



Indexed rates – amounts for 2026

Total resourcing for a non-grandfathered Commonwealth supported place by discipline - 2026

The tables below show Government contributions under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme and maximum student contribution amounts for a non-grandfathered student place (equivalent full-time student load).

Table 1: Funding Cluster 1 (non-grandfathered)

Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Communications, Society and Culture^{1&2}

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Communications, Society and Culture	\$17,399	\$1,316	\$18,715

Table 2: Funding cluster 2 (non-grandfathered)

Education, Postgraduate Clinical Psychology, English, Mathematics, Statistics, Allied Health, Other Health, Built Environment, Computing, Visual and Performing Arts, Professional Pathway Psychology, Professional Pathway Social Work

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Education, Postgraduate Clinical Psychology ³ , English, Mathematics or Statistics	\$4,738	\$15,898	\$20,636
Allied Health, Other Health, Built Environment, Computing, Visual and Performing Arts, Professional Pathway Psychology ⁴ or Professional Pathway Social Work ⁵	\$9,537	\$15,898	\$25,435

Table 3: Funding Cluster 3 (non-grandfathered)**Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages, Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies, Science**

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages	\$4,738	\$19,497	\$24,235
Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies or Science	\$9,537	\$19,497	\$29,034

Table 4: Funding Cluster 4 (non-grandfathered)**Agriculture, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Pathology**

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Agriculture	\$4,738	\$32,400	\$37,138
Pathology	\$9,537	\$32,400	\$41,937
Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science	\$13,558	\$32,400	\$45,958

Table 5: Funding Cluster 5⁶**FEE-FREE Uni Ready Courses**

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
FEE-FREE Uni Ready courses - All Fields	\$0	\$18,716	\$18,716

Notes for total resourcing for a non-grandfathered Commonwealth supported place by discipline 2026

1. Excluding Postgraduate Clinical Psychology units, which are in funding cluster 2 (see note 3) and excluding Professional Pathway Psychology units with FOE codes starting with 0907 which are in cluster 2 (see note 4).
2. Excluding Professional Pathway Social Work units with FOE codes starting with 0905 which are in cluster 2 (see note 5).
3. Postgraduate Clinical Psychology units of study are in funding cluster 2 and are psychology units of study (FOE code 090701) that contribute to courses of study that are accredited for the purposes of professional registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and which lead to Endorsed Areas of Practice in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Counselling Psychology, Educational and Developmental Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology, Sports Psychology and Community Psychology.
4. Professional Pathway Psychology units of study are Behavioural Science units (with FOE codes starting with 0907) that contribute to a course of study that leads to a bachelor degree or honours degree in psychology with a course structure that makes it compulsory to study units relevant to professional registration as a psychologist by the Psychology Board of Australia, and the course of study represents a pathway to professional registration as a psychologist.
5. Professional Pathway Social Work units of study are Human Welfare Studies and Services units (with FOE codes starting with 0905) that contribute to courses of study that lead to a bachelor degree, honours degree or master's degree in:
 - a. social work accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers;



- b. youth work accredited by Youth Work Australia;
 - c. counselling accredited by the Australian Counsellors Association and/or the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia; and
 - d. community work accredited by the Australian Community Workers Association.
6. FEE-FREE Uni-Ready Course (FFUR) units are reported to an Enabling Course of Study (E310) of '30' with a Student status code (E490) of '261'. Providers should continue to report a 6-digit Discipline Code (E464) for each unit enrolment that is consistent with the course fields of education (E461/E462). The FFUR cluster rate is applied after data is reported in TCSI.



Total resourcing for a grandfathered Commonwealth supported place by discipline – 2026

The tables below show Government contributions under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme and maximum student contribution amounts for a grandfathered student place (equivalent full-time student load).

