

Amounts for 2011

Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding cluster amounts

The following table shows the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) funding cluster (Commonwealth contribution) amounts for 2011.

Funding cluster		Commonwealth contribution (\$)
		2011
1	Law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce	1,793
2	Humanities	4,979
3	Mathematics [#] , statistics [#] , behavioural science, social studies, computing, built environment, other health	8,808
4	Education*	9,164
5	Clinical psychology, allied health, foreign languages, visual and performing arts	10,832
6	Nursing*	12,093
7	Engineering, science [#] , surveying	15,398
8	Dentistry, medicine, veterinary science, agriculture	19,542

- *Funding cluster rates for nursing and education include amounts for nursing clinical placement and teacher practicum.
- [#]The Australian Government also provides an additional \$3,371 per EFTSL for mathematics, statistics and science units for students who are covered by the lower contribution amounts introduced in 2009.

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Maximum annual student contribution amounts for a place

The following table shows the maximum annual student contribution amounts for a place (EFTSL) that may be charged for units of study in 2011.

Pre-2008 students: For pre-2008 students, the maximum annual student contribution amount that may be charged for Accounting, Administration, Economics and Commerce units is **\$7,756**. This amount applies to Commonwealth supported students who commenced a course of study before 1 January 2008 and are covered by the savings provision in Schedule 7 of the *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Act 2007*.

Pre-2009 students: For pre-2009 students, the maximum annual student contribution amount that may be charged for Mathematics, Statistics and Science units is **\$7,756**.

Pre-2010 students: For pre-2010 students, the maximum annual student contribution amount that may be charged for Education and Nursing units is **\$4,355**.

Band		Funding cluster	2011 maximum student contribution amount (per EFTSL)
3	Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	1	\$9,080
	Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science	8	
2	Computing, Built Environment, Other Health	3	\$7,756
	Allied Health	5	
	Engineering Surveying	7	
	Agriculture	8	
1	Humanities	2	\$5,442
	Behavioural Science, Social Studies	3	
	Education ^b	4	
	Clinical Psychology, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	5	
	Nursing ^b	6	
National Priority	Mathematics ^a , Statistics ^a	3	\$4,355
	Science ^a	7	

Notes:

a. Mathematics, Statistics and Science

- 1 The national priority maximum annual student contribution amount applies to students who commenced their course of study on or after 1 January 2009, regardless of the course of study. The national priority maximum also applies to continuing students who transfer to a course of study in the Natural and Physical Sciences from one that is not.
- 2 Mathematics, statistics and science units of study are those units of study in the natural and physical sciences Field of Education that are classified in Chapter 9 of the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) Guidelines as being in the Funding Clusters applying to 'Mathematics and Statistics' and/or 'Science' (currently clusters 3 or 6, although cluster numbering may alter in updated Guidelines following legislative amendment).
- 3 A natural and physical sciences course of study means a course of study in the field of natural and physical sciences, classified as Broad Field 01 the publication Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001¹

¹ *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) 2001* (Catalogue. no. 1272.0), Australian Bureau of Statistics, Commonwealth of Australia, (2001) Canberra.

b. Education and Nursing.

1. From 1 January 2010, the maximum annual student contribution amount for commencing Commonwealth supported students undertaking education and nursing units of study has been increased from the 'national priority' rate to the band 1 rate.
2. The increased maximum annual student contribution amounts affect only students who commence their course of study at a higher education provider on or after 1 January 2010.
3. Existing students will continue under existing arrangements (pre-2010 students).

<http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/Quickfind/PayingForYourStudiesHELPLoans/HECSHELPLBenefit.htm>

Pre-2010 students:

4. Grandfathering arrangements exist for Commonwealth supported students who commenced a course of study prior to 1 January 2010 and had not completed that course prior to that date. A person is a pre-2010 student for a unit of study if the person started the course of study of which the unit forms a part before 1 January 2010 and was a Commonwealth supported student in relation to a unit of study in that course and:
 - the person had not completed the course by 31 December 2009; or
 - in 2009 the person was undertaking an enabling course; or
 - the person has completed the related course for an honours course and is undertaking the honours course of study.

FEE-HELP limit

The FEE-HELP limit is the maximum amount that a person can borrow under FEE-HELP over their lifetime. This limit excludes any loan fee. The FEE-HELP limit in 2011 is **\$108,029** for medicine, dentistry and veterinary science students (as defined in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*) and **\$86,422** for all other students.

Maximum OS-HELP amount

The maximum OS-HELP amount is the maximum amount that a student can borrow under OS-HELP for a given period of six months. The maximum OS-HELP amount in 2011 is **\$5,611**.

Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2011

Chapter 7 of the *Higher Education Provider Guidelines* detail the requirements with which higher education providers must comply in imposing fees for fee-paying overseas students. The following table shows the minimum indicative course fees for 2011.

COURSE CATEGORIES		Total with capital component
ON CAMPUS		
		Fees weekly
1.	ELICOS	\$283
		Fees per year (Equivalent Full-time)
2.	Law, Economics, Business, Humanities, Maths/Statistics, Social Science, Education, Computing, Architecture, Design, Nursing, Arts, Science (non-lab-based)	\$10,623
3.	Science (lab-based), Paramedical, Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture	\$15,887
4.	Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science	\$21,881
EXTERNAL		
		Fees weekly
E1.	ELICOS (fees/weekly)	\$283
		Fees per year (Equivalent Full-time)
E2.	Law, Economics, Business, Humanities, Maths/Statistics, Social Science, Education, Computing, Architecture, Design, Nursing, Arts, Science (non-lab-based)	\$9,385
E3.	Science (lab-based), Paramedical, Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture	\$14,098