

Department of Education

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2021

What is the Student Assistance Scheme?

The Student Assistance Scheme provides assistance for low income families towards the cost of levies. STAS is provided through school and college resourcing rather than payment direct to families. Catholic sector schools directly assess eligibility for assistance to families and queries for assistance need to be directed to the relevant school.

How to apply

- Complete your details on this form.
- Complete the details of the student/s you are applying for.
- Read, sign and date the Declaration and Authorisation section.
- Applications can also be completed online at www.education.tas.gov.au.

Who is eligible to apply?

Parents/guardians of students, or independent students, attending kindergarten to grade 12 in a Tasmanian State school or a registered non-government school can apply. Students who have previously completed year 12 should check with their school. Applicant details need to match school enrolment records.

To be eligible you must have a current;

- Services Australia Centrelink Health Care Card,
- Services Australia Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card,
- Services Australia Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, or
- Department of Veterans Affairs Pension Concession Card.

If you are an independent student under 18 years of age submitting an application you are required to provide proof of your independent status.

Independent students are generally: supporting themselves; receiving a Centrelink payment and meet the Centrelink independence criteria. Proof of independent status can be in the form of a copy of a current Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY notice of assessment which must clearly indicate the student is independent. Other acceptable evidence of independent status is a letter by a student counsellor or social worker. If independent status is not provided this will delay assessment of your application.

Grandparents raising children are eligible to apply for and receive STAS. STAS closes to new applications on 7 September 2021.

What will I need to provide?

- The completed application form, signed and dated.
- A copy of your Centrelink Health Care Card, or
- A copy of your Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, or
- A copy of your DVA Pension Card.

How will I know if my application is successful or not?

- You will receive written advice of the outcome of your application.
- Your school can advise you.

NEED ASSISTANCE? Call 1 800 827 055

Email: stas@education.tas.gov.au Web: www.education.tas.gov.au

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) Application Form

Applicant's Personal Details (Parent/Guardian)

Mr Mrs Ms Miss

Family Name

Given Name

Date of Birth Day / Month / Year

Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number

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Postal Address

Email Address

Suburb or Town

State Postcode

Mobile No.

Home Tel. No.

Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Please tick if you are applying as a grandparent raising grandchildren

Student's Details

MUST BE COMPLETED

Family Name	Given Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Grade	School Attending
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Declaration and Authorisation

MUST BE COMPLETED

I declare that:

All the information contained herein is correct

- I am the parent/guardian of the students for whom assistance is claimed; or
- I am an Independent student for whom assistance is claimed

I authorise:

- The Department of Education Tasmania to confirm details about my Services Australia, Centrelink entitlement. This includes whether or not details I have provided the Department of Education Tasmania match Centrelink or DVA records and whether or not I am receiving a Services Australia Centrelink or DVA benefit.
- Services Australia, Centrelink to disclose, from Centrelink/DVA records: Centrelink or DVA reference number/name, Concession Card entitlement, percentage of maximum rate, address and date of birth confirmation, number of dependents, concession card, independent status, payment type, income and payment details and payment status.

I understand that:

- Unless I revoke my consent, this Customer Consent Record is a permanent consent and may be relied on by the Department of Education Tasmania until such time as I revoke it.
- I may revoke this Customer Consent Record at any time by giving the Department of Education Tasmania written notice that my consent is revoked. I understand that if I revoke this consent I may not be eligible for the concession provided by the Department of Education. This consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of Department of Education Tasmania unless I withdraw it by contacting the Department of Education or Australian Government Services Australia.
- I can get proof of my circumstance/details from Services Australia and provide it to Department of Education Tasmania so my eligibility for the concession provided by the Department of Education can be determined.

I acknowledge that:

- I have read and understood this Customer Consent Record.

Please note: Personal information will be collected from you to assess eligibility for assistance under the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS). The collection of this information is authorised under the *Education Act 2016*. Failure to provide this information will result in the Department being unable to process your application. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to the Department of Education Tasmania.

The Department of Education reserves the right to withdraw or amend the scheme at any time.

Applicant Sign and Date Here

Signature:

Date:

Returning Your Form

- **CHECK THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED AND THAT YOU HAVE SIGNED AND DATED THIS FORM**
- Lodge the completed form at a school attended by one of your children, mail to G.P.O Box 169, Hobart, 7001 or email the completed form (and attachments) to stas@education.tas.gov.au