2019 Fees and Charges Policy

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All policy and procedural statements contained within this document are lawful orders for the purposes of section 80(a) of the Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA) and are therefore to be observed by all College employees.
Policy Statement

North Metropolitan TAFE will administer a fees and charges policy in compliance with the Vocational Education and Training Act 1996.

Existing College fees can be adjusted by the Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer. New College fees and charges must be calculated in accordance with the Vocational Education and Training fees and charges policy and must satisfy the following criteria:

- Market comparative fees and charges in line with competitive neutrality.
- Operations of the College business unit.
- Access and equity issues including the ability of the client to afford the charges.

This policy sets out the 2019 statutory and provider based fees and charges, which apply to North Metropolitan TAFE from 12 November 2018 and outlines the procedures governing the administration of these fees and charges. This document should be read in conjunction with the Department of Training and Workforce Development’s VET Fees and Charges Policy 2019.

Scope

The Fees and Charges contained in this policy encompass:

- Assessments
- Adult & Community Education courses
- Entry and bridging courses
- Course fees (previously Tuition Fees)
- Resource Fees
- VET Delivered to Secondary Students
- Auspicing
- Apprentices and Trainees.

Principles

The North Metropolitan TAFE Fees and Charges Policy is based on the following principles:

- Transparency – VET fees and charges are transparent and students have access to the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding their training.
- Accessibility – equitable access to publicly funded training.
- Procedural fairness – fair and just procedures for the administration of VET fees and charges.

Background

Each year North Metropolitan TAFE receives State Government funding via the Delivery and Performance Agreement with the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD). Courses delivered under this agreement are often referred to as ‘Profile Delivery’ or State Government funded training.
Profile Enrolments and Tuition Fees:
In December 2018, fees were gazetted by the WA State government relating to vocational education and training (VET) fees for 2019.

Department of Training and Workforce Development’s
Protect Prepaid Fees by Learners (Standards for RTOs 2015, Clause 7.3)
Fees paid in advance are protected by being held in the public bank account.

Definitions and acronyms

Accountable Officer means Managing Director in the case of North Metropolitan TAFE.

Course Fee is defined as the sum of fees for all units that a student enrolls in. Trainees are required to pay course fees regardless of mode of delivery including training that is 100% on the job.

Resource Fee The resource fee covers materials purchased by the RTO to be consumed or transformed by students in the course of instruction. Students will not be charged for leasing, purchase or depreciation of equipment or general infrastructure.

Registered Training Organisation (RTO) means a state training provider or other training organisation registered with a state or territory registering authority, with which the Department of Training and Workforce Development has a contract for the delivery of training services.

Secondary school aged person means a person who has reached 15 years of age but has not reached the end of the calendar year in which their compulsory education period expires, as defined in the School Education Act 1999. In 2019, these persons will be born on or after 1 July 2001.

Procedure

Fees for Students in 2019
The rate will be applied to the nominal hours for each unit that comprises a course, and the rate applicable is determined by course category. There are four categories of courses.

• Category 1 courses - courses that the Minister determines result in the conferral of an accredited vocational qualification at the diploma, advanced diploma level or Existing Worker Traineeships.
• Category 2 courses - courses that the Minister determines are priority industry training, apprenticeships, or traineeships, and result in the conferral of an accredited vocational qualification at a Certificate IV level or below.
• Category 3 courses - courses that the Minister determines are general industry training and result in the conferral of an accredited vocational qualification at a Certificate IV level or below.
• Category 4 courses - courses that the Minister determines are foundation skills training and/or promote equality of opportunity to access training.
Table 1 – Statutory Fees and Charges 2019 –Course Tuition Fees

