Nurses Stipend and Travel Allowance

Registered Training Organisation guide

The State Government has introduced the *Nurses Stipend and Travel Allowance to Attend Placements Program (program)* to support regional students who need to travel to complete their practical placements as part of their training.

The program will provide a subsidy for eligible Diploma of Nursing students for travel expenses to their placement location as well as provide them with a stipend to help with the cost of living while they are away from home.

The program aims to:

- Provide financial support for practical placements.
- · Reduce financial barriers for students.
- Support the professional advancement of students undergoing practical training.

Details:

- Available for placements undertaken between
 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2025.
- Students are eligible to make a claim before starting their training placement and will be paid in 2 stages.
- Students will receive a first payment of 30% of their total claim amount before their placement training begins and the final 70% after the training placement is completed.
- Eligible students can make multiple claims
 throughout their course and can claim for each
 eligible placement training they complete outside of
 their local area.
- Claims must be submitted online. Program does not require receipts.

Terms and Conditions: Students must be permanent residents and reside in regional WA. Overseas, interstate, and students receiving Commonwealth or State funding that reimburses placement costs are ineligible for the program. Refer to the business rules on the Department's website.

Help your students understand:

• Travel allowance claim is per training placement and varies:

STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO AND TEMPORARILY RESIDING NEAR THEIR PLACEMENT	Claim amount
Travel from the Pilbara and Kimberley Regions to Perth	\$1,000
Travel from any other region except Peel to Perth, travel intra or inter-regional and required to stay for the placement	\$500
STUDENTS TRAVELLING <u>DAILY</u> BETWEEN HOME AND PLACEMENT	Claim amount
Travelling daily more than 71 km round trip includes Peel	\$350

• A stipend \$350 per week for each placement is available for students from all regions who are required to stay away from home. (except the Peel region).

