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Supporting Families with Teenagers

What is it?

From 1 January 2012, Family Tax Benefit Part A has increased for eligible families with dependent 16-19 year olds who are undertaking full-time secondary study. The maximum rate has increased by up to \$161.42 per child per fortnight, to \$214.06.

Depending on the family's income, Family Tax Benefit Part A was automatically adjusted on 1 January 2012 for families receiving the payment for a dependent child who:

- is at least 16 years old, and
- had not turned 19 years old before 1 January 2012, and
- is in full-time secondary study.

While a child is in full-time secondary study, their income will not affect the rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A their parent or carer may receive.

To receive more than the base rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A, families with children aged 16-18 years from a previous relationship are also required to provide child support details.

If there is a reason why a child is unable to study, parents or carers should contact the [Family Assistance Office](#).

Other benefits available

From 1 January 2012, families may also be eligible to receive Rent Assistance where they have a child aged 16 to 19 years who is in full-time secondary study.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part B and/or Multiple Birth Allowance will continue to receive these payments for children in full-time secondary study. From 1 January 2012 these payments are not available for children in tertiary study.

Families not currently receiving Family Tax Benefit for their older teenager are encouraged to use the online [Family Tax Benefit-Youth Allowance Comparison Estimator](#) to help work out which payment best suits their circumstances.

Who is eligible?

Families with dependent 16 to 19 year olds who are undertaking full-time secondary study.

How do I apply?

Families are encouraged to use the online [Family Tax Benefit-Youth Allowance Comparison Estimator](#), or speak to a Family Assistance Office staff member.

Who runs it?

The Australian Government.

Contact

Family Assistance Office contacts are located in Medicare offices and Centrelink Customer Service Centres.

Family Assistance Office

Ph: **13 6150**

Web: [Family Assistance Office](#)