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<th>CATEGORY OF ENROLMENT</th>
<th>FEE RATE PER NOMINAL HOUR</th>
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<td><strong>Non-concession Student</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Existing Worker Traineeships</td>
<td>$5.79</td>
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<td>Apprenticeships, Traineeships** and Priority Industry Qualifications (up to Certificate IV)</td>
<td>$3.25</td>
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<td>General Industry Training (up to Certificate IV)</td>
<td>$4.88</td>
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<td>Foundation Skills and Equity Courses***</td>
<td>$0.21</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Concession Student</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td># Concession-Eligible Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Existing Worker Traineeships</td>
<td>$1.74</td>
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<tr>
<td>Apprenticeships, Traineeships** and Priority Industry Qualifications (up to Certificate IV)</td>
<td>$0.97</td>
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<td>General Industry Training (up to Certificate IV)</td>
<td>$1.47</td>
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Notes:

* The maximum course tuition fee chargeable for secondary school aged persons not enrolled at school is $420 in 2019. This is the total course fee for all courses the student is enrolled in.

** Excludes existing worker traineeships (not eligible for concession).

*** The Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills and Underpinning Skills for Industry Qualifications which are co-delivered with a vocational qualification are fee free.

# See Attachment A in the VET Fees and Charges Policy 2019 for a list of the Diploma and above qualifications eligible for a concession fee rate.

Please also note the following for 2019.

- Children who are under the care of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support are exempt from paying fees.
- Fee waivers are not permitted for students studying Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses.

Fee Caps to Apply for 2019

- For Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications, the maximum course tuition fee chargeable in 2019 is $7,860. This maximum applies per course in 2019.
- Students who are enrolled at school on a full-time or part-time basis are eligible for the course and resource fee exemption for VET in Delivered to Secondary Student programs funded by the Department in 2019.
- For students born on or after 1 July 2001 who are at least 15 years old, the maximum course tuition fee chargeable in 2019 is $420. This maximum is the total tuition fee for all courses the student is enrolled in. For these students, course fees for courses that are below Diploma level are calculated at the concessional rate of 70% until the student reaches the fee cap. The Diploma and Advanced Diploma course fee maximum does not apply to these students.
- For fee charging purposes, where the Diploma of Dental Technology is undertaken as an apprenticeship, it will be charged at the apprenticeship course rate or where applicable at the apprenticeship concession fee rate in 2019.
- The Course in Underpinning Skills for Industry Qualifications (USIQ) and Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills (CAVSS) which are co-delivered with a vocational qualification will continue to be course fee free in 2019.

These caps do not apply to fees for Recognition of Prior Learning which have been deregulated. The fee caps apply to both concession and non-concession students i.e. there is no specific cap for concession students.

For fee charging purposes, an enrolment will occur in one of two semesters or 6-month periods in 2019. The fees charged in connection with the enrolment are for the units that commence within the semester or 6-month period.

**Resource [Material] fees:**

Resource fees are charges for materials that are considered essential to a course or unit of study and which do not form part of the course fee. The resource fee covers materials purchased by the RTO to be consumed or transformed by students in the course of instruction, such as workshop materials, workbooks and essential uniforms.

Any increases to the resource fee must not exceed a Perth consumer price index (CPI) increase of 1.75%. Where appropriate, accountable officers may apply a resource fee to new or existing courses where they have not previously applied. Resource fees must not exceed cost recovery.

Trainees and apprentices are not exempt from resource fees. However, where RTOs provide Training Record Books to trainees and apprentices, they must do so free of charge.

Any equipment that will be retained by the student as his or her own personal property must be purchased separately by the student.

Excursions will be charged to students as they arise.

North Metropolitan TAFE may levy Other Fees (see 1.4 Other Fees) to recover the cost of other items and services provided by the College (for example, parking and ID cards).

