

## Assistance for Study Costs

EXTRA RECOVERABLE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR SOME CLIENTS WHO ARE UNDERTAKING TERTIARY STUDY AT LEVEL 4 OR ABOVE

### Who can get the Assistance

If you are studying towards one of the following professions:	And are receiving one of the following benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Teacher</li> <li>• Primary School Teacher</li> <li>• Secondary School Teacher</li> <li>• Nurse</li> <li>• Midwife</li> <li>• Doctor</li> <li>• Veterinarian</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Purposes Benefit</li> <li>• Widow's Benefit</li> <li>• Emergency Maintenance Allowance</li> <li>• Invalid's Benefit</li> </ul>

The Assistance for Study Costs is not available to people who:

- are studying towards postgraduate diplomas, postgraduate certificates
- are studying for bachelors with honours, masters or doctorate degrees
- are receiving (or entitled to receive) a Training Incentive Allowance
- have not exhausted the Course Related Costs component of their Student Loan if they have entitlement.

### How much you could get and what it can cover

The maximum amount you can apply for is \$500.00. This is interest and tax free. You can apply up to 5 times in a 52 week period, but you cannot receive more than \$500.00 in total. This assistance is available from 1 February 2010 to 31 January 2011.

### You can apply for Assistance for Study Costs for expenses such as:

- transport to and from your course, including car running costs
- childcare costs (less any Childcare Assistance)
- baby sitting or other child minding costs
- books and stationery
- course equipment and materials
- other costs that we determine are necessary for your study.

### Repaying the Assistance for Study Payment

You won't need to make any repayment until you finish your course or you stop receiving a Domestic Purposes Benefit, Widow's Benefit, Emergency Maintenance Allowance or Invalid's Benefit, whichever comes first. You will need to negotiate the amount to be repaid with Work and Income. The minimum amount you must repay is \$4.00 a week unless you have exceptional circumstances.

### How to apply

You'll need to make an appointment with your case manager after 1 February 2010 to apply and you should bring proof of the costs you are applying for.

#### For more information

Please call us on 0800 559 009 to arrange an appointment. For more information about assistance visit our website at [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz)