

Education Support Services

The Lifetime Support Authority (LSA) will pay for 'necessary and reasonable' injury related educational support for participants of the Lifetime Support Scheme.

The LSA respects the role of parents acting on behalf of children and will engage children/young people in the planning of their education support where possible and/or appropriate.

What is educational support?

Education and training support services aim to minimise the impact of the motor vehicle injury on you, or your child's, education, taking into account where you, or they, were before the accident. The LSA may support commencement at, or return to, appropriate educational settings within preschool, childcare, primary school, secondary school, special schools and higher education.

What education support services does the LSA pay for?

The LSA can pay for approved education support services that can't be met by resources available through your, or your child's, school, TAFE or university. The services must be for learning needs that are a result of the motor accident injury, and may include:

- social support
- tutorial support required as part of your, or your child's, learning plan
- a school support officer or teacher's assistant (in school)
- teacher training so they can modify programs to meet you, or your child's, learning needs
- support with transitions such as starting school or tertiary studies (including TAFE)

- transport assistance
- equipment
- specialist support such as therapists, special education consultants or other professionals
- additional education and training care and support for missed learning due to absence from education services as a result of the motor vehicle injury.

The LSA will pay for all 'necessary and reasonable' services needed to implement your, or your child's, learning program. For details see *Information Sheet P4: What is Necessary and Reasonable Treatment Care and Support?*

What doesn't the LSA pay for?

The educational facility – such as a school, TAFE or university – must fulfil its obligation to meet the needs of students with disabilities. If additional support services are needed, it must:

- give you an individualised learning plan
- ensure the service provided to you is delivered according to the LSA's approval.

The LSA cannot pay for:

- services the educational facility is obliged to provide to students
- school, childcare, TAFE or university fees
- fees for excursions or school camps
- stationery and uniforms.

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How do I ask for educational support services?

If you want to access an educational support service, speak with your Service Planner who will engage the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) in a joint case management approach with you.

How long will the LSA pay for my educational support services?

The LSA will pay for additional education and training support as long as you or your child have injury related learning support needs that can't be met by the relevant funding program.

Access is expected to be more frequent (for example, once per term) when you or your child first return to study and when there are rapid changes in learning needs and goals. Your educational facility will regularly review your, or your child's, education and study support needs to make sure they are being met the best way possible.

Who should I talk to for ongoing help?

Your Service Planner will work with you, DECD and your educational facility to determine what your, or your child's, learning goals and needs are, and how best to meet them.

For more information contact the Lifetime Support Authority.