

DEFERMENT POLICY – DOMESTIC STUDENTS			
Policy Name	Deferment Policy		
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Associated Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Policy STU26A • Non-Communication Policy STU25A • Assessment Submission Policy LERN11 • Assessment Extension Policy LERN11A • Assessment Appeal Policy LERN12A • Assessment Resubmission Policy LERN14A • Course Progression Domestic Policy STU21A 		
Associated Procedures	/ STU07B Deferment Procedure		
Associated Documentation	/ STU07D Deferment Checklist / eCampus Online Deferment Form / Student Handbook / eCampus Course Induction / Student Hub/Deferral Information & Form / Website: Student Support (Policies Page)		
Standard	/ Guide to Standards 2015 for RTO's		
<p>Deferment is made available to assist students who are unable to continue with their studies in the current semester because of special circumstances outside of their control that have seriously disrupted their study program.</p> <p>Deferment after commencement of the course or unit of study is allowed in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Before completing a deferment application, it is recommended that students first meet with either the Student Enrolment Administrator or Learning Support Manager.</p> <p>The Online Deferment Form is available in the Student Hub on the eCampus under Important Forms and is submitted directly to the Student Enrolment Administrator. Applications must include the special circumstances under which the student wishes to defer. These may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> / a physical or psychological illness; or / personal or family circumstances, including a death or illness of a close relative; or / a change of employment conditions <p>If the reason is medical, then students should supply any relevant medical certificates. If the reason is employment related, then students should supply a statement from their employer on their letterhead. All documentation must include the dates of any relevant events or illnesses.</p>			

A student may defer from a unit of study on or before the census date as listed on the Schedule of VET Tuition Fees. This date applies to both students on an instalment plan and/or VET funding. All students will receive a Fee Notice at least 2 weeks prior to each census date period. Students will also receive a Commonwealth Assistance Notice following the census date for the first unit if they are on VET Student Loans. This notice lists the full course and all units of study and the applicable census dates.

The VET Tuition Schedule is available on the Sydney Design School website and in the Student Hub of the eCampus. A student may defer from a unit of study after the census date but will be required to pay for the units commenced if on an instalment plan or VET funding. If a student is on an Ezidebit instalment plan, payments will continue if there is a balance owing on the current term's unit fees until they are paid in full. Fees paid in excess of the current term's unit fees will be refunded. Units not commenced will be charged upon recommencement.

Students will be advised of the outcome of their deferment application within 3 business days via email.

Students are required to resume their studies in the next intake, subject to availability. The deferment period is a maximum of 12 months unless a special consideration and extension has been agreed by the General Manager. Only one deferment is permitted during the lifetime of an enrolment.

Should students choose not to reinstate their enrolment at the end of the deferment period, the enrolment will be cancelled, and a "Statement of Attainment" will be issued listing the competencies achieved prior to deferment. Any subsequent new enrolment will incur current course fees applicable at that time.

If a student has outstanding assessments at time of deferral these must be submitted no less than four weeks before the student's return from deferral. Additionally, all assessments must be deemed competent before the student is permitted to resume their studies.

eCampus access is usually suspended at time of deferral, if longer access is required for assessment submission this will be negotiated at time of deferral. Units of study are updated every 6-12 months. This is to account for any training package updates or course resource updates that may occur during a student's deferment period. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all completed work and educator feedback in the current unit at time of deferral is backed up. Upon a student's return they will be placed in the current unit of study at the time.

Version Control Summary

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