

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.
- Families who have not applied before can apply 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 the parent/guardian 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. Students under 18 are required to complete a hard copy application form. 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 2023.

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 1800 827 055

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

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) Application Form 2023

Applicant's Personal Details (Parent/Guardian)

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐

Family Name

Given Name

Date of Birth

Day /Month /Year

Home Tel. No.

Mobile No.

Postal Address

Email Address

Suburb or Town

State

Postcode

Parent/Guardian Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN)

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

Student's Details

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

I declare that:

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

I authorise:

- the Department for Education, Children and Young People (the Department) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink enquiry of my customer details and concession card status in order to enable the Department to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- Services Australia (the agency) to provide the results of that enquiry to the Department for Education, Children and Young People.

I understand that:

- the agency will disclose personal information to the Department including my name/address/concession card status/payment type/payment status/one off payment/income/assets/deductions/number of dependents/partner status/Youth Allowance Independent Rate to confirm my eligibility for the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS).
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of the Department for Education, Children and Young People unless I withdraw it by contacting the Department or the agency
- I can get proof of my circumstances/details from the agency and provide it to the Department so that my eligibility for the Student Assistance Scheme can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Student Assistance Scheme provided by the Department.
- The Department for Education, Children and Young People reserves the right to withdraw or amend the Scheme at any time.

Applicant Sign and Date Here (must be completed.)

Signature:

Name:

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