

Maximum annual student contribution amounts for education and nursing units of study

The Band 1 maximum annual student contribution amount for units of study in education and nursing applies to all students who commence their course of study on or after 1 January 2010, regardless of the course of study.

There are grandfathering arrangements for Commonwealth supported students who commenced a course of study before 2010 and did not complete it prior to the end of 2009 ('pre-2010 students').

If a person is a 'pre-2010 student' the maximum student contribution amount per EFTSL in 2010 for a unit of study in education and nursing is the same as it would have been for 2010 had the Australian Government not raised the maximum as announced in the 2009–10 Budget (ie the 'national priority band maximum'). In 2010, this is **\$4,249** (indexed for later years).

A person is a pre-2010 student for a unit of study if the person:

- started the course of study before 1 January 2010 and was a Commonwealth supported student in relation to a unit of study in that course; **and**
- had not completed the course by 31 December 2009 (or if they did complete their course it was an enabling course **or** a course related to a current honours course and the person is undertaking the honours course); **and**
- is undertaking a unit of study in education or nursing.

The grandfathering arrangements are similar to those that apply for pre-2008 students (for units of study in accounting, administration, economics and commerce where the maximum annual student contribution amount was increased from the Band 2 rate to the Band 3 rate for commencing students).

However, there is no sunset clause for the grandfathering arrangements for pre-2010 students.

Where a student was enrolled in a course of study as a Commonwealth supported student before 2010, has not completed the course of study by the end of 2009, but then ceased to be enrolled, the student will be a pre-2010 student if they subsequently enrol in a course of study as a Commonwealth supported student in 2010. The course may be a different course or a course at a different provider. There is no requirement for particular circumstances to apply to a person's discontinuance from a course of study (for example, there is no need for a student to have deferred or taken approved leave from the course).

A student can be a pre-2010 student only if they were Commonwealth supported for a unit of study undertaken as part of a course of study before 1 January 2010. A person is a Commonwealth supported student in a unit only if they remain enrolled at the end of the census date for the unit. Therefore a person is not a pre-2010 student if they deferred their enrolment or withdrew from all units before the end of the first census date for a unit in their course of study (unless they meet the pre-2010 requirements for a different course of study).