Table 5: Funding Cluster 1 (grandfathered)

Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Communications, Society and Culture

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics or Commerce	\$13,624	\$2,682	\$16,306
Any other subpart of the Society and Culture part of the first funding cluster	\$8,164	\$7,470	\$15,634
The Social Studies or Behavioural Science subpart of the Society and Culture part of the new first funding cluster	\$8,164	\$13,216	\$21,380
Communications	\$8,164	\$16,254	\$24,418

Table 6: Funding Cluster 2 (grandfathered)

Education, Postgraduate Clinical Psychology, English, Mathematics, Statistics, Allied Health, Other Health, Built Environment, Computing, Visual and Performing Arts, Professional Pathway Psychology, Professional Pathway Social Work

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Education, Postgraduate Clinical Psychology, English, Mathematics or Statistics	\$4,738	\$15,898	\$20,636
Allied Health, Other Health, Built Environment or Computing	\$9,537	\$15,898	\$25,435
Visual and Performing Arts	\$8,164	\$16,254	\$24,418
Professional Pathway Psychology or Professional Pathway Social Work	\$8,164	\$13,216	\$21,380



Table 7: Funding Cluster 3 (grandfathered)**Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages, Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies, Science**

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages	\$4,738	\$19,497	\$24,235
Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies or Science	\$9,537	\$19,497	\$29,034

Table 8: Funding Cluster 4 (grandfathered)**Agriculture, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Pathology**

Part of funding cluster	Maximum student contribution amounts	Australian Government contribution	Total resourcing
Agriculture	\$4,738	\$32,400	\$37,138
Pathology	\$9,537	\$32,400	\$41,937
Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science	\$13,558	\$32,400	\$45,958

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New funding clusters and contribution amounts took effect in the 2021 academic year. Grandfathering arrangements are in place for students who would see an increase in their contribution amounts. Under these arrangements, students who commenced their course of study before 1 January 2021 facing increased student contribution amounts for a unit, will instead have their student contribution and Australian Government contribution amounts remain as they were under the previous arrangements (with existing rates being indexed by CPI each year). If continuing students are enrolled in units that will see their student contribution amount lowered, their student contributions will be the lowered amount and the Australian Government contribution would be the new rate. That is, there will be no “mixing” of old and new rates for a unit. The definition of grandfathered students is set out in Schedule 1-Dictionary of the Higher Education Support Act 2003.



HELP Loan Limit

Following the passage of the Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability) Act 2018, from 1 January 2020 the FEE-HELP limit has been replaced by the HELP loan limit and includes HECS-HELP loans with census dates from 1 January 2020.

The HELP loan limit is the maximum amount that a person can borrow under HELP. This limit excludes any loan fee.

The HELP loan limit in 2026 is **\$186,544** for medicine, dentistry, veterinary science (as defined in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*), or eligible aviation students and **\$129,883** 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 2026 is **\$8,442** if the student will not be studying in Asia or **\$10,130** if the student will be studying in Asia and an additional **\$1,345** if the student will be undertaking Asian language study in preparation for study in Asia.

Maximum SA-HELP fee

The maximum Student Services and Amenities Fee for 2026 is **\$373**.

Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026

Chapter 6 of the *Higher Education Provider Guidelines* details the requirements with which higher education providers must comply in imposing fees for fee-paying overseas students. The following tables shows the minimum indicative course fees for 2026.

Table 9: Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026 – On campus course category 1

Description of course category	Weekly fee total without capital component	Weekly fee total with capital component
English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students	\$379	\$417

Table 10: Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026 – On campus course category 2

Description of course category	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total without capital component	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total with capital component
Law, Economics, Business, Humanities, Maths/Statistics, Social Science, Education, Computing, Architecture, Design, Nursing, Arts, Science (non-lab-based)	\$13,362	\$15,942

Table 11: Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026 – On campus course category 3

Description of course category	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total without capital component	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total with capital component
Science (lab-based), Paramedical, Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture	\$20,176	\$23,845

Table 12: Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026 – On campus course category 4

Description of course category	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total without capital component	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total with capital component
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science	\$27,906	\$32,844

Table 13: Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026 – External course category E1

Description of course category	Weekly fee total without capital component	Weekly fee total with capital component
English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students	\$379	\$417

Table 14: Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026 – External course category E2

Description of course category	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total without capital component	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total with capital component
Law, Economics, Business, Humanities, Maths/Statistics, Social Science, Education, Computing, Architecture, Design, Nursing, Arts, Science (non-lab-based)	\$13,362	\$14,081



Table 15: Minimum indicative course fees for fee-paying overseas students in 2026 – External course category E3

	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total without capital component	Fees per year (equivalent full time) total with capital component
Science (lab-based), Paramedical, Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture	\$20,176	\$21,157

