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## **Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia**

Advocating for equitable access to education for students in rural and remote Australia

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### **USEFUL TERTIARY AND TRAINING WEBSITES**

#### **My Future** [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

My Future is an easy-to-use interactive online service with career information, assisting people to make career decisions, plan career pathways and manage work transitions. It includes:

- A career profile tool to help discover occupations and plan your future
- Information about a broad range of occupations and industries
- Up-to-date details of education and training providers, scholarships and courses Australia-wide

#### **Course Seeker** [www.courseseeker.edu.au/](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au/)

*Course Seeker* is a new national Higher Education information website launched late 2018. This website is a one stop shop for giving current and prospective students the ability to easily research and compare higher education courses by course, study area, institution, admission criteria, state and application pathways for higher education courses. It has information about courses, both online and on-campus across Australia. The information enables direct comparison of admission criteria and application processes across different courses and providers.

#### **My Skills** <https://www.myskills.gov.au/>

My Skills website provides a national directory of vocational education and training (VET) organisations and courses. It enables the student to search for and compare VET courses and training providers and courses by industry and skills in demand.

It is an Australian Government initiative to ensure access to current, straightforward, independent and trustworthy information to help make choices about training options.

#### **Australian Apprenticeships** <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/>

This website is designed to provide quick and easy access to information regarding Australian Apprenticeships including programs, support and advice for people looking to start apprenticeships, whether in school, just out of school, or mature-age and support and assistance for apprentices during their apprenticeships.

#### **The Good Universities Guide** <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/>

The Good Universities Guide will assist students and families to find courses at Australia's universities, TAFEs and Training colleges.

Find Courses, Compare University Ratings, Compare Courses, and Explore Careers.

Information is available on:

- Courses – content, options for study, entry requirements, cost of study and career pathways
- Scholarships
- Study information - Where do I start, Types of institutions, Study options, Funding your education, Student life, Study destinations, Getting onto a course

Search by university, TAFE institutes or field of work.

#### **Australian Apprenticeship Pathways** <https://www.aapathways.com.au/>

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways provides information, tools and resources covering a range of potential apprenticeship and traineeship career pathways.

Information includes: Job and Training descriptions, Apprenticeships, Work Type Explorer (identify career interests and career pathway ideas), Job Pathways, School-based Apprenticeships and information for people considering career options, employers looking at recruitment and those providing support and advice.

#### **Job Outlook** <https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

Job Outlook is an interactive site which can help you make decisions about study and training, your first job, or the next step in your career:

- Career Quiz – discover careers that match your work style

- Career Profiles – learn about job tasks, skills, prospects and pay
- Future Outlook – find industries and jobs expected to grow.

### Learning Potential App <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/>

LEARNING POTENTIAL is an online resource with tips, ideas and resources to assist and support your child's learning.

The Learning Potential website has hundreds of articles on all aspects of a child's learning and development and is currently being enhanced to include a career education toolkit for parents – expected to be ready for the 2019 school year!

All the content is also available on the free **Learning Potential App** - download it on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



### Preparing Secondary Students for Work <http://www.pssfw.myskills.gov.au/>

Preparing Secondary Students for Work includes a range of resources which aim to help secondary students to successfully transition to post-school destinations and to ensure students are equipped with the skills that meet the needs of our future workforce and help school graduates meet the higher demands of the workplace and a globally competitive environment.

### Study Assist <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/>

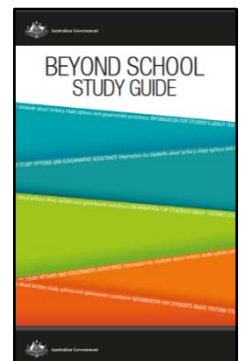
Information for students about government assistance for financing tertiary study including links to study options, subsidised fees and government loans (HELP), loan repayments, scholarships and additional student income support options.

- Beyond Year 12 <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/beyond-year-12>

The section contains information on comparing courses and providers in both the higher education and vocational education and training (VET) sectors.

