



# Dependant Child Definition

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## OVERVIEW

**This document explains how the Taskforce will assess dependant child status when assessing a Relocation Assistance Grant application from an affected property owner occupier or tenant.**

## ELIGIBILITY

- Dependant child status will be assessed at the eligibility date (Eligibility Date).
- For properties identified as affected after the announcement of the Loose Fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme on 28 October 2014, the Eligibility Date is the date on which the property was added to the Affected Residential Premises Register.
- For all other properties, the Eligibility Date is the earlier of:
  - 28 October 2014; or
  - the date an eligible homeowner/tenant permanently vacated an affected home as a result of the presence of loose fill asbestos, which cannot be a date before the 18 February 2014.
- A dependant child cannot also be an eligible homeowner or a tenant identified on a tenancy agreement for an affected home.
- A child will need to fit into one of the following categories to be considered dependant:
  - child is five years of age or under;
  - child is six to eighteen years of age and attending full time education or training;
  - child is over eighteen years of age and attending full time university or training
  - child is over eighteen years of age with disability and primary dependence on homeowner/tenant identified on tenancy agreement.
- In addition to satisfying one or more of the above categories the dependant child must be permanently residing in the affected home as at the Eligibility Date.
- For the purpose of these criteria permanently residing means having spent 50 percent or more of their time residing in the affected home.

### Example 1: Owner Occupier

If the dependant child resided in an affected home which is owner occupied, the child must have been the dependant child of one or more of the registered proprietors of the affected home. In addition the child must have resided permanently in the affected home for:

- i. at least 50 percent of the time the registered proprietor had ownership of the property; or
- ii. at least 50 percent of the time since their birth if the child was born subsequent to the property being owned by the applicant.

### Example 2: Tenant

If the dependant child resided in an affected home which is the subject of a tenancy agreement, the child must have been the dependant child of one or more of the tenants identified on the tenancy agreement of the affected home. In addition the child must have resided permanently in the affected home for:

- i. at least 50 percent of the term of the tenancy; or
- ii. at least 50 percent of the time since their birth if the child was born subsequent to the commencement of the term of occupation under the tenancy agreement.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Call Access Canberra on 13 22 81 and ask to speak with the Asbestos Response Taskforce, or email [asbestostaskforce@act.gov.au](mailto:asbestostaskforce@act.gov.au).

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