

Home Stretch

Home Stretch provides an accommodation allowance to put towards your housing costs. This money can also be used for other costs that support your transition goals. You can also get case work support from a Better Futures Development Coach, as well as financial assistance (known as flexible funding) to help you access things such as study, work, and health and wellbeing supports.

How does it work?

The Home Stretch accommodation allowance can help you stay with your carer, if that is the best option, or support you to live independently. If you live independently, the allowance will be managed on your behalf by your Better Futures provider who will work with you to support your living arrangements.

Who can access Home Stretch?

- If you are on a family reunification order, a care by secretary order, or a long-term care order, and leaving care from 16 years of age, you are eligible for Home Stretch support.
- If you are on a permanent care order and living with your carer immediately before your 18th birthday, you are eligible for Home Stretch support.

How do I get started?

- A referral to Home Stretch is completed by your case manager or Better Futures Development Coach.
- If you are on a permanent care order, Permanent Care and Adoptive Families (PCA Families) will refer you to a Better Futures provider.
- If you are an Aboriginal young person on a permanent care order, the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) will refer you to a Better Futures Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO).
- If you are on a permanent care order, your Better Futures Development Coach will arrange access to the Home Stretch program for you.



**“I get to have a voice.
I get to make the choices and
I get supported in doing so.”**

- Hayley (young person)