

Geographical Isolation Package

Geographical Isolation Enrolment Eligibility and Criteria



Alice Springs School of the Air provides distance education services to Preschool to Year 9 under several enrolment categories. Prospective students must meet the enrolment criteria for the distance education school enrolment categories. This document provides the guidelines and criteria required for enrolment under the Geographical Isolation category.

Enrolment at ASSOA requires the student to learn from their family home under the supervision of a home tutor or a supervising adult. This may be a parent/carer or a home tutor employed by the family (often called a 'govie'). Distance education is distinctly different to home education. Students are expected to participate in online classes. Where this is not possible alternative arrangements needs to be discussed with the Principal.

Eligibility

To be enrolled under the Geographical Isolation category one of the following criteria must be met:

- The distance education centre must be the closest to the primary family home or the business centre the family uses.
- The distance between the principal family home and the nearest appropriate government school is at least 56km via the shortest practicable route.
- The distance between the principal family home and the nearest transport to an appropriate government school is at least 4.5km and the distance to the school is at least 16km via the shortest practicable route.
- There is no reasonable access to an appropriate government school for at least 20 days of the school year because of adverse travel conditions (e.g. impassable roads) or other circumstances beyond the family's control.

Enrolment Period

Enrolment at ASSOA is for a minimum duration of one semester.

Supervision

Students enrolled at Alice Springs School of the Air require supervision by a home tutor or supervising adult who are required to perform a range of duties including:

- facilitating communication between the student and teachers
- ensuring age-appropriate adult supervision of the student
- engaging with material provided by ASSOA both in a written and verbal format
- ensuring that the student has access to a telephone, computer, reliable internet connection and suitable work area
- supporting the student to engage and participate in the learning program
- ensuring the student submits work in accordance with the prescribed or negotiated submission timetable

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Engagement

Students enrolled at ASSOA are required to engage in their learning to the best of their ability at all times. Daily engagement and participation in online lessons and regular contact with teachers and submission of work as per timetables is also required.

Learning

Students will learn all subjects of the Australian Curriculum, participating in daily online lessons with regular submission of work.

Pre-Enrolment interview

Once the required documentation has been submitted, and evidence that the eligibility criteria have been met, an enrolment interview will be arranged with the Principal.

Documentation Checklist

- Proof of NT residence
 - copy of parent/carer's driver's licence OR
 - an official document listing current NT address
- Student's most recent academic report