

APPENDIX 1

New South Wales Department of Education and Training Higher Education Fees Schedule and Explanatory Notes

Australian and Overseas Universities

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| Application fee for inclusion of an Australian university's name in Schedule 1 of the <i>Higher Education Act 2001</i> | \$5,000 |
| Assessment fee for application for establishment or recognition of an Australian university | \$20,000 |
| Application fee for registration of an overseas university | \$5,000 |
| Assessment fee for registration of an overseas university | \$20,000 |

Registration of Australian and Overseas Higher Education Institutions

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| Application fee for registration (per education institution) | \$1,500 |
| Annual registration fee | \$1,000 |
| Application fee for termination of suspension of registration | \$500 |

Accreditation of Higher Education Courses

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| Application fee for accreditation of course of study (per course) | \$1,200 |
| Assessment fee for: | |
| • Diploma/Advanced Diploma | \$3,000 |
| • Bachelor Degree | \$4,500 |
| • Graduate/Post-graduate Certificate | \$3,000 |
| • Graduate/Post-graduate Diploma | \$3,000 |
| • Masters Degree | \$6,500 |
| • Doctoral Degree | \$6,500 |
| Application fee for termination of suspension of accreditation | \$500 |

Approval to Provide Courses of Study to Overseas Students

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| Application fee for approval of education institution | \$500 |
| Annual approval fee for institutions approved to provide up to (and including) five higher education courses to overseas students | \$250 |
| Annual approval fee for institutions approved to provide six or more higher education courses to overseas students | \$500 |
| Application fee to amend approval | \$150 |
| Application fee for termination of suspension of approval | \$500 |

FEES FOR NEW SOUTH WALES HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Authority to prescribe and charge fees

Authority to prescribe and charge fees for higher education services is derived from the *Higher Education Act 2001* and the (proposed) *Higher Education Regulation 2002*. The level of fees payable in New South Wales is based on the principles of partial cost recovery and national consistency.

2. Establishment or recognition of an Australian university in New South Wales

An application for the establishment or recognition of an Australian university in New South Wales must be accompanied by a fee of \$5,000. If it is determined that the application requires assessment by an independent expert panel, the fee for that assessment will be \$20,000. If the Australian university concerned is established or recognised already through the legislation of another State, Territory or the Commonwealth Government, the Director-General may decide to waive the payment of fees.

3. Registration of an overseas university in New South Wales

An application for registration of an overseas university in New South Wales must be accompanied by a fee of \$5,000. If it is determined that the application requires assessment by an independent expert panel, the fee for that assessment will be \$20,000.

4. Registration of Australian and overseas higher education institutions (non self-accrediting)

An application from an Australian or overseas non self-accrediting education institution for registration as a higher education institution must be accompanied by an application fee of \$1,500 per institution.

An annual registration fee of \$1,000 will be payable by 31 July in each year of registration that is current at the first day of July.

5. Accreditation of higher education courses

An application for accreditation of one or more courses leading to a higher education award must be accompanied by an application fee of \$1,200 for each course in the application.

Where the Department of Education and Training informs the applicant that it will appoint an advisory committee to assess the application for accreditation, the applicant must pay an assessment fee based on the qualification level of the courses included in the application. The fee must be paid before the assessment proceeds.

Where an application is for the accreditation of two or more courses, and the same advisory committee is to assess the application, the assessment fee payable will be the sum of the following:

- (a) the full fee for the course with the greatest assessment fee (if there is more than one such course, for example, two courses at doctoral level, the assessment fee for one of them), and
- (b) one-quarter of the assessment fee for each other course in the application to be assessed by the same advisory committee.

‘Streamlined’ assessment will be available when a registered higher education institution applies to conduct courses in New South Wales that have current accreditation from an authority recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework Advisory Board, such as an Australian university, a State or Territory accrediting agency, or courses that have current accreditation from a recognised overseas accrediting authority. If New South Wales criteria for accreditation are met, the courses will not be referred to a full assessment panel.

An application for ‘streamlined’ assessment for accreditation must be accompanied by the application fee of \$1,200 for each course included in the application. The assessment fee will not be charged.

6. Concurrent assessment for accreditation and authority to offer a course in two or more States or Territories

Fees payable for assessing applications for concurrent registration and accreditation using guidelines issued by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs will be the total of fees payable in each participating State and Territory and will be paid direct to the relevant State or Territory accrediting agency.

If the New South Wales accrediting agency is the receiving authority and arranges the assessment, the fees payable to the Department of Education and Training will be the standard fees listed in this schedule.

If the New South Wales accrediting agency is not the receiving authority and does not arrange the assessment, the fee due to the Department of Education and Training will be \$1,500 per course included in the application.

7. Approval to Provide Courses to Overseas Students

An application for approval to provide higher education courses for overseas students must be accompanied by an application fee of \$500.

An annual approval fee will be payable by 31 July in each year of an institution’s period of approval subsequent to the initial year. The annual fee will be \$250 for institutions approved to provide up to (and including) five courses for overseas students or \$500 for institutions approved to provide six or more courses for overseas students.

An application for amendment to an institution’s approval to conduct courses for overseas students must be accompanied by a fee of \$150.

8. Renewal of Registration, Accreditation and Approval

Fees for renewing registration, accreditation and approval will be the same as the standard fees for registration, accreditation and approval listed in this schedule.

9. Termination of suspension of registration, accreditation and approval

An application for termination of suspension of registration, course accreditation or approval to conduct courses for overseas students must be accompanied by a fee of \$500 in each instance.

(Where registration, accreditation or approval has been cancelled, an institution must apply for a new authority. This will entail a full assessment of the application, and the standard fees for registration, accreditation or approval will apply.)

10. Variation to fees

The Director-General has discretion in regard to the waiving, remittal, reduction and refund of fees payable under the *Higher Education Act 2001*.

Refund of an assessment fee may be made in part or full when an application for registration or accreditation is withdrawn in writing within one month of being lodged and before an assessment panel convenes to review the application.