



The facts about higher education



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Government funding is not currently available to most students studying higher education at TAFE, private universities or private colleges.

As part of the Government's higher education reforms, we're planning to make the higher education system fairer with Government support available for Australian higher education students undertaking an accredited undergraduate course, including a higher education diploma, advanced diploma, or associate degree at any participating higher education institutions, such as public and private universities, TAFEs or colleges.

Higher education – it's worth doing



Your future is Australia's future. That's why higher education is so important to all of us, and why the Australian Government is committed to helping students get a world-class education.

On average, university graduates can earn up to 75% more than school leavers over their lifetime, so higher education is worth doing.

And with the Government paying a big share, around half, of your undergraduate course fees and HECS available to cover the rest, eligible students don't have to pay anything up front.

Learn what types of assistance are available if you want to get a higher education at www.studyassist.gov.au.

HECS is here to stay



A HECS loan means higher education students can access a world class education without having to pay any course fees up front.

There is no limit on how much you can borrow under HECS and there is no limit on how long you have to pay it back.

You can borrow as much as you need to complete your undergraduate course and you only start making repayments when you are earning over \$50,000.

Limits currently apply to how much students can borrow under FEE-HELP and VET-FEE-HELP. To make it fairer for all students, the Government plans to remove these limits.

We will also pause HECS indexation for the primary carer of a child under five years old.

High quality higher education



Australia has one of the best higher education systems in the world, and the Government plans to make it even better.

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) is responsible for ensuring the quality of Australia's higher education institutions.

Before any institution can operate as a higher education provider in Australia, it must demonstrate to TEQSA that it meets high quality standards. The Australian Government will continue to work with TEQSA to ensure that our higher education system remains one of the best in the world.

Need more information?

To learn how you can benefit from changes to higher education **call 1800 020 108 or visit australia.gov.au/HigherEd**