

Fee Alternatives for Domestic Postgraduate Coursework Students

If you are:

➡ an Australian or New Zealand citizen, ➡ a holder of a permanent resident visa

you may, depending on the course you are enrolled in, have a choice of what type of student fees you pay - domestic tuition fees or student contribution. These are quite different from each other and you are encouraged to investigate your options and to make an informed decision about which option suits you best. The student contribution amount that a Commonwealth supported student pays is less than the tuition fee for the same subject. However, if you are working and your study is related to your work, tuition fees may be tax deductible, whereas student contribution amounts are not.

COMPARISON OF FEE ALTERNATIVES

Tuition fee paying	VS	Commonwealth supported place
<p>You pay the full cost of study.</p>		<p>You pay part of the fees (student contribution) and the Government contributes the rest.</p>
<p>Example of cost per subject: Research Design: Theory & Application (NURSING) (3 credit point subject)* Upfront payment: \$2,850.00 Deferred payment: \$2,850.00</p> <p><small>*Please note: example based on 2021 domestic tuition fees. Costs per subject may vary, depending on credit points and subject discipline.</small></p>		<p>Example of cost per subject: Research Design: Theory & Application (NURSING) (3 credit point subject)* Upfront payment or Deferred payment of student contribution: \$493.00</p> <p><small>*Please note: example based on 2021 student contribution amounts. Costs per subject may vary, depending on credit points and student contribution band. Band information for subjects is available through Subject Search</small></p>
<p>Do I have to pay my fees up front? If you are an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen who meets certain criteria or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa admitted to an award course, and meet the residency requirements, you are eligible to defer payment of tuition fees through the Australian Tax Office (ATO). Other New Zealand citizens and holders of a non-humanitarian permanent visa have to pay the full amount upfront.</p> <p>Are there any tax benefits? Tax benefits may be available. Contact the Australian Tax Office on 13 28 61 or consult an independent tax accountant before making a decision about what type of fees to pay.</p>		<p>Can I be commonwealth supported in my course? Only if your course is listed here.</p> <p>Do I have to pay my fees upfront? If you are an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen who meets certain criteria or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa admitted to an award course, and meet the residency requirements, you are eligible to defer payment of student contributions through the Australian Tax Office (ATO). Other New Zealand citizens and holders of a non-humanitarian permanent visa have to pay the full amount upfront.</p> <p>Are there any tax benefits? No, student contributions are not a tax deductible expense. The Commonwealth is already contributing toward the cost of study for Commonwealth supported students.</p>

HOW DO I INDICATE MY CHOICE OF FEE LIABILITY?

Follow the instructions [here](#)

Further information

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Information on [Fees and Financial Support](#)

Relevant government publications:

[FEE-](#), [HECS-](#), and [SA-HELP](#) Information