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Program Overview

The Australian Government is providing \$6 million under the **REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate Program (the Program)** to eligible schools and home educators to subsidise costs for students in Years 4 to 12 across Australia to travel to and participate in eligible curriculum-related learning experiences within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and World Heritage Area (the Reef). The Program will run from **21 July 2026 to 30 June 2028**.

Australian schools and home educators can apply for the rebate on behalf of their students for participation in eligible reef education experiences that relate to the Australian Curriculum and are delivered by approved High Standard Tourism Operators (HSTOs). You can find a list of approved HSTOs here: [REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate Program](#)

The intended outcomes of the Program are:

- increased student visitation to the Reef, smoothing seasonality and supporting local tourism operators and businesses
- increased awareness of and education about the Reef and the importance of sustainable tourism
- increased participation in activities which contribute to the long-term sustainability of the Reef.

Further Information:

Further information on the program, including grant guidelines can be found at [REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate Program](#)

If you have any questions about the application process or eligibility, please contact the team at tourism.grants@austrade.gov.au.

What you will need to apply:

- The excursion itinerary, including an approved curriculum-related Reef activity, should be submitted on the school's letterhead (or itinerary provided by a travel intermediary), clearly indicating:
 - confirmed dates for the excursion and eligible Reef activity
 - school's details (i.e. address, ABN number, contact number and email)
 - the proposed number of students participating in the excursion and their year levels
- Home educators will also need to attach their current home school registration certificate (Notice of Registration)
- Number of teachers/supervisors attending the excursion
- Evidence of engagement of an approved HSTO to deliver the eligible Reef activity
- Departure point for the eligible Reef activity
- Receipts for any deposits or payments that have been made for the excursion
- Total and per student cost of the excursion
- Applicant bank account details.

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Introduction

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Is this the first time your school has undertaken an excursion to the Great Barrier Reef? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How did you hear about this grant opportunity? *

- ☐ Austrade website
- ☐ Industry newsletter
- ☐ GrantConnect
- ☐ Word of Mouth
- ☐ Other:

Please specify the newsletter *

Has this program influenced your decision to go to the Great Barrier Reef? *

- ☐ Yes, as a totally new excursion
- ☐ Yes, it meant we adjusted our itinerary and/or destination to be eligible for the rebate.
- ☐ No, it has not influenced the decision, we were going anyway.

Applicant Type

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Schools or home educators can apply if they are an Australian Government (public) or non-government (private, independent, Catholic) school as defined under the Australian Education Act 2013 or a home educator registered with the relevant State or Territory authorities.

Home Schools - Please select 'Individual'

Schools - Please select 'Organisation'. The Organisation name should be listed as the **legal entity name**.

Applicant *

- ☐ Individual
 - ☐ Organisation
- Organisation Name

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Title First Name Last Name

Please provide the details of the individual who is authorised to act on behalf of the school or home school.

School Details

School Name *

What is your ACARA ID?

Must be a number.

If unknown this can be found by using the map on the ["Calculate your Rebate"](#) webpage.

School Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

Authorised Contact Position *

Authorised Contact Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Authorised Contact Direct Email *

Must be an email address.

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	

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Tax Concessions

Main Business Location

Must be an ABN.

School Physical Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

School Email *

Must be an email address.

School Website *

Must be a URL.

Home School Educators

Home School Contact

Title First Name Last Name

Please provide your Home School teaching location *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Home School Email *

Must be an email address.

Home School Contact Mobile Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Please upload your current home school registration certificate (Notice of Registration).

IMPORTANT: Please redact children's personal information e.g. name and date of birth before uploading this document.

Home School Registration Certificate *

Attach a file:

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Bank Account Details

The account must be registered to the school/home educator to receive payments. The Account Name must include the name of the school/home educator.

Applicant Primary Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Eligibility

* indicates a required field

Reef Guardian Schools Program

To be eligible for **REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate** your school must register with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's [Reef Guardian School](#) program. Registration is free, quick (confirmed in 2-3 days) and gives access to curriculum-related resources. Your school will appear on the [Reef Guardian Schools map](#) after registration.

