

# Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme (LAFHAS)

## Additional special circumstances

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*Special consideration can be given to applicants who do not fully meet residential distance criteria, but who could still be regarded as geographically isolated because of special circumstances.*

*Criteria for particular special circumstances are below.*

Special consideration may be given to applicants who do not fully meet the residential distance criteria, but where there are special or compassionate circumstances that place a student at risk of not succeeding or achieving learning outcomes to the best of their ability.

### Medical conditions

A student who does not fully meet the general or geographical distance criteria, but who has a medical condition that prevent them from attending a school within the nominated distance criteria, may be considered for eligibility under special circumstances for LAFHAS, where they cannot reasonably attend their closest state school.

Documentation to support an application for eligibility under the medical condition category must include the supply of information from a relevant medical practitioner, registered under the *Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001* and/or registered under the *Psychologists Registration Act 2001* concerning the medical condition of the student.

### Domestic and Family Violence

These special circumstances may include being exposed to factors within or outside the student's home that would place their physical, emotional, mental health and wellbeing at risk and might include domestic and family violence, other forms of harm or abuse, drug and alcohol misuse, homelessness or mental health issues.

### Excess Travel

Students whose commute is greater than three hours travelling time per day using the school transport or public transport service.

### Other

Students who repeat a year level can receive assistance twice for the same year.

Students who are permanently excluded from all government schools in the local district may also be considered.

*These matters will be looked at on a case by case basis. Further information from the department may be sought from applicants to assist with making appropriate decisions.*

For further information please contact  
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