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Centrelink - Youth Allowance

What is it?

Youth Allowance can assist you if you are a young person who is studying, undertaking training or an Australian Apprenticeship, looking for work, or sick.

Full details of [Youth Allowance conditions, payments and claims and other relevant information](#).

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for Youth Allowance if you are:

- 18*-24 years old and studying full-time;
- 16-24 years old and undertaking a full-time Australian Apprenticeship; or
- 16–20 years old and looking for full-time work or undertaking a combination of approved activities, or have a temporary exemption from the participation and activity test requirements. If you do not have a Year 12 certificate or an equivalent qualification (Certificate level II or above) you will generally be expected to undertake study or training to meet the activity test.

*You may be eligible for Youth Allowance if you are 16-17 years old and studying full time (or 15 in certain circumstances) if you:

- need to live away from home to study; or
- are considered independent for Youth Allowance.

How do I apply?

If you are studying full-time, planning to study full-time in the future, or undertaking a full-time apprenticeship or traineeship you can make a claim for payment by phoning Centrelink on 13 24 90 or [online](#) (up to 13 weeks before you start your course or apprenticeship).

If you are looking for work you will need to register an intent to claim by phoning Centrelink on 13 24 90, visiting any Centrelink Customer Service Centre, or getting someone else to phone Centrelink for you

Who runs it?

Centrelink.

Contact

[To find your nearest Centrelink Customer Service Centre](#)

Ph: 13 24 90

Web: [Centrelink - Youth Allowance](#)