**Incidental Charges**

- a) Late entry to assessments $25.00.
- b) Special deferred assessment – each unit $25.00.
- c) Assessment only, and assessed at the same time as assessment is scheduled for other students enrolled in the unit – each unit $20.00.
- d) Assessment only, and assessment not held in the normal assessment period together with current enrolled students – each unit:
  - i. Setting of paper by assessor (shared equally between candidates) $150.00.
  - ii. Marking of paper by assessor (each candidate) $10.00.
  - iii. Supervision of assessment (each candidate) $50.00.
  - iv. RTO administration costs (each candidate) $50.00.
  - v. Assessment administration costs (each candidate) $50.00.
- e) Re-marking of an assessment – each unit $25.00.
- f) Report on remarking of assessment – each unit $50.00.
- g) Replacement of award/qualification/academic record $50.00.
- h) Re-issue of academic statement
  - i. Results on computer network $20.00.
  - ii. Results from archive $30.00.
- i) Re-issue of non-current enrolment form $20.00.
- j) Remote assessment supervision $50.00.
1.4 Other Fees:

This does not apply to external, exam only, labour market, overseas, RPL, workplace delivery or school students.

Table 2 – North Metropolitan TAFE Student ID cards

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<th>Method of charge</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Student ID cards</td>
<td>per student each year</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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Table 3a – Discretionary Fees – Students

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<th>Method of charge</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>Parking Sticker</td>
<td>Per semester</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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Table 3b – Discretionary Fees – Staff parking Perth, East Perth, Mt Lawley and Leederville Campuses (GST inclusive)

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<th>Method of charge</th>
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<th>2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Reserved Staff Parking Bay Fee (Perth and East Perth Campus)</td>
<td>per bay</td>
<td>$1,162.00</td>
<td>$1,182.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reserved Undercover Staff Parking Bay Fee (Leederville)</td>
<td>per bay</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
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Adult Community Education [ACE]

Full cost recovery across the aggregated course offerings including the College overhead recovery. Concessions and refunds as per the VET (Colleges) Regulations 1996 (as at 01/01/2019), as they relate to Adult Community Education.

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

The Adult Migrant English Program is funded by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. It provides up to 510 hours of English language tuition to eligible newly arrived migrants and refugees, delivered through VET Western Australia. Refugees undertaking the course are fully funded by the Commonwealth Government. Migrants assessed offshore are required to pay for the course prior to entry to Australia. Students undertaking the Adult Migrant English Program are exempt from further fees and charges.
VET Delivered to Secondary Students Fees and Charges

[A] Standard Auspicing Arrangement

This Model is to be used where the Delivery and Assessment is Carried out by the school staff under the Auspices of the TAFE College as the RTO.

Costing’s per Industry Area per School or Cluster:

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<tr>
<th>Service Provision Standard</th>
<th>Fees &amp; Charges</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Initial Consultation</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>To establish a relationship with the school and determine the most appropriate VET Delivered to Secondary Student options to meet the needs of the students.</td>
<td>No Charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Annual Consultation</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Induction of teaching staff to RTO Standards and TP requirements.</td>
<td>Off school premises $158 per hour</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Provide manual with all relevant information, checklists and templates.</td>
<td>On school premises $198 per hour</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Provide all quality assurance processes relating to training delivery and assessment.</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Provide assessment plans and tools or exemplars of an assessment plan and assessment tools as appropriate to specific circumstances.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Validation of school’s capacity to deliver.</td>
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<td>• Survey of physical resources.</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Validation of school assessors and delivery staff.</td>
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<td>• Validation of school assessor's assessment plans/tools where TAFE plans and tools are not provided.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Develop and document a schedule of school monitoring and mentoring visits and provide school with a copy.</td>
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<td>4. Determine any additional services that may be mutually agreed upon. These services will be charged at the rates specified in “Costing Model B – Additional Auspicing Services”.</td>
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<td>Service Provision Standard</td>
<td>Fees &amp; Charges</td>
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<td><strong>Quality Assurance</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>1. Undertake at least one monitoring/mentoring visit per year.</td>
<td>$1092 per industry area with 5 or less units of competence being delivered.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Evaluate school assessment tools, information for school assessors and students, feedback for candidates to ensure they meet audit and quality requirements.</td>
<td>$1364 per industry area with 6 or more units of competence being delivered.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Validate assessment undertaken by school assessors by examining a 10% sample of all assessments conducted in the program.</td>
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<td>4. Ensure school assessors participate in moderation, validation and evaluation meetings.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Provide verification report of delivery and outcomes of assessment.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Certification</strong></td>
<td>$22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Enrol students in CMIS at commencement of VET delivered to Secondary student program [Enrolments to be reported against State Funding Source 30].</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Maintain student results records.</td>
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<td>3. Issue Certificates or Statements of Attainment.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Ensure that school, EDWA and Curriculum Council reporting timelines are met.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>$158 per hour</td>
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<td>Professional development, additional consultations and travel</td>
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Partnering Arrangements and Additional Ausping Services

