



# Fact Sheet

## Commonwealth Scholarships Program for Young Australians

Around 400 young Australians will be supported to participate in Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs under the Commonwealth Scholarships Program for Young Australians. The program provides scholarships of up to \$5,000 a year to participate in Vocational Education and Training (VET) in targeted occupations identified in growth industries and in-demand occupations. Applicants must reside in one of 10 regional areas experiencing high youth unemployment.

Scholarship recipients will complete a VET course and a 20 day paid Internship. Scholars will receive up to \$3000 for paid internship work. Host employers will receive \$500 per intern.

### You are eligible to apply if you are:

- aged 15 to 24 years; or
- recently exited from the Australian Defence Force (no age restriction); and
- not in full-time work or school at the time of applying; and
- living in one of the 10 nominated regional areas\*, and
- have applied or intend to apply for an eligible Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification at the Certificate III to Advanced Diploma level, and
- studying a course which leads to an eligible occupation.

### What are the eligible occupations?

There are a range of occupations that are eligible under the Commonwealth Scholarships Program.

For more information visit [www.busyatwork.com.au/scholarship-program-for-young-australians/](http://www.busyatwork.com.au/scholarship-program-for-young-australians/)

**Scholarship Round 2 opens  
24 April 2020 and closes  
at 17:00 (5pm) AEST on  
24 July 2020**

### Do any applicants have priority?

Scholarship priority is given to ex-defence force personnel or young people who are Indigenous, have a disability or are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

### \* Eligible regional areas:

- QLD: Maryborough, Townsville
- TA: Burnie
- SA : Port Pirie
- NSW: Grafton, Gosford
- NT : Alice Springs
- WA : Wanneroo, Armadale
- VIC: Shepparton

In a number of regions the boundaries have now been extended. More information can be [found here](#).

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## What am I eligible for?

The tables below outline the different levels of scholarship payments by course duration.

### Full-time study load

Scholarship length and type of study	Study Assistance	Internship1	Internship (Host Employer)	Total Scholarship Funding
	Gross Payment			
6 months (full-time study)	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500	\$6,000
1 year (full-time study)	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$8,500
2 years (full-time study)	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$13,500

### Part-time study load

Scholarship length and type of study	Study Assistance	Internship	Internship (Host Employer)	Total Scholarship Funding
	Gross Payments			
6 months (part-time study)	\$1,250	\$3,000	\$500	\$4,750
1 year (part-time study)	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500	\$6,000
2 years (part-time study)	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$8,500

## What can I spend the money on?

You can only spend the scholarship payments on expenditure directly related to your course of study.

For example:

- tuition fees for up to two years;
- technical instruments, equipment and tools;
- stationery and office equipment, such as a computer, internet, desk, chair, lamp, bookshelf, calculator, etc.;
- textbooks, professional and trade journals;
- student services and amenities fees;
- accommodation and meals, if the course requirements require the Scholar to be away from home for one or more nights;
- running expenses, if the Scholar has an area (i.e. an office or study) set aside for self-education purposes – such as the cost of heating, cooling and lighting that room while it is being used to study in;
- any transport costs associated with travel to the place of study or internship;
- living and relocation expenses for Scholars who relocate to an identified region for study (in the first year of the Scholarship only).

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