



Resources for students experiencing (or at risk of experiencing) homelessness

Census data shows that roughly 10% of people experiencing homelessness in Australia are university or TAFE students. If you don't have a place to live, are worried about losing your home, or you know someone at risk of homelessness, you can get help straight away by calling **1800 825 955** (free call, 24 hours).

Emergency accommodation and support

[Infoxchange](#) is Australia's most extensive electronic health, welfare and community services directory. Use it to find the services you need right now, nearby.

Depending on your circumstances, location and availability, you may be eligible to access short-term emergency accommodation on campus. For information, please click [here](#).

[Youth Central](#) also has information about off-campus emergency accommodation.

Longer-term accommodation, bond loan assistance and utility relief

To search student-friendly off-campus living options, access rental resources and calculate your living costs, check out the [off-campus accommodation database](#).

[Housing.vic.gov.au](#) has information and resources that may assist you in finding housing or staying in your current home. It also has information about applying for public or community housing.

If you want to rent privately in Victoria and can't afford to pay the bond, you may be able to borrow the money interest-free. Click [here](#) for more info.

[Relief grants](#) for paying overdue energy or water bills are available to low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship. For information about the full range of concessions you may be eligible for, please visit the [concessions & benefits website](#).

Centrelink advance payment and student start-up loan

You may be eligible to receive part of your income support early. Find out more [here](#).

If you're claiming Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance, you can apply for the [Student Start-up Loan](#) during your claim. This is a voluntary loan you can get up to twice a year if you're an eligible higher education student.

Uni-based financial support

La Trobe University recognises the significant impact homelessness can have on students, and has a range of support options to assist, including:

- [Student financial support](#) (including emergency aid)
- [Support for low income and disadvantaged students](#) (including a range of available bursaries)
- [Scholarships](#)
- Financial counselling ([Bundoora, Shepparton and Mildura](#)) ([Bendigo & Albury-Wodonga](#))

You can also access free, professional support through the [National Debt Helpline](#) (1800 007 007).