Employment Related Accommodation

Creating opportunities through housing

If you’re an Aboriginal person wanting to take up work, training or study in a regional centre where there are more opportunities, the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) can help you get established with affordable accommodation.

The Employment Related Accommodation (ERA) program aims to assist you for the duration of your education or training, or while you become established in new employment.

How does the program work?

If you have a family connection to a remote area you can apply for rental accommodation in one of 17 regional areas around NSW.

ERA accommodation is similar to student accommodation at universities and TAFE.

If you’re a single person taking up this option you will move into a fully furnished share-accommodation house.

If you have a family and you take up the opportunity to work or study in a regional centre, you can take your immediate family with you. Your family has the option of unfurnished accommodation to allow you to relocate and bring your own belongings with you.

If your application is successful you will sign a standard lease agreement that outlines rents and responsibilities.

Utilities and general maintenance are included in the rent.

Where are ERA homes located?

- Albury
- Armidale
- Bathurst
- Broken Hill
- Dubbo
- Goulburn
- Griffith
- Lismore
- Maitland
- Newcastle
- Nowra
- Orange
- Queanbeyan
- Tamworth
- Wagga Wagga
- Wollongong

How to apply for ERA?

To apply for ERA you must:

- be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person over 18 years of age
- come from, or have a connection to, a community or area classified as remote under the Accessibility and Remoteness Index Australia
- prove your enrolment in an education or training course at an approved institution such as a university or TAFE or
- show that the potential employer offers long-term opportunities.

To find out more call 02 8836 9444 or email era_aho@facs.nsw.gov.au

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