

STATEMENT OF VET TUITION ASSURANCE
for
ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
enrolled in
VET FEE-HELP ENABLED COURSES

Under the provisions of Schedule 1A of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) and the associated VET Provider Guidelines Think: Colleges Pty Ltd (“the College”) is required to provide a VET tuition assurance arrangement for Australian citizens or Australian resident permanent humanitarian visa holders who are enrolled in a VET FEE-HELP enabled course (“a VET course of study”) offered by the College. This requirement is to protect students in the event that the College ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled.

A VET course of study is taken to have ceased if:

- the VET course of study does not commence on the agreed starting date (or a later date that has been agreed between the College and the enrolled students) and an arrangement has not previously been made between the College and the enrolled students to undertake a suitable alternative VET course of study; or
- the VET course of study ceases to be provided after it has started (for any reason); or
- the full VET course of study has not being delivered because:
 - the approval of the College as a VET Provider has been suspended or revoked;
 - notice is served on the College to cancel its incorporation or to dissolve the College as a legal entity;
 - the College has come under external administration;
 - the College ceases to be a Registered Training Organisation;
 - the secretary of DEEWR makes a declaration that the College has ceased to provide a VET course of study.

In the event that the College ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled, the student is entitled to a choice of:

- a) an offer of a place in a similar VET course of study with another VET Provider without any requirement to pay the other provider any student contribution or tuition fee for any replacement VET units of study. This is known as the “**VET Course Assurance Option**”;
- or**
- b) a refund of any up-front VET payments for any VET unit of study that the student commences but does not complete because the College has ceased to provide the VET course of study of which the VET unit of study forms part. This is known as the “**VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option**”.

The College has met the tuition assurance requirements of the HESA through its current membership of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) Australian Student Tuition Assurance Scheme (ASTAS).

Contact Details for ACPET-ASTAS

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The VET courses of study for which the College has ACPET-ASTAS membership are:

- BSB51207 Diploma of Marketing
- 30675QLD Diploma of Commercial Arts (Graphic Design)
- 30700QLD Diploma of Commercial Arts (Interior Decoration and Design)
- SIT50307 Diploma of Hospitality
- SRS50406 Diploma of Sport (Athlete Support Services)
- HLT51407 Diploma of Aromatherapy
- HLT50307 Diploma of Remedial Massage
- SRF50206 Diploma of Fitness
- HLT51507 Diploma of Kinesiology
- BSB60507 Advanced Diploma of Marketing
- HLT60107 Advanced Diploma of Western Herbal Medicine
- HLT60507 Advanced Diploma of Naturopathy
- HLT60607 Advanced Diploma of Homoeopathy
- HLT61007 Advanced Diploma of Nutritional Medicine
- HLT60907 Advanced Diploma of Aromatic Medicine
- SIT60307 Advanced Diploma of Hospitality
- 30676QLD Advanced Diploma of Commercial Arts (Electronic Design and Interactive Media)
- 30701QLD Advanced Diploma of Commercial Arts (Interior Design / Digital Interior Design)

Activation of Tuition Assurance Arrangements

If the College ceases to provide a VET course of study, the ACPET-ASTAS will send each eligible student enrolled in the VET course of study a Written VET Tuition Assurance Offer (“the Offer”) advising the student of the options available under the VET tuition assurance requirements. The Offer will include directions that the student must follow in order to notify the ACPET-ASTAS of the choice they have made for each affected VET unit of study. The ACPET-ASTAS will provide this Offer within twenty business days after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries that the College has ceased to provide the VET course of study.

A student may choose either:

The VET Course Assurance Option

Under the *VET Course Assurance Option*, a student will be offered a place in a similar VET course of study by the ACPET-ASTAS. If the student accepts this option, the ACPET-ASTAS will make all necessary arrangements to ensure a student is able to enrol in a similar VET course of study with another VET Provider. This offered VET course of study will lead to the same or a comparable qualification without any requirement on the part of the student to pay the other provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units of study (that is, VET units of study that the student had commenced but not completed because the VET course of study ceased to be offered). A student will receive full credit from the provider of the alternate VET course of study for any VET units of study successfully completed at the College.

The other provider nominated by the ACPET_ASTAS may have different VET tuition fees to the fees the student would have paid for VET units of study which were part of the VET course of study that the College ceased to provide but which the student had not yet started studying.

A student is not obliged to enrol in a VET course of study with another provider offered by the ACPET-ASTAS under the *VET Course Assurance Option*. However, if they enrol with any other VET provider there is no obligation on that VET provider to offer full credit transfer for the VET units of study completed with the College or to offer any replacement VET units of study free of charge.

OR

The VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option

Under the *VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option* the ACPET-ASTAS undertakes to pay the student the total of any up-front VET payments already paid by the student for any VET units of study that the student has commenced but not completed because the College has ceased to provide the VET course of study.

Students selecting this option who have applied for VET FEE-HELP assistance will have their VET FEE-HELP balance re-credited for the uncompleted VET units of study.

Publication

This *Statement of VET Tuition Assurance* will be published on the Think: Colleges website for the information of current and prospective students. The College's enrolment process will also inform students about where the *Statement of VET Tuition Assurance* may be obtained.