

2025 SCHOOL CARD SCHEME

Parents – Please read carefully to see if you may be eligible for School Card in 2025.

The School Card Scheme, including the process for verifying declared income is administered by the Department for Education.

School Card assistance is available for:

- dependent students from 4 years of age receiving full-time schooling at a government school;
- independent full time students in years 10, 11 or 12 at a government school;
- adult re-entry students undertaking subjects to complete their SACE.

To be eligible to apply for School Card assistance the applicant must:

- be liable for their child(s) or their Material and Services Charge
- have a combined family gross income within the school card income limits (in the table below)
- have lodged their 2023-24 tax return and received a notice of assessment, or
- have lodged a non-lodgement advice with the ATO and/or Centrelink.

Eligibility is not dependent on any family member receiving and Centrelink benefits or Family Tax Benefits.

No. of Dependent Children	Combined gross family income limit for the 2023/24 financial year	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$74,189	\$1,426
2	\$75,514	\$1,452
3	\$76,839	\$1,478
4	\$78,164	\$1,504
5	\$79,489	\$1,530
Each additional dependent child	\$1,325	\$26

Combined gross family income for both parents, if partnered at 30th June 2024, includes all of the following:

- Gross salaries, wages and allowances from an employer(s)
- Taxable Centrelink pensions, benefits, allowances
- Non taxable or Tax-exempt pensions, benefits, allowances (eg Disability Support Pension, Carers Pension)
- Gross interest and dividends
- Benefits from the Department of Veteran's Affairs
- Supplementary income as identified in the supplementary tax return
- Fringe benefits (eg provision of a car, entertainment expenses)
- Foreign income including pensions and employment
- Business/Partnership income from Self-employment (includes depreciation)

Combined gross family income **does not include** any amounts received for

- Family Tax Benefits Parts A and B
- Child maintenance payments
- TPI component of Veterans Affairs benefits
- Carer Allowance

WHICH FORM DO I NEED?

Applicants (parents, caregivers or students from 18 years of age) applying for School Card assistance are to submit one of the completed School Card Application forms as listed below:

Category	Form	Submit to
All applicants who are liable for their child's Materials and Services Charges and who are not self-employed, independent youth, adult re-entry, migrants or the applicant is in receipt of Veteran's Affairs benefits.	ED003A	Where a hard copy form is used a separate form is to be provided to each school. Where an online form is used, the single form is emailed to all school(s) listed on the submitted form.
Where a student is in receipt of Independent Youth Allowance (living away from home) as at 28 th February 2025.	ED003Y	Student/s school
Where the applicant(s) is over the School Card limits but have experienced hardship in the 2023/2024 financial year.	ED003B	School Card Section (with supporting financial documentation)
Where the applicant(s) has had a change of financial circumstances during the 2023/2024 financial year or up to and including 28 th February 2025.	ED003B	School Card Section (with supporting financial documentation)
Where the applicant(s) is self-employed.	ED003B	School Card Section (with supporting financial documentation)
Where the student is adult re-entry – over 18 returning to study who has not achieved their SACE	ED003S	Student/s school
Where the applicant(s) are in receipt of Veteran's Affairs benefits.	ED003V	School Card Section (with supporting financial documentation)
Students under the Guardianship of the Minister (GOM)		Families <u>do not</u> need to complete an application form School Card as they are automatically eligible. Please contact School Card Section for further information.
Where one or more students are under an informal care agreement (informal foster arrangement) or have come into the applicants care through a court order (formal foster arrangement) as at 28 th February 2025. Where the child/children are being cared for by a Grandparent(s) or other family members and caregivers as at 28 th February 2025.	ED003F	School Card Section (with supporting documentation) Only foster students should be included on the ED003F. Other students in the family should be entered on the form applicable to their circumstances.
Where the applicant(s) has arrived in Australia or has been released from a Detention Centre since 1 st July 2023.	ED003M	School Card Section (with supporting financial documentation)