

Post-18 carer payments

Is the young person in your care turning 18?



Yes.

Did you know there are payments available to support the young person in your home until they are 21 or 25?



Stability in Family Based Care

- Provides basic carer payments up to the age of 21
- Quarterly contact from a caseworker

Who is eligible?

- Young person was under a guardianship order (including LTG SP)
- Young person turned 18 on or after 1 July 2018
- Carer is not entitled to another payment to care for young person post-18 (except Centrelink carer payment)
- Young person resides with carer full-time (i.e. four nights per week)
- Young person does not have an income exceeding the DCP carer payment
- It is in the young person's best interests to remain in the home

How to apply?

Carers are encouraged to self refer for both of these programs. Both the carer and the young person just need to complete the application form available at: childprotection.sa.gov.au/carers/how-dcp-works/carers-support-payments

Over 18 Education Initiative



- Provides basic carer payments + education allowance up to the age of 25
- Quarterly contact from a caseworker

Who is eligible?

- Young person was under a guardianship order (excluding LTG SP)
- Young person resides with carer full-time (i.e. four nights per week)
- Young person is studying secondary or tertiary education full-time or at their maximum capacity including Year 12, apprenticeships, Aboriginal Access Pathways, post high school courses, university
- It is in the young person's best interests to remain in the home



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