

Leaving care or recently left care & need some financial help?

The Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA) is a one-off payment of up to \$1,500 from the Australian Government to help young people who are leaving out-of-home care.

TILA provides contribution towards the costs involved in moving to independent living and can be used for a range of support services as well as training and education materials. If you are eligible for TILA you can get assistance in paying for some of the things you need to successfully make the transition to independent living.

Currently in Queensland, if you are aged between 15 and 25 (inclusive) and are currently in care or have left care, you may contact the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, through your local Child Safety Service Centre (CSSC) to see if you are eligible for TILA. A Child Safety Officer (CSO) will support you with your enquiry and application.

If you have **left care** you may call or text NEXTSTEP After Care Services on 1800 NEXTSTEP (1800 639878). A NEXTSTEP After Care Co-ordinator (ACC) will see if you are eligible for TILA and support you with your enquiry and application.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TILA YOU MUST:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent Australian resident who resides in Australia at the time of submitting the application.
- Be aged 15 – 25 (inclusive) at the time of submitting the application.
- Have been, or are currently in, formal care on a court order.
- Either be approaching an exit from formal care, (within 12 weeks of applying), experiencing an exit from formal care, or have exited formal care.
- Have left the care of the state or territory statutory department after the age of 15 years and was last in the departments care for a continuous period of at least 6 months.
- Have not received the full amount of TILA assistance previously; a young person can only receive up to a total of \$1,500.



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