DRAFT CENTRELINK INFORMATION:

Studying at TAFE

This information applies to students undertaking a course in Vocational Education and Training (for example, a Certificate level course) or another TAFE course. If you are undertaking your secondary studies through a TAFE see the information about secondary studies above.

TAFEs in each State and Territory structure their courses differently, so the number of hours of formal study (for example, time spent in classes and seminars) varies slightly. As a general rule, to complete a course at a TAFE in Queensland within the normal time for a full-time student requires at least 11.5 hours of classes each week. This is different in other States and Territories. For example:

- In Western Australia, this normally requires 11.05 hours of classes each week.
- In Victoria and the Northern Territory, this normally requires at least 11 hours of classes each week.
- In Tasmania, this normally requires at least 12 hours of classes each week.
- In South Australia, this normally requires at least 10.5 hours of classes each week.
- In New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, this normally requires at least 16 hours of classes each week.

The specific requirements for your course might be different and we will assess what the full-time study load for your course is when you claim Youth Allowance. If you're unsure what a full-time study load for your course is you can call us. If you reduce the number of hours you study each week or you decide not to continue in your course, avoid a debt by letting us know as soon as possible (within 14 days).