This Model is to be used for:

1. Additional services mutually agreed to under the Ausping Model.
2. Other arrangements such as those involving Delivery and/or Assessment by Training College staff.

The provision of additional services must be mutually agreed between the school and the Training College. All such services will be charged at the following standard specified rates.

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<th>Service Provision</th>
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<td>Delivery and/or Assessment</td>
<td>$158 per hour off campus or $198 per hour on campus</td>
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<td>By Training College staff</td>
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<td>Professional Development</td>
<td>$158 per hour off campus or $198 per hour on campus</td>
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<tr>
<td>Of school-teachers in relation to the VET</td>
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<tr>
<td>delivered to secondary students program.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Learning Materials</td>
<td>Maximum charge not to exceed cost price.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Including study guides, texts etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Travel</td>
<td>$158 per hour off campus or $198 per hour on campus</td>
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<tr>
<td>Additional Consultations</td>
<td>$158 per hour off campus or $198 per hour on campus</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mutually agreed with school.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Consumables</td>
<td>To be supplied by the school. If the College provides</td>
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<td>consumables the school will be charged an amount not</td>
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<td>exceeding the cost price of the consumables.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Incidentals</td>
<td>Not to exceed actual cost price. Note that no</td>
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<td>notional costs for incidentals will be charged.</td>
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</table>
Profile Funded VET delivered to secondary students

As per the College VET (Colleges) Regulations 1996 (as at December 2015)
As per Delivery Performance Agreement [DPA] [Schedules 4 and 5]

No resource and tuition fees are to be applied to students enrolled in profile funded VET delivered to secondary students funding, School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships or School Apprenticeship Link programs.

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<tr>
<th>Type of School-Age VET Student</th>
<th>Funding and Fee Arrangements 2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Traditional VET delivered to secondary students funding Full-time enrolled school students undertaking VET arranged on their behalf by their school</td>
<td>VET delivered to secondary students funding (Fee Free)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Combination Notice of Arrangement – part-time VET and part-time school Part-time enrolled school students undertaking part-time VET not arranged by their school</td>
<td>VET delivered to secondary students funding (Fee Free)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Outside of school hours VET Full-time enrolled school students undertaking part-time VET not arranged by their school</td>
<td>VET delivered to secondary students funding (Fee Free)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Full-time Notice of Arrangement (Year 11 or 12) or Exemption (Year 10 and below) Students of compulsory school-age not enrolled at school.</td>
<td>School-age student funding ($420 course tuition fee cap)</td>
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Skills Recognition

Fees associated with recognition of prior learning (RPL), RPL for access and bridging courses, recognition of current competencies (RCC), recognition of overseas qualifications and credit transfer are as per the current Department of Training & Workforce Development Fees and Charges Policy.

Students wishing to seek RPL for Units of Competence (UoC), will be charged 50% of the current DTWD Fee rate per nominal hour. RPL enrolments will be capped at a rate of 50% of the current cap for profile enrolments. These fees are outlined in Section 1.1 of this policy.

