

TAFE NSW STATEMENT OF VET TUITION ASSURANCE

In accordance with Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 and the VET Provider Guidelines, TAFE NSW (the First Provider) must comply with the VET Tuition Assurance requirements for Australian citizens or holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa who are enrolled in VET courses of study it offers.

VET Tuition Assurance requirements are in place to protect students in the event that TAFE NSW ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled.

Further information about the circumstances relating to 'ceasing to provide a VET course of study' can be found in Division 4 of the Higher Education Support (VET) Guideline 2015.

TAFE NSW meets the VET Tuition Assurance requirements through a VET course assurance deed of guarantee and a VET Tuition Fee repayment deed of guarantee from the NSW Government.

In the event that TAFE NSW ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled, the student is entitled to a choice of:

- an offer of enrolment in a similar VET course of study which comprises VET units of study that meet the requirements of subclause 45(1) of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 with another VET provider (the Second Provider) without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement units (the "VET course assurance option"); or
- a refund of their up-front VET payments for any VET unit of study that the student commences but does not complete because the TAFE NSW ceases to provide the VET course of study of which the unit forms part (an "Affected Unit") (and, if the student chooses this option, a corresponding re-crediting of any FEE-HELP balance relating to that Affected Unit) (the "VET tuition fee repayment option").

TAFE NSW has made Tuition Assurance arrangements for all VET courses of study offered by the TAFE Commission in accordance with the course requirements of clause 45 of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003.

A full list of the TAFE Commission's scope of registration may be viewed on the TAFE Commission webpage on the [National Register](#).

Activation of Tuition Assurance Arrangements

In the event TAFE NSW ceases to provide a VET course of study in which Australian citizens or Australian permanent humanitarian visa holders are enrolled, the NSW Government will send each eligible student enrolled in the VET course of study a Written VET Tuition Assurance Offer (the Offer) advising the student of the options available. The Offer will name the VET provider and similar course of study and include directions that the student must follow in order to notify the NSW Government of the choice they have made for each affected unit. The NSW Government will provide this Offer within twenty business days after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries that TAFE NSW has ceased to provide the VET course of study.

A student may choose either:

1. The VET Course Assurance Option

If a student chooses to enrol in a similar course offered by another VET Provider, the NSW Government makes all necessary arrangements on behalf of the student. This course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification without any requirement on the part of the student to pay the Second Provider any VET Tuition Fee for any replacement units.

A student will receive full credit from the Second Provider for any VET units of study successfully completed at TAFE NSW. The Second Provider nominated by the NSW Government may have different VET Tuition Fees for a VET unit of study the student would have paid with TAFE NSW.

A student is not obliged to enrol in a VET course of study with the Second Provider offered under the Course Assurance Option by the NSW Government. However, if the student enrolls with any other VET provider there is no obligation on that provider to offer the full amount of credit for the VET units of study completed with TAFE NSW or to offer any replacement units free of charge.

2. The VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option

If a student chooses the VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option, the NSW Government undertakes to pay the student the total of any amounts already paid by the student for any VET units of study that the student has not completed. Students selecting this option who have incurred a FEE-HELP debt for uncompleted VET units will get their FEE-HELP balance re-credited for those uncompleted units.

Transitional period for tuition assurance arrangements

This arrangement meets the requirement for tuition assurance under Section 58 of the VET Student Loans Act 2016 as it is:

- (a) of a kind covered by subsection 9(2) of the Higher Education Support (VET) Guideline 2015; and
- (b) that was operating for the purposes of Schedule 1A to the Higher Education Support Act 2003 immediately before this section commenced.

This transitional period for tuition assurance arrangements under the VET Student Loans Act 2016 will cease to have effect from 1 July 2017.

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