



North Queensland Flood Recovery Package – Flood Education Supplement

Eligible families severely affected by the North Queensland flood will receive a \$1,000 one-off payment.

What is being announced?

Isolated families severely affected by the flood in North Queensland will receive a \$1,000, one-off payment to help them cover their education and related costs.

The payment will be given to families who receive eligible Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) and ABSTUDY payments and whose family home is in:

- Burdekin Shire Council
- Burke Shire Council
- Carpentaria Shire Council
- Cloncurry Shire Council
- Douglas Shire Council
- Flinders Shire Council
- Hinchinbrook Shire Council
- McKinlay Shire Council
- Richmond Shire Council
- Townsville City Council
- Winton Shire Council.

This payment forms part of the Australian Government's commitment to help North Queensland recover from the devastating floods.

Key facts

Families in these areas have experienced immediate income shock as they have lost stock and crops meaning that their ability to earn an income has been severely affected.

The payment aims to reduce the financial stress for isolated families and help them better recover from the floods.

To receive the payment, families must have been living in the area at the time of the floods (25 January to 14 February 2019) and eligible to receive, and have applied for, AIC or ABSTUDY by 23 April 2019.

Families who have already applied for AIC or ABSTUDY do not need to do anything, as eligibility for the supplement will be automatically assessed. Families who have yet to apply for AIC or ABSTUDY need to do so by **23 April 2019** to be eligible to receive the Flood Education Supplement.

The Department of Human Services will send the payment to eligible recipients within 28 days of confirming their eligibility and bank details.

More information

Families in these areas are encouraged to check their eligibility for this payment at www.humanservices.gov.au/aic or www.humanservices.gov.au/abstudy