Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY
‘Unreasonable to live at home’
Statement by Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

When to use this form
Use this form if your child has applied as an independent person for Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY purposes under the ‘Unreasonable to live at home’ guidelines.

To meet these guidelines it must be unreasonable for your child to live at home because:
• of extreme family breakdown (other than normal parent/adolescent conflict), or
• of serious risk of your physical or mental health if your child continues to live at home, or
• you cannot provide a suitable home as you do not have stable accommodation.

It is important that we ask for your views about why your child is not living at home.

Filling in this form
• Please use black or blue pen.
• Print in BLOCK LETTERS.
• Mark boxes like this □ with a ✓ or ❌.
• Where you see a box like this □ Go to 5 skip to the question number shown. You do not need to answer the questions in between.

Returning your form
Check that all required questions are answered and that the form is signed and dated.

You can return this form and any supporting documents:
• by post – return your documents by sending them to:
  Department of Human Services
  Student Services
  Reply Paid 7804
  Canberra ACT 2610

• in person – if you are unable to submit this form and any supporting documents online or by post, you can provide them in person to one of our service centres.

For more information
If you need help to fill in this form or you need more information about the questions, please call us on 132 490 for Youth Allowance or 1800 132 317 for ABSTUDY.

If you need a translation of any documents for our business, we can arrange this for you free of charge.

To speak to us in languages other than English, call 131 202.

Note: Call charges apply – calls from mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can contact the TTY service on Freecall™ 1800 810 586. A TTY phone is required to use this service.
YOUR DETAILS – THE CHILD’S PARENT/GUARDIAN

Please read this before answering the following questions.

**Parent** means a natural or adoptive parent, or a person who is legally responsible for your child. If you are separated we need to know details about each of you.

**Guardian** means any other person whom your child is substantially dependent on.

Your details

**Parent/Guardian**

Parent/Guardian’s full name

Parent/Guardian’s permanent address

Parent/Guardian’s home phone number

Is this a silent number?

No ☐ Yes ☐

Parent/Guardian’s mobile phone number

Relationship to the child

Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian ☐ Step parent ☐

Other Parent/Guardian

Other Parent/Guardian’s full name

Other Parent/Guardian’s permanent address

Other Parent/Guardian’s home phone number

Is this a silent number?

No ☐ Yes ☐

Other Parent/Guardian’s mobile phone number

Relationship to the child

Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian ☐ Step parent ☐

CHILD’S DETAILS – PERSON CLAIMING ‘UNREASONABLE TO LIVE AT HOME’

3 Your child’s name

Family name

First given name

Second given name

4 Your child’s date of birth

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5 Does your child currently live with you?

No ☐ Go to next question

Yes ☐ Do not answer questions 6 to 26.

Go to 27

6 When did your child leave your home?

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7 What incident(s) and/or problem(s) led your child to leave home?

Include details and examples.

8 How long have the problems been going on?
9 Has your child left home previously?
No Go to next question
Yes Give details below

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If your child has left home on more than 4 occasions, attach a separate sheet with details.

10 How are you and other family members affected by the incident(s) and/or problem(s) that led your child to leave home? Include details and examples.

11 Have you and/or your child tried to sort out your differences (e.g. counselling, mediation or attempts by yourself or your child to improve your relationship)?
No Go to next question
Yes Go to 13

12 Why haven’t you and/or your child tried to sort out your differences?

13 Give details of any people and/or organisations that you and/or your child have gone to for help to sort out your differences.

14 Describe how your relationship with your child changed since they left home?
15 Have you had any contact with your child since they left home?
   No  Go to next question
   Yes  Give details below

   Include:
   • type of contact (e.g. phone call, visit)
   • how often contact has been made
   • who initiated the contact.

16 Are you or any other person providing your child with money or other support (e.g. food, paying school fees, paying bills, living at a reduced rent in accommodation which you own)?
   No  Go to next question
   Yes  Give details below

   Include:
   • type of support provided
   • how often support is provided
   • who is providing the support.

17 Will you allow your child to return home to live?
   No  Go to next question
   Yes  Go to 19

18 Why won’t you allow your child to return home to live?

   Go to 20

19 Will any conditions apply if you allow your child to return home to live?
   No  Go to next question
   Yes  Give details below
20 Are you living with your child’s other parent/guardian?
   No ☐ Go to next question
   Yes ☐ Go to 25

21 Has your child had any contact with their other parent/guardian in the past 2 years?
   No ☐ Go to 25
   Not sure ☐ Go to next question
   Yes ☐ Go to next question

22 Has your child ever lived with their other parent/guardian?
   No ☐
   Yes ☐

23 Is your child able to live with their other parent/guardian?
   No ☐ Give details below
   Yes ☐ Give details below

24 Describe the relationship between your child and their other parent i.e. how do they get along, what sort of contact do they have.

25 Is there any other information you can provide that will help us decide if your child is entitled to the ‘Unreasonable to live at home’ rate?
   No ☐ Go to next question
   Yes ☐ Give details below

   Attach any other documents/reports etc. that you wish to provide.

26 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Privacy and your personal information
Your personal information is protected by law, including the Privacy Act 1988, and is collected by the Australian Government Department of Human Services for the assessment and administration of payments and services. This information is required to process your application or claim.

Your information may be used by the department or given to other parties for the purposes of research, investigation or where you have agreed or it is required or authorised by law.

You can get more information about the way in which the Department of Human Services will manage your personal information, including our privacy policy, at humanservices.gov.au/privacy or by requesting a copy from the department.

YOUR STATEMENT – THE CHILD’S PARENT/GUARDIAN

27 Statement
I declare that:
• the information I have provided in this form is complete and correct.

I understand that:
• giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
• the Australian Government Department of Human Services can make relevant enquiries to help determine the correct entitlement.

Parent/Guardian’s signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Partner’s signature

Date

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