



Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition

Background

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

To increase the number of Indigenous students successfully completing Year 12, the Australian Government committed \$42 million over 2005-2008 for supplementary tutoring for Indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

In the 2006 Budget, the Government committed an additional \$15.6 million over 2007 and 2008 to extend the existing programme to include supplementary tutoring for Indigenous Year 9 students. The extended ITAS element is known as ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Tuition.

Description

ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Tuition provides supplementary tuition for eligible Indigenous students studying at secondary school. This assistance is available for approximately 50 per cent of remote, and 10 per cent of non-remote, Indigenous students.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible to receive ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition?

To be eligible students must be:

- Indigenous;
- studying subjects leading to the completion of Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 of schooling; and
- enrolled in a secondary school/college.

Q: How do you apply for ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition?

Eligible students usually apply for ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Tuition through their education provider.

Education providers can apply by completing an application form available on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) internet site at www.dest.gov.au.

Education 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 Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition will be delivered by the provider.

If ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition is not available through the student's school, then the student or parent/caregiver can make an individual application for assistance through the local DEEWR Office.

Q: How is ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition delivered?

ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition is usually delivered by tutors recruited and contracted by education providers. The provider must ensure that tuition is delivered to meet each student's educational needs.

Providers must obtain written permission from parents or caregivers before students under 16 years can participate in tuition out of school hours.

In some circumstances, tutors may be contracted directly by DEEWR.

Q: How much tuition is available?

Eligible Indigenous students may receive up to 4 hours tuition per week for up to 35 weeks per academic year.

Q: Can students receiving ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition also receive tuition under another element of ITAS?

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

Q: Where can I get more information about ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Tuition?

More information about ITAS Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 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.