Welcome to CDU Library’s podcast about fines and how they are accrued in the library.

Fines were introduced to ensure fair access to Library materials. You are only fined if an item is returned after its due date. To avoid a fine you can renew a loan online using My Account in the CDU library catalogue or bring it in to the library to be renewed. It is important to check your library account regularly to keep track of when your borrowed items are due. See the renewals podcast for more information about renewing your library items.

Fines are accrued and do not need to be paid until a total of $50 or more is reached. Upon reaching $50 in fines borrowing is blocked and a minimum of $10 must be paid to reduce the fine to $49 or less.

The fine amount for an item in the main collection is $1 per day, for short term loan items, a four hour loan is $1 per hour and a two day loan is $10 per day. Recalled items are fined at $10 per day.

Library clients with fines can be granted a one off fine reduction. The fine reduction reduces fines to $49 for clients who are first time offenders, applications for a fine reduction take one day to be processed.

Fine waivers are available for exceptional circumstances such as illness, supporting documentation such as a medical certificate is required by the Library.