



Request for a Statement of Support: Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme

Student needs learning support under section 4.3.5.6

The Department of Human Services (Centrelink) manages the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Scheme for the Australian Government. The scheme provides allowances for parents or carers of eligible children, who board away from home to attend a school, live in a second family home to attend school daily or live at home and undertake distance education or approved home schooling.

For full details on the allowances and eligibility rules please consult the [AIC Guidelines](#) or contact Centrelink on 132 318.

This concession is for students who have a particular learning difficulty or disability and need to be in a program in a specialist learning support facility or working with a specialist learning support teacher. The program must be for at least one and a half hours per week in an area of specific learning difficulty, disability or English as a Second Language (ESL).

Eligible programs could be:


- at the school or institution that the student attends full-time
- at a centre that they attend part time while spending the rest of the school week at a mainstream school.

To support your application, you will need evidence from the principal of the school or director of the facility that provides the support, giving details of the program. You will need to clearly show that:

- the student requires specialist learning support to assist with a particular learning disability or ESL needs
- the student is receiving assistance of at least one and a half hours a week in a class from a specialist teacher
- the assistance required is not available locally.

The Executive Director responsible for your local school will be contacted to provide the following advice:

- that appropriate support cannot be provided close to the student's home.

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1. Complete the application request on page 3 of this document.
 2. Attach all evidence, including any reports from a specialist, to this application and complete the questions on page 3 and 4 before forwarding to the Rural and Distance Education office.
 3. Send your completed application to:

Coordinator, Rural and Distance Education
Department of Education
PO Box 717
Bathurst 2795

Or

Email to: rde@det.nsw.edu.au

*Further information can be found at the [Rural and Distance Education unit website.](#)

It will generally take 3 – 4 weeks for the Department to respond to your request.

Should you require any further information or clarification about this process please contact the Rural and Distance Education office on 6334 8070.

Supporting Statement Application Request

Student needs learning support

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Address: _____

(include rural address

number or GPS if known) _____

Contact phone number: _____ Student Name: _____

Name of specialist facility your child is attending: _____ Current year level: _____

1. What is the name of your nearest government school (primary or secondary, whichever is appropriate for the student)?

2. What is the distance from your home to the nearest school?

3. Please outline why the student needs learning support. Give a brief outline of the student's specific needs and attach supporting documents. You should include:

- A recent written recommendation that the student needs specialist learning support. This could be from the local Department of Education Learning and Engagement Team, or from a specialist assessment service recommended by the Department.

OR

- Other evidence that clearly shows that the student requires specialist learning support to assist with a particular learning disability or English as a Second Language (ESL) needs.

4. Please tell us about the arrangements in place to support the student. Does the student:

- receive the learning support at the school or institution that they attend full-time?

Yes/No

If Yes, what is the name of the school or institution?

- receive the learning support at a centre that they attend part-time while spending the rest of the school week at a mainstream school?

Yes/No

If Yes, please tell us the name of the learning support centre, and the name of the mainstream school that the student attends.

You should ask the principal of the school or director of the facility that provides the support to write a letter giving details of the program. The letter should certify that the student is receiving assistance of at least one and a half hours a week in a class from a specialist teacher.

5. Please include here any additional information you would like us to consider.

I declare that the information provided in this document is accurate.

Name of applicant _____

Signature _____

Relationship to student _____

Date _____