Name of young person claiming ‘Unreasonable to live at home’

Purpose of this form

The young person named above has applied as an independent person for Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY purposes under the ‘Unreasonable to live at home’ guidelines.

In order for the Australian Government Department of Human Services to make an assessment, this form needs to be completed by an independent third party. An independent third party is someone who has contact with the young person and is aware of the family situation (e.g. counsellor, social worker, doctor, teacher or an adult relative). They must have reasonable or first hand knowledge of the family situation.

The young person has applied to be considered independent claiming it is unreasonable for them to live at home. To meet these guidelines it must be unreasonable for the young person to live at home because:

- of extreme family breakdown (other than normal parent/adolescent conflict), or
- of serious risk to their physical or mental health if they continue to live at home, or
- their parent(s) cannot provide a suitable home as they do not have stable accommodation.

The information you provide on this form will help us decide if the young person qualifies for the independent rate.

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.
8 Please read this before answering the following questions.

Parent means a natural or adoptive parent, or a person who is legally responsible for the young person. If the young person’s parents are separated we need to know details about each of them (if known).

Is the young person currently living at home with their parent(s)?

No ☐ Go to next question

Yes ☐ Do not answer questions 9 to 31. Go to 32

9 When did the young person leave their parent(s) home?

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10 Has the young person left their parent(s) home previously?

No ☐ Go to next question

Yes ☐ Give details below

Date the young person left home (or estimate of date left) / / 

Date the young person returned home to live (or estimate of date returned) / / 

If the young person has left home on more than 4 occasions, attach a separate sheet with details.

11 Is anyone other than the young person’s parent(s) responsible for looking after them (e.g. a guardian)?

Guardian means any other person whom the young person is substantially dependent on.

No ☐ Go to next question

Yes ☐ Give details below

Person’s name

Their address

Contact phone number ()

How long have they looked after the young person?

(e.g. number of days/months/years)
12 Details of the person, with whom the young person last lived.

Name

Relationship to the young person:
Both parents
Mother
Father
Guardian
Other Give details below

13 What is your relationship with the young person and their family?
Describe briefly the length of your relationship and what contact have you had with them, etc.

14 Do you have first-hand knowledge of the young person’s family situation?
No Go to next question
Yes Go to 16

15 Have you tried to mediate between the young person and their parent(s)?
No
Yes

16 Describe below any form of contact or involvement you have had with either of the young person’s parents to discuss the family situation.

17 Please read this before answering the following questions.

Questions 17 to 19 relate to the last person the young person lived with.

Why did the young person leave home?
Give details of any problems or particular incidents that led the young person to leave home.

18 How long have these problems been going on?

19 How do you think the young person is affected by the problems that led them to leave home?

20 Are you aware of any way that the young person or their parent(s) have tried to sort out their differences (e.g. counselling, mediation or attempts by the young person to improve their relationship)?

No Go to next question
Yes Give details below

1 What has been tried

Name of person or organisation contacted

Has this helped improve the relationship between the young person and their parent(s)? No Yes

2 What has been tried

Name of person or organisation contacted

Has this helped improve the relationship between the young person and their parent(s)? No Yes
21 Is the young person allowed to return home to live?
No Go to next question
Yes Go to 23

22 Why isn’t the young person allowed to return home to live?

Go to 24

23 Will any conditions apply if the young person returns home to live?
No Go to next question
Yes Give details below

Go to next question

24 Do you think it is unreasonable for the young person to live at home?
No Go to next question
Yes Give details below

25 Do the young person’s parents live together?
No Go to next question
Yes Go to 30

26 Please read this before answering the following questions.

Other parent means the parent they were not living with.

Has the young person had any contact with their other parent in the past 2 years?
No Go to 30
Not sure Go to next question
Yes Go to next question

27 Has the young person ever lived with their other parent?
No
Yes

28 Is the young person able to live with their other parent?
No Give details below
Yes
29 Describe the relationship between the young person and their other parent i.e. how do they get along, what sort of contact do they have.

30 Are the young person’s parent(s) or anyone else providing money or other support to the young person (e.g. providing food, paying bills, subsidising rent, paying school fees, providing regular money)?

31 Is there any other information you can provide that will help us decide if it is unreasonable for the young person to live at home with either parent?

32 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.

33 Statement

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

I understand that:
- the Australian Government Department of Human Services can make relevant enquiries to make sure the young person receives the correct entitlement.

Your signature

Date

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