Department of Education

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2027

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Applications close - 9 April 2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian Government through the Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible low income families with secondary schooling costs.

The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) consists of two components:

- $235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.
- $115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.

The full Student Allowances guidelines are available on the Department's website.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

The only Veterans' Affairs card that meets the criteria is the blue card as it is the only DVA card that is income tested.

- Student(s) are enrolled in Years 7-12 studying a full-time secondary course at a Western Australian public school.
- Concession card is valid some time within Term 1 and not expired at time of application.
- Students are listed on the applicant's concession card.
- Student concession cards are only accepted if the student is declared independent by Centrelink or if both parent and student have a concession card.
- Parent/guardian must not be a foster parent.
- Student must be attending school.
- Student was not born in 2008 or prior.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

- Application form must not be altered and must be completed in full.
- WA Student Number (also known as a SCSA number) can be found on school reports or ask your school.
- Submit the completed application to your school before the closing date.
- Applications can be submitted to the school via email and must include a copy of both sides of the concession card.
- Personal information collected will only be used for the purpose of managing the SAS. The Department will not disclose your personal information for any other reason. For further information on how the Department handles your personal information please refer to the Student Allowances guidelines.
- Enquiries about your application must be directed to your school.

Verification of concession card eligibility:

Parents have the following options to confirm they have met the concession card eligibility criteria:

1. Present your valid concession card with your application to the school for checking, or
2. Email a copy of both sides of your concession card with your application to the school.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Ensure application has been completed in full and all eligibility criteria has been met.
- Ensure parent/guardian information matches the concession card.
- Complete the school witness declaration.
- Complete the commencement confirmation section if the application form has been submitted before Term 1 commenced.
- If submitting applications in bulk through an electronic file, keep original applications and supporting documents filed securely at the school.
- If not submitting the applications through an online file, post **original applications** to the Department of Education and keep a copy on secure file at the school.

  Student Allowances
  Financial Planning and Resourcing
  Department of Education
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LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation. Eligible interstate or overseas students who are enrolled after first term may apply for the allowance. Date of enrolment must be noted on the application.

PAYMENTS

The Educational Program Allowance will be paid to the school and applied towards education program charges in the first instance. Any residual will be applied to the voluntary contributions (for years 7 to 10) or as negotiated with the parent/guardian (for years 11 to 12).

The Clothing Allowance will be paid to the parent/guardian nominated bank account unless indicated on the application form that you wish for it to be paid to the school. It can take between 8 to 12 weeks to receive this payment. We will endeavour to have all clothing payments made to the parent/guardian by 31 May 2027.

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2027 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME YEARS 7 - 12

$235 Education Program Allowance - Paid to school
$115 Clothing Allowance - Paid to parent or school

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2027

- This form is only to be used for eligible students attending a Western Australian public school.
- Read eligibility information on the other side of this form.
- Please submit your application to your school by the closing date. Schools must verify information on this application.

SCHOOL NAME	SCHOOL CODE

CONCESSION CARD PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

LAST NAME – as per concession card	FIRST NAME – as per concession card	
STREET ADDRESS (EG: 15 Jones Road)	SUBURB	POSTCODE
CONTACT PHONE No.	E-MAIL	

CONCESSION CARD PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

☐ **Centrelink Health Care Card (Family Card only NOT Student card)**
☐ **Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card**
☐ **Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card (Blue card only – expires Dec 2027)**

CARD No. (CRN OF PARENT/GUARDIAN): ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐–☐
(as per Centrelink Card)

CARD START DATE: ☐☐–☐☐–☐☐☐☐ **CARD EXPIRY DATE:** ☐☐–☐☐–☐☐☐☐

STUDENT DETAILS

☐ **INDEPENDENT STUDENT** ***(Attach letter from Centrelink)***

WA STUDENT NUMBER	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	YEAR LEVEL	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID TO (tick)
					◯ SCHOOL ◯ PARENT
					◯ SCHOOL ◯ PARENT
					◯ SCHOOL ◯ PARENT

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OF PARENT/GUARDIAN *(Complete only if clothing allowance to be paid to parent)*

Payments will only be made by EFT – Please write clearly

Name of Account Holder(s): _____

BSB Number: *(6 digits)* ☐☐☐–☐☐☐ **Account Number:** *(up to 9 digits)* ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

By signing this declaration, I consent to the information I provide being used for the Secondary Assistance Scheme and confirm that:

- I have provided my concession card to my school to verify my eligibility for the Secondary Assistance Scheme.
- I have **not** claimed this allowance for any of these children at another school or for home education in WA in 2027.
- The above information is true and correct and I am aware that it is an offence to provide false or misleading information.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

☐ **I confirm that the electronic signature in this application represents my signature. I consent to signing the form electronically and I confirm that my signature is legally binding.**

If statements made in the application later prove to be false or misleading this application may be declined. Information supplied will be checked by the school.

SCHOOL WITNESS REVIEW AND DECLARATION

I confirm:

- The information on this form is complete and correct.
- I have sighted the applicant's concession card, confirmed it matches this application and the applicant is eligible for SAS.
- The student(s) are enrolled and attending school.
- No other applications have been submitted for the students listed.

PRINT NAME OF WITNESS	WITNESS SIGNATURE	POSITION HELD	DATE

☐ I confirm the above student(s) have commenced at this school in Term 1, 2027.