



LONG TAN BURSARY – EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY

This measure extends the eligibility criteria for the Long Tan Bursary to include grandchildren of Vietnam veterans.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Long Tan Bursary assists eligible children of Australian Vietnam Veterans, who served in the Vietnam War during the period of 31 July 1962 to 30 April 1975, to establish themselves in post-secondary education, by providing up to \$12,000 over three years.

Bursaries are awarded to those whose further education should, after obtaining a qualification, enable them to support themselves through gainful employment.

Expanding the eligibility criteria helps to ensure the Long Tan Bursary program will continue to provide assistance to the descendants of Vietnam veterans.

WHO WILL BENEFIT?

The measure will benefit grandchildren of Vietnam veterans, who will become eligible to apply for the Long Tan Bursary.

The children of Vietnam veterans will remain eligible and their applications for Long Tan Bursaries will be given first priority during the assessment process. This honours the original intent of the scheme.

DATE OF EFFECT

This measure will take effect on 1 August 2019.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

There are no financial impacts as the number and value of the bursaries offered will remain the same.

The program offers 37 bursaries per year. Recipients of the bursary receive a total of \$12,000 paid over three years.