



Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) In-Class Tuition (ICT) Tuition

Background

From 2005 the Australian Government replaced and built on the success of the Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme by introducing the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS).

ITAS aims to maximise educational opportunities available to eligible Indigenous students and to improve their educational outcomes.

\$105.8 million is being provided for In-Class Tuition which is available nationally, after trials showed it significantly improved literacy and numeracy, especially in primary schools.

In-Class Tuition is intended to supplement mainstream teaching resources, not to substitute or replace them.

Description

ITAS ICT provides tuition during normal school hours to eligible Indigenous students. Under In-Class arrangements, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) provides funding for schools and school systems to engage tutors to meet eligible school students' literacy and numeracy needs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible to receive ITAS ICT?

To be eligible to receive ITAS ICT, students must:

- be Indigenous;
- have failed to meet literacy and/or numeracy benchmarks in Years 3, 5, or 7 in the year prior to tuition; or
- be in Year 1-8 and be at risk of not meeting the relevant literacy and/or numeracy curriculum outcome levels for their age; and
- be enrolled in an eligible primary or secondary school.

Q: Who can apply for ITAS ICT?

Education providers may apply for ITAS ICT Tuition on behalf of eligible students enrolled in their schools.

Q: How do you apply for ITAS ICT?

Education providers can apply by completing an application form at the beginning of each school year to seek funding for the delivery of ITAS ICT

Tuition to eligible students. Application forms are available on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) internet site (below).

Providers must provide the following details in their applications:

- the number of eligible students that they are applying for;
- benchmark testing data of the students for whom they are applying for tuition; and
- specific details about how ITAS ICT Tuition will be delivered by the provider.

Q: How is ITAS ICT delivered?

ITAS ICT is delivered by contracted education providers who are responsible for recruiting tutors to provide the required tuition. Providers must ensure that tuition is delivered to meet each student's educational needs.

Providers must seek written permission from parents or caregivers for students under 16 years to participate in tuition out of school hours.

Q: How much tuition is available?

Eligible Indigenous students may receive up to 2.5 hours per week for up to 32 weeks in the tuition year.

Q: Can students receiving ITAS ICT also receive tuition under another element of ITAS?

No. Where students are in receipt of ITAS ICT Tuition they are not eligible for any other form of ITAS assistance, i.e. Remote Indigenous Students (RIS), Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition or Vocational Education Tuition (VET).

Q: Where can I get more information about ITAS ICT?

More information about ITAS ICT Tuition is available in the *Indigenous Education Programmes Provider Guidelines 2005-2008* available at www.deewr.gov.au or by contacting your local DEEWR Office on 1800 800 821.