

# Education Savings Plan EasyClaim Form



Please phone the Customer Service Team on 1800 882 289 if you have any questions.  
**Please PRINT clearly in BLACK pen keeping well within the boxes.**  
**Start at the left, write one letter in each box and leave one box between words.**  
**Use crosses in the boxes marked with an "X".**

## Step One Your Details

Surname

First Name(s)

Address

Suburb

State  Postcode

Phone

## Step Two Claim Details

Plan Number

Student

Total Claim Amount \$  .

How much of this claim is Living Allowance Nil  or \$  .  (see Note A overleaf)

This claim is an Education expense (supporting documentation must accompany this claim, see Note B overleaf).

I want Lifeplan to automatically allocate the Total Claim from our earnings and contributions accounts.  
Please go to Step 3.

or  I want to nominate the amounts to Total Claim from our earnings and contributions accounts, as follows:

or

Contributions \$  .

Earnings \$  .  (must equal Total Claim Amount, this step is complete, please fill out the account details, see Note C overleaf)

This is not an Education claim, see Note D overleaf.

## Step Three Account Details

Branch Number (BSB)  Account Number

## Step Four Declaration and Signature of Plan Sponsor or Student

In consideration of the value of that part of my plan listed above, I/we hereby declare the amounts withdrawn to be genuine education expenses and/or Living Allowances.

Signature of Investor  Date

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**Or**

Students over the age of 16 can make claims if we have received a written authority from the Investor to act on the instructions of the student.

Student  Date

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# Notes

## How does EasyClaim work?

With EasyClaim, you can tell us how you want to split the withdrawal between your Plan accounts or you can request us to do the calculations for you. If you (or your student) make a claim for education expenses or the living allowance and you ask us to do the calculations for you, we shall adopt the following procedure:

- We automatically cap the amount of education benefits paid during a financial year to the student's age based threshold (see below). The education benefit is the sum of the Earnings Account and Education Tax Benefit.
- If education benefits up to the student's threshold have already been paid during the financial year, we will withdraw the balance of the current and any future claims made during the same financial year from the Contributions Account.
- If investor contributions have been fully withdrawn, the balance of the claim will be paid as an unspecified withdrawal from the Earnings Account, in which case the claim will not qualify for the Education Tax Benefit.

We assume that your nominated student has no external source of assessable income and take no responsibility if we make a payment from the Plan that results in tax being assessed to the student or the investor.

- A new payment cycle commences at the start of each new financial year beginning 1 July.

If the student has other sources of assessable income, it may be more appropriate for you to give us specific withdrawal instructions.

We reserve the right to reject a claim (in full or part), in which case the rejected claim will not qualify for the Education Tax Benefit. We will advise you if we reject a claim and will request additional withdrawal instructions.

## Note A

### What is the living allowance?

The living allowance is a special type of education benefit that is only available to students living away from home.

Full-time students living away from home can withdraw a living allowance without having to provide proof of expenditure (limits apply, call our Customer Service Team for current limits). For part-time students, this limit is reduced on a pro-rata basis to reflect the proportion of full-time study the student is currently undertaking. The living allowance can be claimed at any time during the year.

Claims for general living expenses in excess of the living allowance limit require supporting documentation.

To qualify for the living allowance, students (or investors on behalf of students) are required to complete a Living Away From Home Declaration form available from Lifeplan or online at [commbank.com.au/educationsavings](http://commbank.com.au/educationsavings)

## Note B

### Education benefit (the sum of the Earnings Account and Education Tax Benefit)

In addition to unlimited withdrawals from your Contributions Account there is also no maximum on the amount of education benefits that can be paid to both full-time and part-time students per calendar year. (Excepting the living allowance limit which is pro-rated for part time students).

### What are "education expenses"?

The education expenses must relate to or be incurred for the purpose of the student attaining the qualifications sought under the education or training program. Subject to the annual payment/benefit limits specified in the Product Disclosure Statement, the education expenses you may claim from the Plan include:

- HECS and HELP debits, course fees, tuition fees (including course related private tuition), student union fees, uniforms, books, materials, equipment, music lessons and instruments, education related sports equipment, school outings and travel expenses to and from the school/course provider.
- Expenses for career training if the course or training leads to a qualification approved by Lifeplan.
- Education related residential boarding costs, rent and other accommodation expenses incurred by students living away from home.
- Course electives in a Lifeplan approved foreign education institution or even entire courses attended in an approved foreign education institution.

Lifeplan has full and some discretion to determine approved courses and education expenses covered by the Plan.

If you have any questions relating to what education expenses can be claimed, please call Lifeplan.

## Note C

### Will my nominated student be liable for tax?

Education benefits, when paid, become assessable to your nominated student and are treated as investment income for tax purposes. The tax implications for your nominated student will vary depending on their age and personal circumstances. Please call Lifeplan on 1800 882 289 for up-to-date threshold information.

## Note D

### Claims that are not an Education Claim

You can withdraw all the funds available in your Contributions Account as there is no annual withdrawal limit. The tax treatment differs from the two types of withdrawals, education and non-education. Please refer to the PDS or your tax consultant for more information.