Have you registered with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's Reef Guardian Schools program? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please register for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's Reef Guardian Schools program

You are not eligible for the **REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate Program** unless you are registered for the **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's Reef Guardian Schools program**. Please register [here](#).

Students who have previously received funding

Students may not receive funding under this Program as well as the [QLD Government's Great Barrier Reef Education Experience](#) (GBREE) Program for the same excursion during the 2026-27 and/or 2027-28 financial years.

Students may only receive REEF: Kids for the Reef funding for the same excursion once. Students who have previously received REEF funding must not be included in your application.

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Have any of the students attending this excursion previously received funding under either of the above programs? *

- ☐ Yes, Great Barrier Reef Education Experience Program during the 2026-27 and/or 2027-28 financial years
- ☐ Yes, REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate
- ☐ Yes, both
- ☐ No

Students previously funded

Please do not include any students who have already received funding from either program within this application for **REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate**.

School Excursion Details

* indicates a required field

Excursion Dates

Departure date of the excursion? *	Date of eligible activity? *	Return date of the excursion? *
Must be a date. Excursion is the entire duration of the trip, from when students leave their homes/school and return, including all transport and overnight stays.	Must be a date. Eligible activity is the portion of the excursion that takes place on the reef with a High Standard Tourism Operator. Refer to Section 5.1 of the grant guidelines for eligible activities.	Must be a date and no later than 11/6/2028. Excursion is the entire duration of the trip.

Excursion Site and Activities

Eligible schools and home educators must submit an itinerary that includes at least one overnight stay and a curriculum-related reef educational activity booked with an approved High Standard Tourism Operator (HSTO) listed on the [Austrade website](#).

Enter the address of the eligible Reef activity departure point. *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

This can be located on the [Kids for the Reef approved operators list](#) please refer to the activity departure point column.

Describe the eligible Reef activity that the students will be participating in and how this links to the curriculum: *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Refer to Section 5.1 of the grant guidelines for eligible activities.

High Standard Tourism Operator (HSTO) Details

Name of the HSTO you have booked your eligible activity through? *

A list of pre-approved HSTOs under this Program can be found on the Austrade website.

Please upload confirmation email or details of booking with the approved HSTO *

Attach a file:

Excursion Itinerary

The excursion itinerary, including an approved curriculum-related Reef activity, should be submitted on the school's letterhead (or itinerary provided by a travel intermediary), clearly indicating:

- confirmed dates for the excursion and eligible activity
- school's details (i.e. address, ABN number, contact number and email)
- the proposed number of students participating in the excursion and their year levels
- the total and per student cost for the excursion.

Please upload a copy of the full excursion itinerary *

Attach a file:

Excursion Costs

Costs

What is the per student cost of the excursion? *

Must be a dollar amount.

This should be the average per student cost

What is the total cost of the excursion? *

Must be a dollar amount.

File Uploads

Please upload evidence (invoices/quotes) of excursion costs *

Attach a file:

Please upload receipts for any deposit/s paid

Attach a file:

If applicable.

Students previously funded

As you have previously indicated you have students taking part within this excursion that have previously been funded by either the **GBREE** program or have previously received funding from this **REEF: Kids for the Reef School Excursion Rebate** program please do not include them within the table below.

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Excursion Numbers

Enter the number of students attending the excursion by their school year. Use a new line for separate school years.

The table will be used to calculate the total number of attendees on the excursion.

An extra \$50 per student is available for each First Nations student that schools take on an educational trip to the Great Barrier Reef. This funding must be allocated directly to those students.

Costs related to teachers and other adults accompanying the school excursion are ineligible for funding under this Program. These must be covered by the school or home educator.

If you require a larger view, click the "maximise" button.

If you require additional rows, click the "add more" button.

This table should not include distance education students.

Year level of students	Total number of students by year level	Number of First Nations students by year level	Number of teachers and/or accompanying adults attending by year level
	Including First Nations Students Must be a number.	Must be a number.	Must be a number.

