



Education assistance

Defence Member and Family Support



Defence Member and Family Support provides assistance to the children of ADF members who may experience disruption to their education when a member is posted to a new location within Australia.

The aim of this support is to provide the student with limited interim assistance to help overcome any immediate difficulties with their education that occurs as a direct result of posting.

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Education Assistance Scheme (EAS) provides financial support for:

- tutoring
- secondary tuition fees and boarding school costs
- tertiary student accommodation
- special needs support (education)
- loss of a scholarship
- student reunion travel.

Tutoring

Reimbursement for the cost of face-to-face or web-based tutoring is available, where the new school certifies that the child has not reached or is unlikely to maintain a sufficient standard in a subject as a result of relocation, and that the school cannot provide the required tutoring.

Further evidence may be requested to demonstrate that the child has declining grades for the subjects requiring tutoring.

A member may be reimbursed for one hour of tutoring per week, for 14 weeks, for each approved subject. Reimbursement must be no more than the limits detailed in the [ADF Pay and Conditions Manual \(PACMAN\)](#), Chapter 8, Part 4, Division 2.

Boarding school

A member may choose to have their child attend boarding school, rather than relocate the child and disrupt their education. In this instance, where the child is in years 9 to 12, or an earlier year deemed critical, eligible members may apply for reimbursement of compulsory tuition and accommodation costs. More information is available in [PACMAN](#), Chapter 8, Part 4, Division 4.

Tertiary student accommodation

If a member's child is unable to take their chosen course within the member's new posting location, or it would be considered disruptive to change universities, accommodation costs may be reimbursed.



The member must have incurred the cost for the accommodation. Reimbursement is for a capped amount and only applies to full-time undergraduate students for a maximum of three years. .

More information is available in [PACMAN](#), Chapter 8, Part 4, Division 5.

Special needs support (education)

Special needs support (education) provides benefits critical to a child's educational progress, such as tutoring, therapy services and special needs assessments.

The child must be recognised by Defence as a dependant with special needs.

Therapy services must have been received in the losing location. Attendance may be approved at a private school if a special program was provided by a government school at the losing location and cannot be provided by a government school at the gaining location.

More information is available in [PACMAN](#), Chapter 8, Part 4, Division 2.

Loss of a scholarship

If a child has to give up a scholarship due to changing schools on a member's posting, the member may be reimbursed their child's educational costs up to the remaining value of that scholarship.

More information is available in [PACMAN](#), Chapter 8, Part 4, Division 3.

Student reunion travel

If a member's child is studying at a location not at the posting location, they may be entitled to one or more return journeys each calendar year.

More information is available in [PACMAN](#) Chapter 9, Part 3, Divisions 5-7.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

DMFS offers a range of other education support services for Defence children including Education Liaison Officers, who can advise families about education issues, and Defence School Mentors, who provide in-school support to Defence children at some schools.

MORE INFORMATION

For further details about the Education Assistance Scheme or the education support available to the children of posting members, refer to the resources at [Support for kids' education](#) or email education.supportprograms@defence.gov.au.

Defence Member and Family Support offers a wide range of support services to ADF members and their families.

For more information on this factsheet and other DMFS services visit our website or contact the all-hours Defence Member and Family Helpline.



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