

‘National priority’ maximum student contribution amount for mathematics, statistics and science units of study

The reduced maximum student contribution amount for units of study in mathematics, statistics and science applies to all students who commence their course of study on or after 1 January 2009, regardless of the course of study.

It also applies to continuing students who commenced before 2009 in a **non**-Natural and Physical Sciences (non-NPS) course of study, did not complete that course of study and, on or after 1 January 2009, transfer to a Natural and Physical Sciences (NPS) course of study.

The reduced maximum student contribution amount is the ‘national priority’ band amount of \$4,162 (2009 amount, indexed for future years). The Australian Government will pay the difference between the old and new maximum student contribution amounts for the students that are required to be subject to the new maximum through a new Transitional Loading (\$3,250 per EFTSL in 2009, indexed for future years).

Continuing ‘pre-2009’ students (with the limited exception above) will remain subject to the current higher maximum student contribution amount for units in mathematics, statistics and science at the band 2 amount of \$7,412 (2009 amount, indexed for future years). The Transitional loading will **not** be paid with respect to continuing pre-2009 students even if a provider chooses to apply a lower student contribution amount to them.

Natural and Physical Sciences courses are those classified to the broad Field of Education (FOE) code 01 as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001. A copy of the ASCED codes is available from the ABS website from the following link: [ASCED Codes](#). In determining whether a course of study is an NPS course for the purposes of application of the special arrangements for transferring students, the primary broad FOE code attached to the combined or double degree program is to be used (HEIMS Data Element No. 461).

A document detailing the allocation of units to funding clusters and student contribution bands according to FOE codes is available on the Resources for Student Administrators webpage at the following link: <http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/59601E7C-AB55-408C-B52B-467EFF41D860/22932/20080709Newclustersbyascencedcodeinclfundingratesfor2.pdf>

Pre-2009 students

Students continue with the arrangements that applied when they started their courses.

- A person is a pre-2009 student if they enrol on or after 1 January 2009 in a mathematics, statistics or science unit that forms part of a course of study that the student:
 - commenced **prior to** 1 January 2009; *or*
 - transfers into on or after 1 January 2009 from a course that they commenced prior to 1 January 2009, and the exception for non-NPS to NPS transferring students does not apply.

HESA¹ defines a combined or double degree program as a single course of study. A student is a continuing student until they complete the entire course of study.

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Higher Education Support Act 2003 Schedule 1

If a student commenced a course of study as an overseas student, and after 1 January 2009 obtains permanent residency status or Australian citizenship and thereafter continues the course of study as a Commonwealth supported student, they are a pre-2009 student.

Break in studies

If a student commenced a course of study prior to 1 January 2009 and takes a break from their studies (either by deferring or withdrawing from study) they are a pre-2009 student on their return to that course of study or if they transfer to another course of study and do not complete the initial course of study.

Students who transfer from one provider to another on or after 1 January 2009

If a student commenced a course of study prior to 1 January 2009, did not complete it, and on or after 1 January 2009, transfers to a different provider they are a pre-2009 student until they complete the course into which they have transferred (unless they are covered by the exception for non-NPS to NPS transferring students).

Note: ‘Transfer’ means changing from one course of study to another with advanced standing for some or all units that were undertaken in the initial course of study.

Students who are transferring from a **non**-Natural and Physical Sciences (non-NPS) course of study into any of the following courses available for entry in 2009 will be charged at the reduced maximum student contribution amounts for units of study in mathematics, statistics and science.

BASCBA	BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF ARTS
BASCBC	BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
BASCBL	BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF LAWS
BASCI	BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE
BBMSC	BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
BENGAS	BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING/BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE
BNBAS	BACHELOR OF NURSING/BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE
BSCIH	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS)
BTLBAS	BACHELOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING/BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Students currently enrolled in any of the following courses, and wishing to transfer to any of the above courses will be charged at the continuing pre-2009 fee rates for units of study in mathematics, statistics and science.

BBMSC	BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
BENGAS	BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING/BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE
BENGSC	BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BENGSC	BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BES22	BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
BNBSC2	BACHELOR OF NURSING/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BSBED3	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
BSBLAW	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF LAWS
BSBT99	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF TEACHING
BSC23	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BSC23	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BSC99	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
BSCBA1	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF ARTS
BSCBB3	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
BSCIH	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS)
BSLLB0	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF LAWS
BTLBSC	BACHELOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
GCGIS	GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
SBSC	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE