

Statement of VET Tuition Assurance

Under the provisions of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA), Subdivision C, Section 102 of the VET Student Loan Rules 2016 and Chapter 3 of the VET Guidelines, BCA National Training Group PTY Ltd ABN: 63 003 789 660 RTO 91758 (the first provider) must comply with the VET Tuition Assurance requirements.

This is to protect VET students in the event that we cease to provide a VET course of study in which a VET student is enrolled. The meaning of 'ceasing to provide a VET course of study' is set out in the:

- VET Student Loan Rules 2016, and
 - VET Guidelines.
1. We have met the tuition assurance requirements as specified in both the VET Guidelines and the VET Student Loans Rules 2016 through our current membership with the Australian Council for Education and Trainings (ACPET) Australian Student Tuition Assurance Scheme (ASTAS).

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2. In the event that we cease to provide a VET course of study in which a VET student is enrolled the VET student is entitled to the below options dependant on the funding they are utilising:

VET FEE-HELP Students:

a) An offer of a place in a similar VET course of study with a Second Provider whereby students will receive course credits for the parts of their original course successfully completed and that students are not charged tuition fees for the replacement components of the replacement course (this is known as the "Replacement tuition option" OR

b) A refund of their up-front VET tuition fee payments and/or a re-crediting of any FEE-HELP balance for any VET unit of study that the VET student was enrolled or commences but does not complete because we cease to provide the VET course of study of which the VET unit forms part (this is known as the "Repayment and re-crediting Option").

VET Student Loan Students:

a) An offer of a place in a similar VET course of study with a Second Provider whereby students will receive course credits for the parts of their original course successfully completed and that students are not charged tuition fees for the replacement components of the replacement course (this is known as the "VET Course Assurance Option").

If the tuition assurance scheme operator determines that there is no replacement course available for the student, the operator must issue to a student a notice advising them of this. Also outlining their right to seek a review of this decision.

Once it has been concluded that no replacement course is available the student is entitled to:

b) A refund of their up-front VET tuition fee payments and/or a re-crediting of any FEE-HELP balance for any VET unit of study that the VET student was enrolled or commences but does not complete because we cease to provide the VET course of study of which the VET unit forms part (this is known as the “VET tuition Fee Repayment Option”).

3. Replacement Tuition Option

- Under the *Replacement Tuition Option*, a VET student will be offered a place in a similar VET course of study by ACPET. If the VET student accepts this option, ACPET will make all necessary arrangements to ensure a VET student is able to enrol with a Second Provider in the similar VET course of study.
- This offered VET course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification without any requirements on the part of the VET students to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units of study (that is, VET units of study that the VET student has commenced but not completed because the VET course of study ceased to be offered). A VET student will receive full credit from the Second Provider for any VET units of study successfully completed at the First Provider.
- A student has 6 months to accept the offer from ACPET, they are also entitled to seek a review of a decision about whether or not a course is a replacement course that meets the requirements outlined in the VET Students Loan Rules 2016.
- The Second Provider nominated by ACPET may have different VET tuition fees from the fees the VET student would have paid for VET units of study which were part of the VET course of study that we ceased to provide but which the VET student had not yet started studying.
- A VET student is not obliged to enrol in a VET course of study with a Second Provider offered by ACPET under the VET Course Assurance Option. However, if he/she enrolls with any other VET provider there is no obligation on that VET provider to offer full credit transfer for the VET Units of study completed with us or to offer any replacement VET units of study free of charge.

4. Repayment and Re-Crediting Option

- Under the VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option, ACPET undertakes to pay the VET student the total of any up-front VET payments already paid by the VET student for any VET units of study the VET student has commenced but not completed because the VET course of study ceased to be provided

Publication

The method this Statement of VET Tuition Assurance will be made public to students will be on our website at www.bcanational.edu.au. Students will be advised where the Statement of VET Tuition Assurance may be obtained as part of our enrolment information.