

Management of Student Fees

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The Institute will publish all fee information to a public space to ensure that students are fully informed prior to enrolment.

The Institute will inform students if there is any change to the fee schedule or structure.

The Institute will inform students of the terms and conditions that apply when enrolling into a course of study.

1. PREPAID FEES

Prepaid fees include any payments made before, during or after the student enrolls, but before the relevant services have been provided. The Institute may collect up to \$1500 in prepaid fees from a student without needing to take any action to protect these fees.

The requirements that apply to prepaid fees include all fees that a student is required to pay, including enrolment fees, tuition fees, materials fees and any other fee component that is a mandatory payment for the course.

The Institute will ensure that the student management system does not allow learners to prepay more than the maximum amount of \$1500, prior to commencement. If a single tuition fee invoice is requested then the invoice will be generated on the course commencement date and not before, with payment due 14 days after the invoice has been sent.

2. FEE INFORMATION PRE-ENROLMENT

The Institute is committed to the application of sound financial management practices in the operation of its training and assessment services. The Institute's day-to-day financial management responsibilities are managed through RASA and under the direct supervision of the CEO, RASA. The Institute is solely responsible for publishing Tuition Fees for all training offered

and will notify Third Parties providing services on behalf of the Institute and students of the fees they must pay and when they are due.

2.1 Providing Fee Information to Students

The Institute will ensure that information is provided to each prospective student prior to enrolment on:

- all course fees payable to the RTO
- how and when the fees are to be paid
- how to request a refund
- conditions under which a refund would be provided
- any actions that may be taken by the Institute in the case of unpaid fees
- any additional fees that may be incurred post completion (e.g. reissue of a parchment or transcript)

The Institute will ensure that all current course fee information is published to its website prior to each intake period opening.

3. TUITION FEES

For all Nationally Recognised Qualifications the total fee payable by the student is determined by the RTO. The tuition fees are set out in the schedule of fees available on the Institute's website www.socialrelations.edu.au

3.1 Tuition Fee (Full Fee Paying – FFS (Fee for Service)):

The tuition fee covers all learning materials, required texts, content delivery, subscriptions and any other items needed by the student to participate in the course. This fee becomes payable on the census date for each unit of study.

3.2 Tuition Gap Fee (WorkReady Subsidised Training WRG or VET Student Loans VSL)

Students accessing training under either the WorkReady Subsidised Training scheme or VET Student Loans scheme may be required to pay a tuition gap fee.

For WorkReady participants the tuition gap fee is determined by any difference between the full tuition fee of the qualification, and the subsidy receivable.

Under VET Student Loans a tuition gap fee may exist if the amount covered by a student loan (loan cap) does not cover the total cost of the tuition fees for a qualification.

The tuition gap fee is evenly distributed across each of the units of study contained within the qualification and are invoiced to the student once the census date for each unit of study has passed.

4. FEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 Payment of Fees

All non-accredited course fees are payable as part of the registration process through a secure online payment gateway in a single transaction.

All Nationally recognised course fees will be issued to the student (or their sponsor) by invoice. Invoices are payable online via the secure payment gateway through each student's individual student portal, by Electronic Funds Transfer, or by phone or in person during business hours.

Payment terms for an invoice are 14 days from date of issue. Payments must be received within the payment terms for the student to progress in the course and all fees must be paid in full before completion of the course of study.

4.2 Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning

In the case where credit transfer applies, the Institute will reduce the tuition fee by providing a credit note for the total amount of the units identified as eligible.

For applications which include a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) request, the RPL fee is set out in the schedule of fees available on the Institute's website. The reduced fee incorporates any assessment which may be required to meet the requirements of each unit within.

There are additional rules that apply to students accessing VSL in regards to RPL. Please refer to www.studyassist.gov.au for details.

4.3 Cancellations

Where a course is cancelled by the Institute, all fees paid prior will be returned in full.

4.4 Withdrawals, Deferrals and Transfers

Students withdrawing from a non-accredited course will have their registration fee refunded less 20% of the total fee to cover administrative costs incurred by the Institute.

Students withdrawing from a unit of study that is part of a Nationally Recognised Qualification after census date, are not eligible for a refund. Students are liable for the full cost of the unit of study as outlined in the schedule of fees. A student cannot get a refund for a unit of study that the student has passed.

In exceptional unforeseen personal circumstances, an application can be made for a review of the student's payment schedule or refund of fees. Any decision in relation to an application for review of a student's payment schedule or refund of fees is solely at the discretion of the Institute.

Students who wish to re-enrol into a course after withdrawing will be treated as a new enrolment. Where eligible, the student can apply for recognition of prior learning.

Applications for deferral must be received before the census date. Students deferring from a unit of study after census date, are not eligible for a refund. Students are liable for the full cost of the unit of study in which they have engaged.

Students must return to their course of study within 24 months from the deferral date. Students who do not return within 24 months from their deferral application will be deemed to be withdrawn.

If changes to course content occur during the time that a student is deferred, students may be required to complete assessment tasks and activities as per the course content changes.

4.5 Vet Student Loan (VSL) students

There are additional rules that apply to students accessing VSL in regards to withdrawals, deferrals and refunds. Please refer to www.studyassist.gov.au for details.

4.6 Unpaid Fees and Course Progression

If a student is falling in arrears with their tuition payments and fails to communicate with the Institute, then the Institute will suspend assessment activity and suspend the student from attending/participating in future sessions either in class or online, until payments are up to date.

In exceptional unforeseen personal circumstances, an application can be made for a review of the student's outstanding debt. Any decision in relation to an application for review of a student's unpaid fees is solely at the discretion of the Institute.

If there are any unpaid fees upon completion of the course the Institute will not issue a parchment or transcript of results to that student until full payment is received.

4.7 Reissue of Parchment, Statement of Attainment or Transcript of Results

Students requesting a copy of their parchment, statement of attainment or transcript of results will be liable for a \$50.00 re-issue fee. This certificate will be marked as a copy of the original.