

FEES GLOSSARY



Census Date

The date when your enrolment in a course becomes final. This means the course will appear on your transcript and you are liable to pay fees. [Census dates](#) are listed on the University website.

CHESSN

The **Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number** (CHESSN) is a unique 10 digit number provided by the Australian government to all students who are in receipt of a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP), or a HELP loan (HECS, FEE, SA or OS). It is an individual identifier used by all higher education providers, which allows students to access their records via [MyHELPBalance](#).

You should only have one CHESSN for the duration of your studies, even if you change your provider or name.

CSP

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a University or higher education provider where the government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. This subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, called the "student contribution amount".

Commonwealth Supported Student

Most commencing domestic undergraduate students are offered a Commonwealth Supported place (CSP). This means your course fees are subsidised by the Australian government and you pay the remainder as a "student contribution". To be eligible for a CSP currently, you need to:

- Be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or the holder of a permanent visa:
- Meet the relevant citizenship and residency requirements
- If postgraduate, be entering a program where CSP places are available

Eligibility criteria and legislation can change. See the [Study Assist](#) website for details.

Course

A unit of study or subject. For example, CHEM1010 – Introductory Chemistry 1 is a first year chemistry course. Most courses count as 10 units toward your program.

Domestic Student

You are a domestic student if you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen (including dual citizens), an Australian Permanent Resident or a holder of a Permanent Australian Humanitarian visa.

eCAF

The electronic Commonwealth Assistance Form (eCAF) is an Australian government form that is required to be completed by eligible students wishing to use HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or SA-HELP for the payment of their fees. An eCAF is mandatory for all domestic students entering a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) enrolment in any degree.

eCAN

The electronic Commonwealth Assistance Notice (eCAN) is a document the University provides to students within 28 days of the census date in all terms of enrolment. The document outlines important information about your enrolment, including any HELP debt incurred and student contributions paid for that term.

Fees

An amount of money you are required to pay for tuition and/or the student services and amenities fee (SSAF) charge. Tuition fees are based on your residency status and the courses or units of study you are enrolled in. All course fees are in Australian dollars.

Fees (Domestic Students)

Course fees cover the cost of teaching and of student support services. Fees are calculated based on the courses a student takes to complete their program (degree). All fees are provided in Australian dollars (AUD).

Fees (International Students)

Course fees cover the cost of teaching and the cost of student support services. The quoted fee is reviewed on a yearly basis. Prospective students should be aware that their fees may increase each year and that they are liable for these fees upon acceptance of their offer.

Each student is advised of their indicative fee schedule in their offer of admission to the University. The indicative annual tuition fee quoted is based on the standard full-time enrolment load of 80 units per year (or 40 units for a Graduate Certificate) and is current at the time of the offer. All fees listed are in Australian dollars (AUD\$) and must be paid in Australian dollars.

FEE-HELP

A Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) that is available to eligible domestic full fee paying students to cover all or part of their tuition fees. A FEE-HELP loan does not cover costs like accommodation, laptops or text books.

Financial Liability

Your financial responsibility for tuition fees or student contributions. This includes when you defer payment using a HELP loan.

HECS-HELP

HECS-HELP is a scheme that assists eligible Commonwealth Supported students (CSP's) to pay their student contribution amount with a loan. A HECS-HELP loan does not cover costs like accommodation, laptops or text books.

Indicative Program Fee

Is an estimated fee based on the course fees current at the time of quoting. Indicative program fees are calculated on a standard course enrolment. Course (subject) fees are reviewed annually and changes will affect the total program fee originally quoted.

International Student

You are an International student if you are not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or holder of a Permanent Australian Humanitarian visa. To study at a University in Australia, international students need to hold an appropriate visa.

Invoice

Shortly after you enrol in your courses each term, an invoice will be issued to you. The invoice will outline the fees for your enrolled units of study, and the due date for payment. If you change your enrolment, a new invoice will issue.

Negative Service Indicator (NSI)

If you are indebted to the University a negative service indicator (NSI) will be placed on your student record. The NSI will block some access and privileges until the debt has been paid in full. You will not be able to enrol, re-enrol, obtain a transcript, view your exam results or graduate. Once you pay the outstanding debt the NSI is removed.

Non-Award Enrolment

This is enrolment in undergraduate or postgraduate courses outside of an award or degree. The course fees for this enrolment are charged at the appropriate full fee paying rate. It is not possible to defer non-award course fees to HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP, so payment must be made upfront by the due date on the invoice.

OS-HELP

OS-HELP is a loan for students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported place (CSP) who want to study some of their course overseas. If you get OS-HELP, we will pay the loan amount directly to you. You can use it to pay for airfares, accommodation or other travel costs associated with your overseas study experience. You can get two OS-HELP loans over your lifetime, but they can't be within the same six month period. More details can be found here: [OS HELP Loan](#)

Payment Plans

If you are on a student visa and experiencing genuine and unexpected financial hardship, you may be eligible for a payment plan, which would allow you to pay the balance of your fees in two or three instalments. Payment plans are provided as a short term solution to students in temporary financial hardship. Eligibility criteria applies. More details can be found here: [Payment Plans](#)

Program

This refers to the degree in which you are enrolled. For example, Bachelor of Science is a program.

SA-HELP

SA-HELP is a loan that helps students pay for all or part of their Student Services and Amenities fee (SSAF). It's available to Australian citizens and permanent humanitarian visa holders (resident in Australia).

Semester

A semester, also referred to as a "term", is a teaching period of 12-13 weeks. There are two semesters per year.

SSAF

The Student Services and Amenities Fee. Every student is required to pay the fee that goes towards funding non-academic campus services and amenities. The amount varies, depending on the number of enrolled courses and the mode of study. More detailed information is available here: [Student Services Amenities Fee](#)

Trimester

A trimester, also referred to as a "term" is a teaching period of 12 weeks. There are three trimesters per year.

Tuition Costs

The cost of delivering courses to students. Students in Commonwealth supported places pay part of their tuition costs (their "student contribution"). Students in fee-paying places pay all of their tuition costs.