

Fact Sheet

Supporting Individual Pathways – Post School Options

Disability and Community Services funds a range of services and supports to assist people with a disability who require support to access post secondary education and vocational options.

Who is eligible for Supporting Individual Pathways?

To be eligible for assistance through the program a person needs be living in Tasmania and meet the criteria outlined in the *Eligibility policy for access to specialist disability services funded or provided by Disability Child Youth and Family Services* (July 2010).

The person must also:

- have completed, or be leaving, secondary school (year 12) in the year the application is made
- require disability-related supports to access further education or other options.

What the Supporting Individual Pathways program provides and funds

The Supporting Individual Pathways (SIP) program provides disability-related support and services to enable people with a disability to access a range of options and opportunities that are available to them after secondary schooling. This includes:

- services that assist them to plan for their future
- further education
- vocational education, work placements or voluntary work

To do this, the SIP program funds a range of supports and services, including:

- Assistance with the cost of specialised equipment; or
- Short term, individualised assistance (for example to learn how to use public transport between home and a work placement)
- Longer term individual support (for example funding a support worker to meet personal care needs while attending a Polytechnic or University)
- Targeted pre-vocational training supports.

The SIP Program does not duplicate employment services funded by the Australian Government. It does not fund services such as teaching staff or other learning supports at public providers, including provision of interpreters at a University or Polytechnic.

How is support provided?

Support can be provided in group settings or individually. The support may be ongoing for the full year, or transitional and time-limited. The type of support provided depends on the assessed need of each individual. Support is generally available to an individual through the program for up to three years. Allocations are made each calendar year, and people who require support for more than one year need to re-apply each year.

How to apply for support?

Applications are received for Supporting Individual Pathways program from 1 August through to 30 September each year. Applications are coordinated through Gateway Services in your local area. Secondary school leavers are required to submit a copy of their transition or pathway plan with their application.

How will applications be processed?

An Allocation Committee meets once a year October to review and make recommendations about the level and type of support to be made available to each person.

In some circumstances one-off funding to purchase aids, equipment or other time-limited support or service may be made available.

Availability of funding and support will depend on current demand for services and available resources.

For more information please contact Gateway Services in your local area.

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