call us on 1800 132 317.

Exact course title (e.g. school studies, Bachelor of Arts)

Full name of institution(s) and campus(es)

22 Give the name of the town or city where the selection test/interview will be held

23 Give the dates of the selection test/interview

From

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To

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24 Has accommodation been arranged by the education institution?

No  Go to 26
Yes

25 Describe your employment

Tick ONE box

apprenticeship

traineeship

Start date of Australian Apprenticeship (apprenticeship or traineeship)

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Expected end date of Australian Apprenticeship (apprenticeship or traineeship)

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26 Please read this before answering the following questions.

You are not breaking the law if you do not give us your tax file number, but if you do not provide it to us, or authorise us to get it from the Australian Taxation Office, you may not be paid.

In giving us your tax file number in relation to this claim you authorise us to use your tax file number for other social security payments and services in future where necessary.

Have you given us your tax file number before?

No Go to next question
Not sure Go to next question
Yes Go to 28

27 Do you have a tax file number?

No Please call us on 1800 132 317.

Yes Your tax file number

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28 Did any other person help you complete this form?

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below

Full name of person who helped complete this form

Contact phone number

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29 Do you wish to arrange for another person or organisation to make limited enquiries only, as authorised by you, about your Centrelink payment/service?

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below

Details of your partner/parent/guardian or another person.
This will assist us to identify the person to whom you allow information to be given.

Note: You can change this authorisation at any time.

Person's name

Their relationship to you (e.g. parent, friend)

Their phone number

Their date of birth

Their address

30 Which of the following forms, documents and other attachments are you providing with this form?

If you are not sure, check the question to see if you should attach documents.

Where you are asked to supply documents, please attach original documents. In some circumstances copies may be accepted as detailed in the below checklist.

Claim for ABSTUDY form (SY019)
(If required **question 14** and **question 21**)

Copy of proof of enrolment
(If you have answered **Yes** at **question 18**)

31 **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Privacy and your personal information

Your personal information is protected by law (including the *Privacy Act 1988*) and is collected by the Australian Government Department of Human Services for the assessment and administration of payments and services. This information is required to process your application or claim.

Your information may be used by the department, or given to other parties where you have agreed to that, or where it is required or authorised by law (including for the purpose of research or conducting investigations).

You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage your personal information, including our privacy policy, at humanservices.gov.au/privacy

32 **Statement**

It is important to read this statement carefully before you sign it.

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

If the statement is not signed payments will not start.

I declare that:

- I am of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- I identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- I am accepted as such by the community in which I live or have lived.
- the information I have provided in this claim is complete and correct
- I have received the **Information you need to know about your Claim for ABSTUDY Allowances and Part-time Award booklet.**

I agree that:

- information already provided by me to the Australian Government Department of Human Services can be used, where required, to help finalise this claim.

I understand that:

- the Australian Government Department of Human Services will, from time to time, check with your education institution that you are enrolled and attending the course(s) that you nominated on the claim.
- I am responsible for the payment of any expenses associated with study or undertaking the Australian Apprenticeship (apprenticeship or traineeship) that are not covered by ABSTUDY.
- to retain ABSTUDY, I must attend classes, tutorials and practical exercises and submit all required coursework to the satisfaction of the institution.
- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
- the Australian Government Department of Human Services can make relevant enquiries to make sure I receive my correct entitlements.
- I must notify the Australian Government Department of Human Services of any changes to this information **within 14 days** of the change(s) occurring.

Signature

Date

An Important Note

If you are paid any ABSTUDY that you are not entitled to, you will have to pay it back. An overpayment is usually paid back by reducing your remaining ABSTUDY entitlement. If you are not entitled to any more ABSTUDY, you will have to repay the debt direct to the Department of Human Services.

See page 1 for instructions on returning your claim.