



Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) Remote Indigenous Students (RIS) 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.

From January 2006, Remote Indigenous Students (RIS) Tuition has been available as an element of ITAS.

The Australian Government is providing \$7.7 million over 2006-2008 to assist eligible Indigenous students with a transition stage of their schooling.

Description

ITAS RIS Tuition provides supplementary tuition for eligible Indigenous students who leave their remote community to attend school in a non-remote location, or to attend a remote boarding school. ITAS RIS Tuition is only available during the first year that students are away from their remote community.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible to receive ITAS RIS Tuition?

To be eligible to receive ITAS RIS Tuition, students must:

- be Indigenous;
- have left their remote community to attend school in a non-remote location or to attend a remote boarding school;
- be in the first year away from their remote community; and
- be enrolled in a primary or secondary school/college.

Q: Who can apply for ITAS RIS Tuition?

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

Q: How do you apply for ITAS RIS Tuition?

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

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;
- the educational needs of the students who will be participating in the tuition programme; and
- specific details about how ITAS RIS Tuition will be delivered by the provider.

Q: How is ITAS RIS Tuition delivered?

ITAS RIS Tuition 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 4 hours per week for up to 35 weeks in the first year they are away from their remote community.

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

No. Where students are in receipt of ITAS RIS Tuition they are not eligible for any other form of ITAS assistance, i.e. In-Class Tuition, Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition or VET Tuition.

Q: Where can I get more information about ITAS RIS Tuition?

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