Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Training**
and Workforce Development

Nurses Stipend and Travel Allowance

Guide for Registered Training Organisations

The Nurses Stipend and Travel Allowance (NSTA) provides financial support for regional students who need to travel long distances to complete mandatory clinical placements as part of their training.

The program provides eligible Diploma of Nursing students with a subsidy for travel expenses to their placement location, as well as an allowance to help with the cost of living while they are away from home.

NSTA student eligibility

- Enrolled into the Diploma of Nursing with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) funded by the Department of Training and Workforce Development, for the period that they are claiming NSTA
- Residing outside of the Perth Metropolitan area
- Required to travel outside of their local area to attend mandatory clinical placements
- Are an Australian citizen or permanent resident

Students enrolled into the Diploma of Nursing under a 500 visa subclass, or a temporary resident visa, are not eligible for the NSTA.

Nurses Stipend and Travel Allowance rates

Stipend and travel entitlements available to eligible Diploma of Nursing students, is based on travel from their home address to the placement facility. Rates are calculated as follows:

Nurses Stipend and Travel Allowance rates		
Round trip distance travelled	**Travel entitlement**	**Stipend entitlement**
1 – 70 km	NIL	NIL
71 km – 149 km	40c per kilometre	$350 per week (or $70 per day if completing less than 5 days per week)
150 km to 1099 km	40c per kilometre	$350 per week (or $70 per day if completing less than 5 days per week)
1100 km and over	40c per kilometre or Up to $1,500 to subsidise the cost of an airfare	$350 per week (or $70 per day if completing less than 5 days per week)



How do eligible students claim the NSTA?

Eligible students may apply for 30% of their claim amount before placement commences. The remaining 70% can be claimed once the placement has been completed.

Applications for NSTA payments must be submitted online via the – NSTA claim form.

To find out more, speak with your placement coordinator or visit www.wa.gov.au/nsta

Scan the QR code to find out more about the NSTA.