- Beyond School Study Guide – digital resource aimed at year 10 to year 12 students that provides information on tertiary study options and government assistance.

[https://www.studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/files/beyond\\_school\\_study\\_guide.pdf](https://www.studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/files/beyond_school_study_guide.pdf)



### Leaving School [www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/leaving-school](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/leaving-school)

This site produced by the Department of Human Services has resources students can use to decide what to do after year 12 and get information about payments for students, apprentices and job seekers.

It has sections for students embarking on

- *Further Study* – information on support available to help with further study at a tertiary institution (university or TAFE), payments available for students and trainees and financial support.
- *Entering a trade or full time work* – information on support while looking for work or doing an Australian Apprenticeship.
- Useful links to other relevant websites to assist with writing a resume, looking for work, finding work experience and starting your own business.

### Student Update Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/StudentUpdate/](http://www.facebook.com/StudentUpdate/) and Twitter [@StudentUpdateAU](https://twitter.com/StudentUpdateAU)

Students are encouraged to follow Student Update on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for up-to-date information, news, useful tips, support and updates about student payments and services specific to students including Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY and ask general questions about eligibility and claiming.



'Like' the Student Update Facebook page and you will receive the regular updates about services and payments from Centrelink and Department of Human Services relevant to students.

### Department of Human Services <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/>

- **Payments for students and trainees** page for information about the payments and support available to students, trainees and Australian Apprentices.

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/payments-students-and-trainees>

- **Education and Training Providers** – Information, support and resources about student payments for Education and Training Providers to share with students. This webpage summarises the information and provides additional information about payments and services DHS offer.

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/business/your-business-sector/education-and-training-providers>

- **Online estimators** and **Payment and Service Finder** to find, estimate and compare payments and locate services. The tool will identify payments and services students may be eligible for, based on their situation.

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/online-estimators>

- **Email correspondence**

Students can get monthly emails with updates, important information and changes to student payments by subscribing to our eNewsletters. Students can subscribe to:

- News for students and trainees

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/news/students-and-trainees>

- News for rural and remote Australians

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/news/rural-and-remote-australians>

- News for Indigenous Australians

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/news/indigenous-australians>

## **Vocational Education and Training – Australian Government**

<https://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/education-and-training/vocational-education-and-training>

This Government website contains information and links to websites relating to VET.

## **Higher Education – Australian Government**

<https://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/education-and-training/higher-education>

This Government website contains information and links to websites relating to Higher Education.

This information has been collated by Federal Council Tertiary/Training Portfolio. For more information on the ICPA Tertiary/Training Portfolios:

- Tertiary Portfolio <https://www.icpa.com.au/issues/tertiary-education-training.html>
- Training Portfolio <https://www.icpa.com.au/documents/browse/117/federal-training-portfolio>
- Web Links <https://www.icpa.com.au/resources/web-links.html>

## **Scholarships**

### **Country Education Foundation**

The Country Education Foundation (CEF) is a national not-for-profit organisation helping rural and regional youth access education, training and jobs through grants, scholarships, support services and resources. The *Scholarship Guide* <https://cef.org.au/scholarships-guide/> contains *Top Tips for Applying for Scholarships* to maximise your chances of gaining a scholarship and *Search for a Scholarship*. A scholarship can assist in covering the costs of textbooks, course fees, equipment accommodation and living costs. This Scholarship Guide is well worth a read and as CEF scholarship page says "**And remember, you'll never know if you don't give it a go!**" The *University Survival Guide* <https://cef.org.au/university-survival-guide-2018/> contains information on accommodation, finances & employment, getting stated, health & support, parents & Families and study.

### **Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships (STEM Scholarships)**

The Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships support regional and remote students to undertake STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Health or Agriculture studies. The scholarships are available for vocational education, undergraduate and postgraduate students (Certificate IV to PhD).

The applications open soon for 2019 from late November 2018 to early January 2019. Details about how to apply are available through the QTAC. <https://www.qtac.edu.au/scholarships>. For more information on the scholarships, visit <https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships>.