

Financially Associated Person Test

What is a dependent child?

The Financially Associated Person Test differentiates between dependent and non-dependent children. The parent or parents of a dependent child will be considered a Financially Associated Person for the purposes of the Means Test.

The table below outlines the circumstances in which a child is considered dependent and has a Financially Associated Person.

Age	Full-time student?	Living at home?	Financially Associated Person
0-17	Yes	Yes	✓
		No	✓
	No	Yes	✓
		No	✗
18-24	Yes	Yes	✓
		No	✓
	No	Yes	✗
		No	✗
25 and over	Not considered dependent under the FAP test regardless of circumstances		✗

See also: <https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/for-lawyers/policyonline/policies/7.-means-test>