

# Work Experience in Industry - WEI

*Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA)*



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WEI units are those which comprise totally of work:

- that is done as a part of, or in connection with, a course of study undertaken with a provider; and
  - the purpose of which is to obtain work experience relevant to the course of study; and
  - in respect of which student ***learning and performance is not directed by the provider.***
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HESA requires that units of study that consist of WEI be treated differently to other units of study.

Where learning and performance is NOT DIRECTED by the provider ....

**No Commonwealth Grant Scheme \$\$\$**

SUPPORTED by the  
provider ....

No CGS \$  
✓ Student Contribution \$

NOT SUPPORTED by the  
provider ....

No CGS \$  
No Student Contribution \$

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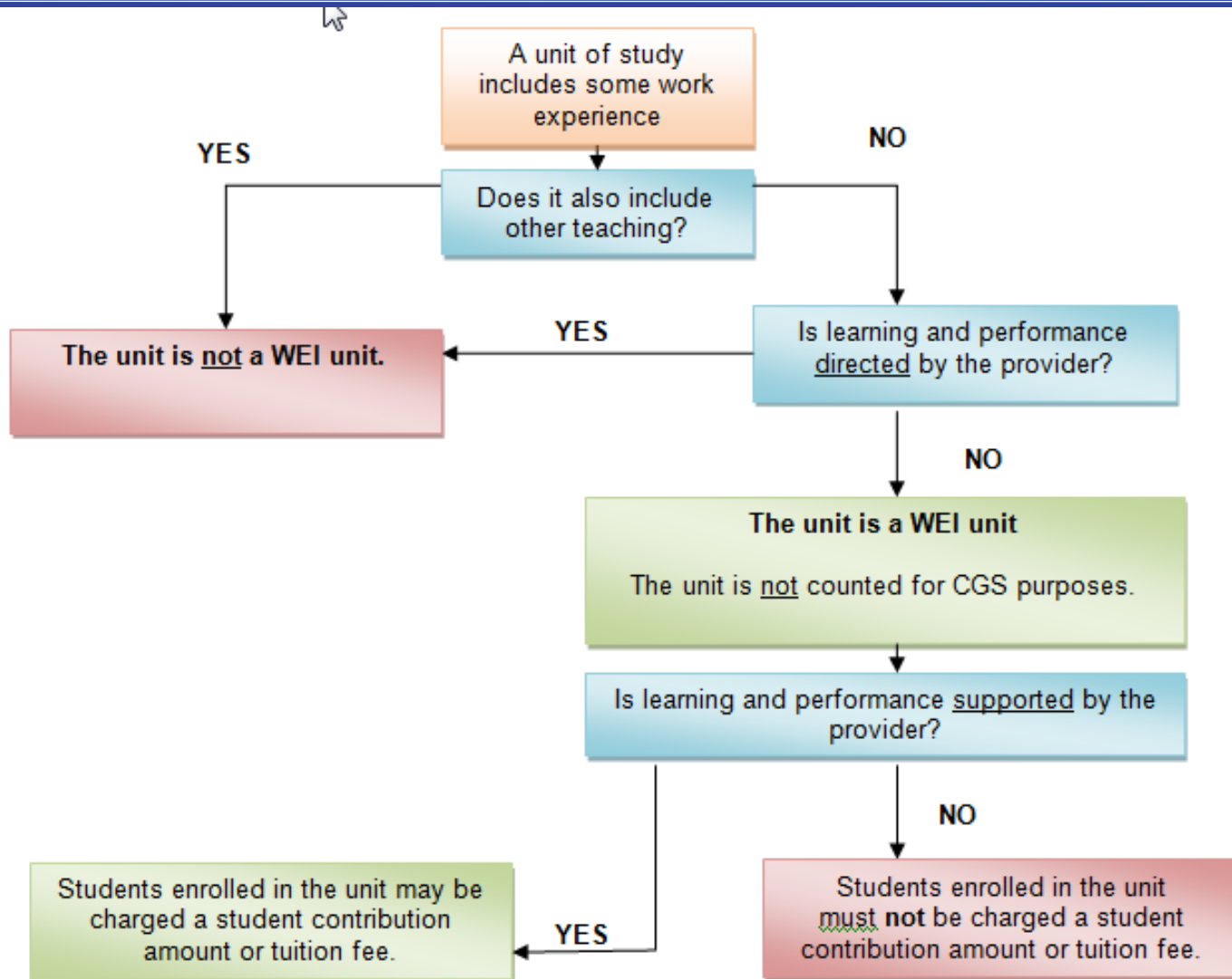
## DIRECTED:

- ongoing and regular input and contact with students; and
  - oversight and direction of work occurring during its performance, not just the progress of a student's work; and
  - definition and management of:
    - the implementation of educational content and objectives of the unit; and
    - assessment of student learning and performance during the placement; and
    - the standard of learning and performance to be achieved by the student during the placement.
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## SUPPORTED:

- interaction between the supervisor and the student, which may include site visits; and
  - organisation of student placements; and
  - ongoing monitoring of student work and progress; and
  - assessment of student learning and performance during the placement.
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Learning and performance DIRECTED by the provider	NOT WEI  (CATEGORY A)	✓	✓

**Example:** University organises a work placement which student attends one day a week. Student still attends one lecture per week and must complete a number of assignments which is generally done under the supervision of the workplace supervisor. The assignments are graded by his University tutor.

University income for 3 credit point subject (2012):

	Student Contribution	+ CGS	
Education	\$706	+ \$1189	= <b>\$1895</b>
Nursing	\$706	+ \$1569	= <b>\$2275</b>
Science	\$565	+ \$1998	= <b>\$2563</b>

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Learning and performance SUPPORTED but NOT DIRECTED by the provider	WEI  (CATEGORY B)	✓	✗

**Example:** University organises a work placement clinic for the student to attend. Student must complete a competency workbook, which is signed off by a supervisor as each competency is demonstrated. The University tutor visits twice during the placement to speak to the supervisor and the student about how things are going.

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Learning and performance NOT SUPPORTED nor DIRECTED by provider	WEI  (CATEGORY C)	×	×

**Example:** University course requires each student to arrange a five month period of work experience in a relevant workplace. Students will receive 0.5 EFTSL credit toward the course if the workplace signs a form indicating that attendance and work during the work experience period was satisfactory.

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Learning and performance SUPPORTED but NOT DIRECTED by the provider	WEI (CATEGORY B)	✓	✗
Learning and performance NOT SUPPORTED nor DIRECTED by provider	WEI (CATEGORY C)	✗	✗

- WEI subjects are reported as such to DIISRTE
  - Currently no subjects classified as WEI at JCU
  - Setup time required if WEI subjects are to be introduced, for example:
    - Method of communicating category of WEI to CIMS
    - Student Management System set up for charging correct amount to students
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## If in doubt...

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### Reference:

Administrative Information for Providers (AIP), Section 17

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<http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Resources/Documents/AIPFeb2012.pdf>

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