

POLICY: Refund Policy	
Objective	The aim of this policy is to ensure clear and accurate information to students regarding fees owed and eligibility for refunds upon cessation of their enrolment.
Policy Name	Refund Policy
Policy No	FIN03A_SDS
Associated Policies and Procedures	INT03A_CRICOS Refund Policy STU06A_Withdrawal Policy STU07A_Course Transfer Policy
Associated Documentation	Notification of Withdrawal Form Student Handbook Accredited Course Application Form Non-Accredited Course Application Form Website Student Support page
Standard	National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Outcome Standards for NVR Registered Training Organisations) Instrument 2025 Part 2, Division 1: 2.1 Part 4, Division 1: 4.1
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Withdrawal requests must be submitted to Sydney Design School via the Notification of Withdrawal form available in the Student Hub on the eCampus. If the student has not previously accessed the eCampus, they should request to withdraw by emailing registrar@sydneydesignschool.com.au. Refunds will be processed within one week of receiving notification and will be processed via the original payment method.

Census Dates

The census date is the last day you can withdraw from a unit of study without incurring financial liability or academic penalty. The census dates are available on our website and are different for each course. We will provide every Diploma and Advanced Diploma student who is eligible for a VET Student Loan with a fee notice at the start of each term to ensure you have all the information you need to make your study and payment decisions. Students enrolled in the Certificate IV will be advised of their census dates by email upon confirmation of their enrolment.

Cancellations

Classes are subject to cancellation if minimum numbers are not met, and a full refund will apply.

Diploma of Interior Design Advanced Diploma of Interior Design

Our refund policy is:

- if you cancel after your course has commenced but before the census dates, no further fees will be applicable;
- if you cancel after the census date of a particular unit the full unit fee is payable; and
- if you cancel after the census date and are on an Ezidebit instalment plan your 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.

Certificate IV in Interior Decoration

Our refund policy is:

- a full refund of your deposit less an administration fee of \$275 (inclusive of GST) will be paid if you cancel up to and including 7 days prior to your course commencement;
- your deposit will not be refunded if you cancel 6 days or less prior to your course commencement;
- if you cancel after your course has commenced but before the census dates, no further fees will be applicable;
- if you cancel after the census date of a particular unit the full unit fee is payable; and
- if you cancel after the census date and are on an Ezidebit instalment plan your 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.

Design Kit

If you are enrolling in the Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma course you will be required to purchase a Design Kit. The cost is \$660 (inclusive of GST) and is payable prior to your first day. The Design Kit is not VET Student Loan applicable. An invoice will be emailed as part of your enrolment

process.

For on campus students - no refund is applicable after the Design Kit is received on your first day of class.

For Virtual Studio students - once the Design Kit is dispatched no refund is applicable.

Certificate III in Design Fundamentals

EVET Program Student

These courses are fully funded by the NSW Government's EVET Program. No fees are payable, therefore no refunds will be made.

Private Student

If you cancel once a unit of study has commenced, the full unit fee is payable. Any fees paid beyond the cost of units commenced will be refunded.

Short Courses

Your short course fee or short course fee deposit will not be refunded if you cancel 5 working days or less prior to commencement. Full fees are payable from this date.

International Students

This policy applies to applicants who are not applying for a Student Visa for their studies with Sydney Design School. See CRICOS Refund Policy for more information.

Unsuccessful Application

If your enrolment application is unsuccessful, we will refund your deposit/course fee in full.