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This page contains information about common types of scholarship and includes a link to the Department of Education, Science and Training web site for details about scholarships.

[*Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training, Scholarships, http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/policy_issues_reviews/key_issues/scholarship/default.htm*]

For Centrelink income support payments, scholarships will generally be assessed as income affecting the customer's entitlement. Please note the following sets of common types of scholarships and the way they will be assessed. Click on the link below to go to the relevant information:

[Teacher Training Scholarships](#)

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[RAMUS \(Rural Australian Medical Undergraduate Scholarships\)](#)

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[Scholarship from an educational institution that fully or partially reduces or waives tuition fees or course charge](#)

[Non-discretionary scholarship provided by an external provider, \(such as business, charity or government department\), that pays, on behalf of the customer, part or all of their course fees or charges and board and lodging](#)

[Scholarship from accommodation provider that fully or partially reduces or waives board and lodging charges](#)

[Scholarship in the nature of a reward or prize](#)

[Any other scholarship that is paid directly to a student](#)

[Any other scholarship that is paid to a third party \(e.g. an education institution\) in respect of a student](#)

Category	Description
Teacher Training Scholarships	If a customer is undertaking studies, any Teacher Training scholarships received for themselves or their partner is assessed as income. Any additional allowance in respect of dependent children reduces the additional income free area for dependent children. Any allowance paid to the student child is the child's own income
Approved Scholarships	These scholarships are not assessable as income. Refer to

awarded outside Australia	sections 24A and 8(8) of Social Security Act 1991 for further information.
Long Tan Bursary	<p>The Department of <u>Veterans' Affairs</u> (DVA) has introduced a new Bursary payable to eligible children of Vietnam Veterans through the Vietnam Veterans Trust.</p> <p>The Bursary has been established to assist needy children of Vietnam veterans to establish themselves in full time tertiary education by providing financial assistance in the first year of study. Tertiary study includes vocationally oriented TAFE courses, business colleges and arts schools etc. The bursary is valued at \$6 000. Two bursaries are awarded per state and one per territory. Applicants must qualify for <u>ABSTUDY</u>, <u>Austudy Youth Allowance (YA)</u> or a benefit under the <u>Veteran's Children Education Scheme (VCES)</u>.</p> <p>This bursary is treated as income of the individual and will be assessed in the following manner:</p> <p>The lump sum amount of \$1 000 at the beginning of the academic year (generally March) will be assessed as income over 12 months from when the person was entitled to receive the amount.</p> <p>Similar treatment will be applied to the receipt of \$500 on 15 July for the commencement of the second semester (i.e. it is regarded as a lump sum for assessment purposes).</p> <p>As the remainder (\$4 500) applies to the period March through December inclusive, the payments are attributable to a specific period of ten months, and so will be assessed through that period as periodic payments.</p>
Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships	These scholarships are for study overseas and do not contain any component for living expenses. They are exempt from the income test for Social Security Income Support Payments. ³
RAMUS (Rural Australian Medical Undergraduate Scholarships)	<p>This is a national scheme to assist with the costs of studying in metropolitan areas. Due to delays in establishing the scheme, the payments for the year 2000 were not made on an ongoing basis and were paid as a lump sum. A special determination exempted this lump sum from the <u>income test</u> for 2000 only. Payments made for any later years will be assessed on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Where payment of the scholarship is delayed, and a lump sum payment is received, the date from which the continuous earnings is assessed is the date on which the lump sum was received.</p>
Commonwealth Learning Scholarship	These scholarships were introduced from January 2004 and are paid as either a Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship or a Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship.

	<p>They are not treated as income for social security payments.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship will not be taken into account when calculating Rent Assistance entitlement. Rent Assistance is calculated on the amount of rent paid by the student, without discounting it by the scholarship amount.</p>
<p>Scholarship from an educational institution that fully or partially reduces or waives tuition fees or course charge</p>	<p>The part of the scholarship that covers the fees waived or reduced will not be regarded as income.</p> <p>From 01 January 2004 scholarships offered by higher education institutions that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fully waive, or • grant a full exemption from fees or contribution amounts, or • exempt a student from a HECS charge <p>were excluded from the Social Security Act 1991 income tests.</p> <p>Note: If other components are paid e.g. a <u>living allowance</u>, the other components are assessable.</p>
<p>Non-discretionary scholarship provided by an external provider, (such as business, charity or government department), that pays, on behalf of the customer, part or all of their course fees or charges and <u>board and lodging</u></p>	<p>These scholarships are not treated as income for social security payments.</p> <p>From 11 May 2004 all non-discretionary fee-waive or fee-pay scholarships were not be counted as income under the Social Security Act 1991. This means the value of these scholarships was no longer taken into account when applying the income tests for pensions and allowances.</p>
<p>Scholarship from accommodation provider that fully or partially reduces or waives <u>board and lodging charges</u></p>	<p>These scholarships are not treated as income for social security payments. If other components are paid e.g. a <u>living allowance</u>, the other components are assessable.</p>
<p>Scholarship in the nature of a reward or prize</p>	<p>These scholarships are defined by the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the payment of the lump sum is unlikely to be repeated, and • the scholarship (reward/prize) could not be reasonably expected to be received or necessarily anticipated, and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the payment of the lump sum does not represent receipt of money for services rendered directly or indirectly. <p>These scholarships are not treated as income for social security payments.</p>
Any other scholarship that is paid directly to a student	<p>These scholarships are treated as income for social security payments. The value of the scholarship must be declared to Centrelink.</p> <p>Exception: <i>Commonwealth Learning Scholarships.</i></p>
Any other scholarship that is paid to a third party (e.g. an education institution) in respect of a student	<p>Regarded as '<u>valuable consideration</u>' and is treated as income. The value of this scholarship must be declared to Centrelink.</p>
Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship	<p>The Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship is a \$500 payment provided to New Apprentices when they have successfully completed the first and second year of their <u>apprenticeship</u>.</p> <p>This is exempt from the income and assets tests therefore, will have no impact on the customers <u>income support payment</u>.</p> <p>This is administered by Department of Education Science and Training through the <u>New Apprentice Centres (NACs)</u>.</p>

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