



Work Experience in Government Program (WEX) Student Application Form

About the Program

The Work Experience in Government (WEX) program aims to provide high performing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 with hands on experience and information about job opportunities and career pathways in the Australian Government, and includes cultural mentoring and leadership guidance for participants.

In 2017 WEX activities may include:

- Meeting senior government Ministers and parliamentarians.
- Visits to the Department of Defence and the Australian Federal Police headquarters.
- Visits to national institutions such as Questacon, the Australian War Memorial, and the Australian Institute of Sport.
- A tour of Parliament House.
- A careers expo, where students can talk to representatives from a range of government agencies.
- A workshop on applying for jobs in the Australian Public Service.

The 2017 program will run from 27 to 31 March in Canberra.



How to Apply

AIEF is seeking highly motivated students with career aspirations in government to apply for a limited number of places in WEX.

To participate in WEX you need to be:

- Of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Enrolled in Year 11 or Year 12.
- Positively engaged and achieving well academically at school.
- Interested in a career in the public sector.
- Supported by your school in attending the program, if you are selected to participate.
- Able to fully participate in the program and interact with other students.
- Emotionally resilient and ready to travel and be away from home for up to five days.
- Prepared – and able to – travel to and from the event without supervision.

Please complete all sections of this form and email a scanned copy to wex@aief.com.au by 10 February 2017.

Student Application

A: Your details

Full name			
Year:	11 <input type="checkbox"/>	12 <input type="checkbox"/>	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of birth DD/MM/YYYY			

B: School details

School name	
Address	
State	Postcode
Phone	Email
School contact name	
Position	
Role at school	
Mobile	Email

C: Parent/caregiver details

Full name	
Address	
State	Postcode
Mobile	Email

You might like to visit these websites before answering the following questions:

Your APS Career: <https://www.apsjobs.gov.au/index.aspx>

Information about career pathways in the Australian Public Service.

My Future: <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/>

A website designed to help you link your interests to career pathways and work out the steps you need to take to pursue different careers.

What are your favourite subjects?

What interests you? Do you have any hobbies?

Describe the issues and challenges facing the nation that interest you the most.

What marks did you get in your 2016 school report?

What skills would you like to develop?

What do you want to do when you finish high school? What are your career goals?

Why are you interested in working in the public sector?

Are you interested in working in any specific areas of government? (e.g. defence, health, agriculture, Indigenous affairs, immigration)

How will the WEX Program help you achieve your career goals?

Do you have any questions that you would like to ask a Senator or Member of Parliament?

Consent

I have read the information above and agree to the conditions that will apply if I am selected to participate in the 2017 Work Experience in Government Program (WEX).

I consent to AIEF:

- *Collecting and using the information on this form to administer the program.*
- *Disclosing and/or publishing information about my involvement in the program, including photos, for the purpose of reporting on my involvement and the wider AIEF Pathways Program. This includes the use of information and photos by AIEF stakeholders with AIEF's consent.*

Signature (student) _____

Date _____

I have read the information above and I support this application.

Signature (parent) _____

Date _____

AIEF is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of students and their families. AIEF supports and is bound by the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012 and the Australian Privacy Principles, including relevant updates made in March 2014. A copy of the Australian Privacy Principles can be found at <http://www.privacy.gov.au/publications/npps01.html>.

Principal's endorsement

Please outline why you believe this student would benefit from taking part in the 2017 Work Experience in Government Program (WEX).

In my opinion this candidate is a highly motivated and engaged student with career aspirations in, and with the interest and aptitude to progress to a career in the public sector.

I hereby endorse this application and recommend this student to you.

Signature _____

Name _____ Date _____