Distance Education Students

Are there any Distance Education Students included as part of your school excursion group? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

The grant calculation for these students will be considered on a case-by-case basis, using the provided zoning and additional loading criteria.

As you have answered YES to distance education students please provide:

Number of Distance Education Students	Number of First Nations students	Distance Education School's name	Location where students participate in learning
Including First Nations Students Must be a number.	Must be a number.		Must be an address Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

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Total Excursion Numbers

These values are calculated from the figures inserted above.

Total number of students attending the school excursion

This number/amount is calculated.

Number of students attending the school excursion, excluding Distance Education Students

This number/amount is calculated.

Number of First Nations students

This number/amount is calculated.

Number of teachers and/or accompanying adults

This number/amount is calculated.

Rebate Amount

Austrade will use the information you have provided above to calculate your rebate amount, this will be done in accordance with the Program Guidelines.

If you wish to calculate the rebate you may be eligible for, please visit the [Calculate Your Rebate webpage](#) and follow the instructions.

Declaration

* indicates a required field

Conflict of interest

An individual may have a conflict of interest if they have something to personally gain from this application being either successful or unsuccessful, or if members of the public could have grounds to perceive that the individual could personally gain from a decision.

Do you wish to declare a conflict of interest? This may be a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

For further information please consult grant guidelines section 12.2

Please provide insight into the perceived conflict of interest *

Word count:

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Declaration by authorised person: *

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- ☐ I declare that I am authorised by the applicant organisation to sign and submit this declaration and I make all statements on the applicant's behalf.
- ☐ I have declared any perceived or existing conflicts of interest.
- ☐ I declare that I have read and understood the grant guidelines.
- ☐ I understand a due diligence process may be undertaken involving background checks.
- ☐ I understand that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that the Commonwealth may during the application process consult with other agencies about the applicant's claims and may also enlist external technical or financial advisers to advise on information provided in the application.
- ☐ I provide consent for Austrade to share the details of this application with industry associations, Commonwealth, state, and local government bodies for the purposes of assessment, administration, research, or service delivery and conducting analysis of the program.
- ☐ I understand and accept the applicant must enter into a funding agreement with the Commonwealth before financial assistance is provided.
- ☐ I understand and accept that if the application is approved for funding, the grant title, the name of the recipient, grant location and summary, the total funding offered and the grant period will be published on public record on the Grant Connect website.
- ☐ I understand that at the conclusion of the grant period Austrade will request evidence to confirm grant funds have been spent on eligible activities.
- ☐ I understand that any personal information collected during the application process or grant program, will be handled in accordance with Austrade's Privacy Policy, may be transferred overseas and that Austrade's privacy team can be contacted at privacy@austrade.gov.au.
- ☐ I understand the Commonwealth will act decisively on any instance of fraud or deliberate non-compliance with the program guidelines.
- ☐ I declare that the information contained in this application together with any oral statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete in all material particulars.
- ☐ I understand that the provision of false or misleading information or the making of a false or misleading statement to the Commonwealth in an application is a serious offence and that inaccurate or missing information may impact Austrade's ability to assess the application.

At least 13 choices must be selected.

School Specific Declarations

Declaration by authorised person *

- ☐ I declare that the applicant organisation is not included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'.
- ☐ I declare that the applicant organisation is not insolvent.

At least 2 choices must be selected.

Individual making this declaration *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Declaration Date *

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Must be a date.

- You will not be able to submit your application until all of the mandatory questions (marked*) are completed.
- Pressing the **submit** button lodges your application. Please ensure you **review** your application before submitting. Changes cannot be made to your application following lodgement.
- When the application has been successfully submitted a **return email receipt will be sent**.
- An application is not considered to have been received by Austrade until the submitter has received an **email receipt**.
- If you do not receive an **email receipt** and you have submitted your application, please contact Austrade on the contact details below within three business days.
- The email receipt does not provide any assurance of funding.

Contact Details

For further information on the grants program please contact Austrade by email at tourism.grants@austrade.gov.au or by phone on 13 28 78.