North Metropolitan TAFE is able to negotiate a lower RPL rate approved by the Executive Director Training Delivery when:

- Conducting commercial activity, that is when dealing with industry for large scale numbers;
- RPL is used to facilitate entry into a higher qualification (VET or Higher Education) where the student will be paying the full fees.
Commercial Fee-For-Service [Single Subscriber and Corporate Clients]

Full cost recovery, including Corporate and Branch overhead recovery as per the commercial costing model settings approved by the Governing Council, and surpluses that the market can bear. Fees and Charges for commercial activities are determined in accordance with the Model and the Costing and Pricing Government Services: Guidelines for Agencies in the Western Australian Public Sector (sixth edition).

In cases where a single subscriber student is unable to access profile funding then the commercial rate of $12.20 per SCH plus resource fees can be applied. Examples of where this base rate can be applied includes:

- Existing worker trainees who are not able to access public funding under the DPA.
- Secondary school students who are not able to access public funding under the DPA.
- Other individual students who are not able to access public funding under the DPA but will be enrolled with other profile students (top up classes).

**International Students and Temporary Residents**

International students and some temporary residents are charged at rates determined by TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA). The College has the ability to charge resource fees above and beyond the fees charged by TIWA and is decided on a course by course basis.

Persons holding a temporary visa of sub-class 309, 444, 820, 826 or secondary holders of a temporary visa of sub-class 457 are to be treated as Australian residents for fee charging purposes and are also eligible for fee waivers and concessions.

As per, TAFE International Western Australia Fees & Charges Policy – visit their website for further details.

**Non-standard enrolments**

**Multiple enrolments**

Where students enrol in courses at different campuses or RTOs, the total course charges will not be greater than the maximum charges prescribed in Section 1.1.

The student must provide proof of any previous enrolment and fees paid, and a copy retained for audit purposes.

**Enrolment in CAVSS and USIQ**

The Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills (CAVSS) and the Course in Underpinning Skills for Industry Qualifications (USIQ) are co-delivered with a vocational qualification. Enrolments in CAVSS and USIQ are exempt from course fees.

**Enrolling in a part of a Unit**

Students enrolling for only part of unit are required to pay the same fees as would have applied had they enrolled in the full unit. This does not apply where a substantial part of the unit is delivered on a fee-for-service basis.

**Enrolling for Assessments (Examinations) only**

Students enrolling for examination or assessment only and assessed at the same time as assessment is scheduled for other students enrolled in the unit, pay an assessment entry charge of $20.00 per unit. No other fees apply.
Students who have already paid the maximum course fee as prescribed in Section 1.1 are not required to pay this charge.

**Re-Enrolling or Studying Multiple Classes of the same Unit**

Students wishing to enrol in a unit, in which the student has already obtained a pass, may do so only with the approval of the relevant Executive Director Training Delivery. These enrolments are not publicly funded and the cost of the unit will be charged $12.20 per SCH.

If a student enrols in multiple classes in the same unit within the same enrolment period, these additional classes will also be charged at the same hourly rate as for fee-for-service courses.

**Remote Assessment Supervision**

Where a student is remotely enrolled in a course but sits an assessment with another RTO that is situated in geographic proximity, a remote assessment fee of $50.00 will be applied. In the case of trainees and apprentices this fee will be paid by the Department.

**Charges for Students Transferring to Other RTOS**

Where a student or a block of students transfers to another RTO, the new RTO will have course and resource fees transferred in full from the RTO from which the student(s) has transferred, if the program of study has not been commenced.

In all other circumstances, the new RTO may seek a pro rata transfer, based on elapsed time, of course and resource fees from the RTO from which the student(s) has transferred. Transfers of fees are to be managed on an RTO to RTO basis.

Proof of previous enrolment and fees paid must be provided by the student and retained for audit purposes. Details of transfers must be retained for audit purposes.

**Live Work Projects**

Any additional costs associated with live work projects are to be recouped on a cost recovery basis. Additional teaching hours are to be charged at $158 per TH. On site consumable costs are to be paid directly by the client.

