



## Transition to Independent Living Allowance

Helping young people from out-of-home care to independence



# What can TILA be used for

The Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA) can be used on a variety of different goods and services to assist you moving from life in formal care to independent living.

## What TILA can be used for

### Housing

- Support to connect to utilities such as electricity and gas
- Moving costs
- Payment of rental bonds
- Pre-payment of rent

### Essential household items

- Includes new or pre-loved household furniture and appliances such as lounges, TV, fridges, washing machines, microwaves or electrical items
- Portable air conditioner or heater that is not installed in your accommodation

### Life skill programs

- Financial or budgeting courses
- Cooking and nutritional courses
- Home maintenance courses

### Employment and education

- Purchase of books and computer/laptop
- Enrolment fees for education courses
- Internet connection
- Clothing for work or a work interview
- Transport to attend studies or employment

### Transport Your own wheels

- Purchase or part-payment of a car, motorbike or bicycle
- Driving lessons
- Car or motorbike registration and insurance
- Car or motorbike repairs

### Public transport

- Purchase of bus, ferry, train or tram passes
- Taxi fares to attend studies or employment

### Counselling

- Counselling costs to address issues identified in your transition from care plan i.e. Mental health counselling, physical or nutritional health

### Other items

- Other items not on this list will be considered on a case by case basis

# What TILA cannot be used for

There are some goods and services that TILA cannot be used for. Some of these include:

<b>Reimbursement of previous purchases or costs</b>	<b>Crisis assistance</b>	<b>Rent to buy</b>	<b>Overseas travel</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Cannot be used to reimburse the purchases or costs of items that were paid for <b>before</b> TILA was applied for such as moving and utility costs, or electrical equipment such as a laptop or mobile phone</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Cannot be used to pay overdue bills or speeding, parking or other fines</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Cannot be used on rent to buy schemes for furniture or whitegoods</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Cannot be used for overseas travel</li></ul>
<b>TV subscription or Electronic games</b>	<b>Fixed housing items</b>	<b>Cash</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Cannot be used to purchase or hire games consoles such as NintendoWii or Microsoft Xbox or subscriptions to paid TV services</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Cannot be used to purchase items that are not portable and installed into a premise that is not owned by you, such as a fixed air conditioner or heater, garden shed or a permanent garden</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Cannot be paid as a cash payment to you or transferred to your bank account</li></ul>	