

Could you do with some **FINANCIAL HELP** with your **STUDIES?**

If so, you might be eligible for the Commonwealth Government's new **Training and Learning Bonus**.

What is the Training & Learning Bonus?

The Commonwealth Government provides a one-off bonus to eligible student social security recipients to assist you with your training costs for the 2009 academic year.

The Training and Learning Bonus consists of two categories:

Category 1:

The one-off \$950 bonus (for 2009 only) for recipients at 3 February 2009 of: youth Allowance (students and apprentices); Austudy; ABSTUDY and other student and related payments (Sickness Allowance and Special Benefit (under age pension age)).

Category 2:

A temporary supplement to the Education Entry Payment (EdEP) of \$950*. This is in addition to the existing EdEP payment of \$208. EdEP is currently paid to a range of social security recipients who are commencing study, including Newstart Allowance and Parenting Payment Partnered recipients.

**For more information on EdEP, please refer to our EdEP Fact Sheet, or contact your local Centrelink branch.*

How much is the payment? When and how will it be paid?

Category 1:

The lump sum bonus is \$950. It will be paid to eligible recipients by Centrelink in the fortnight beginning 24 March 2009.

Category 2:

Those eligible for the supplement through EdEP will receive \$950 on top of the existing EdEP payment (currently \$208). This means you will receive a total repayment of \$1 158.

What happens if I enrol in full-time study after 3 February 2009?

The scheme seeks to ensure that all those who enroll in and commence full-time study this semester after 3 February 2009, and who are granted Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY, receive a bonus.

How do I find out further information?

For further information, please speak to your local Centrelink branch or go to <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/>

For more information on the Commonwealth Government's Training and Learning Bonus or EdEP scheme, please refer to the Fact Sheet in your CIT Student Services Hub, or contact your local Centrelink branch or online at: <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/>