**Interstate Students in Profile Courses**

Students residing in other Australian States or Territories enrolling in courses will be charged a tuition fee of $11.00 per SCH plus resource fees.

**Payments**

- Award Courses
  - Payment in full at the time of enrolment
  - Enter into a payment plan at the time of enrolment
  - Apply for a VET Student Loan (for eligible courses)
- VET delivered to secondary students funding– use 30 day invoices.
- Fee-for-Service Corporate Clients – use 30 day invoices.
- Fee-for-Service single subscriber students pay in full prior to commencement.

**Waiving of Charges**

In cases of severe financial hardship, the Director Client Services may waive fees and charges or apply a concessional rate in line with the Department of Training and Workforce Development’s VET Fees and Charges Policy 2019. Details of the student’s enrolment and
grounds for waiving of fees and charges or applying a concessional rate must be retained for audit purposes.

**Debt Recovery Procedures**

Where approval has been given for a student to pay by instalment, North Metropolitan TAFE is responsible for the collection of outstanding fees and charges. Fair and adequate recovery procedures should be maintained to manage the collection and recovery of monies.

**Refunds**

Award Courses – as per VET (Colleges) Regulations 1996 (as at December 2015) if a student withdraws formally prior to the completion of 20% of the unit/s, the student is entitled to receive a refund consisting of a 100% refund of their tuition fee and 50% of the resource fee. Pro rata refund may be allowed after the normal withdrawal period for reasons consistent with the DTWD VET Fees and Charges Policy 2019. For all Diploma and above qualifications and selected Cert IV trial qualifications under VET Fee Help, a full refund for resource fees will be provided to students who withdraw prior to the census date.

Parking Permit and Student ID Card – refund fully if the class/course is cancelled and the permit and card are returned, otherwise **No Refund**.

ACE – as per VET (Colleges) Regulations

FFS – only when North Metropolitan TAFE cancels classes.

VET delivered to secondary students funding– only when insufficient enrolments to proceed.

International Students – As per Education & Training International's Refund Policy. Resource fees treated the same way as tuition fees.

**Higher Education Students**

**Tuition Fees**

Tuition fees for Higher Education programs at North Metropolitan TAFE are published on the website. There are no other associated fees (e.g. Resource fees). Higher education course fees are commercially costed and an estimate of fees forms part of the business case process. A formal financial model is completed and approved by Finance. Fees are published per unit, linked to the credit points of a unit.

**Payments**

Those who qualify for Fee-Help can either access it or pay fees up-front in full.

International students pay up-front in full.

Higher Education students who are Permanent Residents but not Citizens of Australia are not entitled to access federal assistance for study in Higher Education via the Fee-Help program; these students are obligated to pay their higher education tuition fees up-front.

Those students not eligible for Fee-Help and can show evidence of financial hardship and a consequent inability to pay their higher education tuition fees up-front are able to apply for a fees payment plan;

A justification must be submitted to the GM Training Services by the student, together with supporting evidence where available, in order to apply for the fees payment plan; Justifications must be assessed and approved by the GM Training Services, in conjunction with the Chief
Financial Officer; The student will be informed of the outcome of their application for a fees payment plan in writing, within 14 days of receipt by the GM Training Services;

Should the student default on the payment plan, they may be excluded from their Higher Education program at the discretion of the Managing Director, and the student’s record and results for all units will be withheld until such time as the debt is repaid in full.

If the student is granted Australian citizenship at any point during their Higher Education studies at North Metropolitan TAFE, they must inform North Metropolitan TAFE immediately in writing of the change in status, and apply to FEE-HELP so they may defer their debt, as soon as is practicable.

**Refunds**

Please refer to the refund policy for Higher Education students on the student’s enrolment form. Refunds apply based on census dates for higher education students.

**Related Polices and Other Relevant Documents**

- Department of Training and Workforce Development’s VET Fees and Charges Policy 2019
- Fees Rationale Calculation and Approval Schedule (WI112A1)

**Relevant Legislation**

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