

How do I know if I am 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.

To be eligible you and your partner's combined/total gross taxable income must be no more than the figures shown in the income test table below.

Catholic sector schools directly assess eligibility for assistance to families and queries for assistance need to be directed to the relevant school.

You must have a minimum 50% care of a child as deemed by Centrelink for them to be considered your dependent.

Grandparents raising children are eligible to apply for and receive STAS.

INCOME TEST FOR THE SCHEME - TAXABLE INCOME TABLE 2017-18

Number of Dependent Children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*
Income Per Week #	\$696	\$801	\$913	\$1,032	\$1,158	\$1,298	\$1,438	\$1,583
Annual Parental Income #	\$36,192	\$41,652	\$47,476	\$53,664	\$60,216	\$67,496	\$74,776	\$82,316

*For more than 8 children add \$147 per week or \$7,644 per annum for each additional child.

Gross Taxable Income

How can I prove our income and what will I need to provide?

You and your partner (if you have one) must be able to provide proof of your taxable income for the 2017 - 2018 financial year. Evidence of all income, including both Centrelink payments and any wages earned needs to be supplied.

Proof of all 2017-18 taxable income can be provided in the following ways:

Centrelink Benefits other than the Family Tax Benefit:

- Your and your partner's Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN);
- A copy of your Pension Card; or
- A copy of your Health Care Card

Earned Income – attach a copy of your and your partner's:

- 2018 Notice of Assessment from the Australian Taxation Office; or
- Three recent, consecutive payslips

Department of Veterans' Affairs – (DVA) attach a copy of your and your partner's:

- DVA Income Statement; or
- DVA Pension Card

Grandparents raising grandchildren – must provide evidence of your formal relationship with the student(s) by providing:

- Your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN);
- A copy of your Pension Card (with the student/s listed); or
- A copy of your Health Care Card (with the student/s listed); or
- A Statutory Declaration – available from a school or an Australia Post Office.

How will my application be assessed?

Your application will be assessed on the basis of either Centrelink payments (if that is your prime source of income) or your and your partner's (if you have one) total taxable income for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

Your information is subject to verification with Australian Government Department of Human Services (Centrelink).

If your or your partner's circumstances have changed since last financial year, your application will be assessed based on current circumstances and current income.

What terms and conditions need to be met for my application to be assessed?

- You (and your partner) have provided the information requested
- You (and your partner) meet the Income Test for the Scheme
- You (and your partner) have read and signed the Declaration and Authorisation on Page 4
- Applications need to be received prior to 6 September 2019.

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.