

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

If so, you might be eligible for the Government's **Education Entry Payment**.

What is the EdEP?

The Education Entry Payment (EdEP) is a payment from the Commonwealth Government to some social security recipients to assist them with the cost of returning to study.

If you are eligible, you could receive an additional \$950 payment on top of the \$208 you would have already received under the new scheme.

Who is eligible?

Recipients of the following payments may qualify for an EdEP: Newstart Allowance; Parenting Payment Partnered; Youth Allowance (other) recipients (from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2010); Partner Allowance; Widow Allowance; Carer Payment (adult); Carer Payment (child); Disability Support Pension; Parenting Payment Single; Special Benefit (in certain circumstances); Widow B Pension; or Wife Pension.

When does it start?

From 1 January 2009 until 30 June 2010, recipients of the EdEP will receive an additional \$950 payment on top of the \$208 you would have already received. Eligibility for EdEP will be extended to Youth Allowance recipients and the qualifying period for all eligible recipients will be reduced from 12 months to 1 month.

What courses does EdEP apply to?

If a person is an eligible social security recipient for EdEP, and they have commenced or intend to commence a course of education that is approved, they may qualify for EdEP. In general, an approved course includes secondary education courses, undergraduate courses, associate diplomas and some other diplomas, TAFE courses and some postgraduate courses.

How do I find out if I'm eligible for the payment?

Please speak to your local Centrelink branch or go to: <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/>

How do I find out further information?

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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/>