

Policy Redesign Project

All policies and procedures are being reviewed as part of this project. This document is pending review, but remains in effect until the review is carried out.

Continuity of Study Policy

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Nature of Amendment: Added definition and new s.3.1.3 on Low Completion Rate requirements

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Responsible Officer: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students)

1. Preamble

Fees for domestic students must be established in accordance with relevant legislation and guidelines issued by the Commonwealth.

2. Definitions

2.1 **Domestic students** are Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens.

2.2 The **Research Training Program (RTP) entitlement** is the length of time in equivalent full-time student load a higher degree by research student receives funding under the Commonwealth's Research Training Program.

2.3 A **Low Completion Rate (LCR)** is when a student has a fail rate of more than 50 per cent of the units of study they have attempted, after they have attempted eight or more units of study in a bachelor level or higher course (or four or more units in a higher education course lower than a bachelor course). Students who commence study from 1 January 2022 and who receive Commonwealth Government assistance (i.e. enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place or have a HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP loan) are subject to the Low Completion Rate (LCR) requirements set out in the *Higher Education Support Act (2003)* (HESA) – see [Study Assist – Low completion rate](#).

3. Policy

3.1 Tuition fees may be charged for the following categories of students to enable such students to continue in their course of study:

3.1.1 International students who are granted permanent resident visas during their course of study

Where a Commonwealth supported place is available the full student contribution amount will apply. In the event that there is no Commonwealth supported place, students will:

- (a) in the case of undergraduate courses, be charged a tuition fee not less than the full student contribution amount but not more than the tuition fees applying to international students. Such a fee is to be approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students) on the recommendation of the relevant College Vice-President and Executive Dean;
- (b) in the case of postgraduate coursework courses, be charged the domestic student tuition fee;
- (c) in the case of a higher degree by research, be charged the RTP fee offset amount for domestic higher degree by research students who have exceeded their Research Training Program (RTP) entitlements. In this case, students will be charged a tuition fee in accordance with a schedule of fees approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

3.1.2 Domestic higher degree by research students who have exceeded their Research Training Program (RTP) entitlements will be charged the RTP fee offset amount

In this case, students will be charged a tuition fee in accordance with a schedule of fees approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

3.1.3 Commonwealth supported students subject to the HESA Low Completion Rate requirements who elect to continue as a full-fee paying student

In this case, students will be charged a tuition fee based on the applicable combined Commonwealth Government and student contribution amount.