



# Student Fees and Charges Policy – 2026

## Policy purpose

This document sets out the 2026 tuition fees and charges for North Regional TAFE (NR TAFE). NR TAFE fees are determined by the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) or by NR TAFE where there is discretion to do so, and should be read in conjunction with the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Fees and Charges Policy 2026. Student fees and charges are approved by Governing Council.

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to reflect state government changes and Delivery and Performance Agreement requirements.

## Policy scope

This policy applies to all student fees and charges related to training delivered by NR TAFE, and includes fees and charges for the following:

- Profile courses, including individual units and modules
- Apprentices and trainees
- Skill sets
- Commercial delivery
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

## Definitions

The following definitions apply in this document:

<b>Commercial</b>	<i>Delivery of training or training-related services, which is funded only by fees paid by the participant or organisation requesting the training, i.e. not State Government subsidised.</i>
<b>Course fees</b>	<i>Fees which contribute to the cost of training delivery, and which are supplemented by state government funding.</i>
<b>Incidental fees</b>	<i>Additional fees as specified in this policy.</i>
<b>Other fees</b>	<i>Non-essential goods and services or goods and services that can be obtained in another way or from another supplier.</i>
<b>Profile course</b>	<i>A course which is subsidised by the state government.</i>
<b>Resource fees</b>	<i>Fees for materials purchased by the College to be consumed or transformed by students in the course of training.</i>
<b>Semester</b>	<i>A six-month period that contains the study start date of a unit.</i>
<b>Skill set</b>	<i>A combination of accredited Units of Competency; Skill set includes non-accredited courses. Skill sets may be profile or commercial fees.</i>
<b>FEE-FREE</b>	<i>Means a range of skill sets and qualifications that have been determined as a priority and are delivered with no course fees applicable for all students eligible for Profile courses, under a joint partnership with the Commonwealth Government. Resource fees are, however, applicable.</i>
<b>Census date</b>	<i>The official date for a unit after which VET Student Loan (VSL) students incur financial liability or fee-paying students are not entitled to a full refund of the course fee upon withdrawal.</i>
<b>Tuition fee</b>	<i>Course fees and resource fees.</i>



<b>Unit</b>	<i>A discrete unit or module of study.</i>
<b>Secondary School aged person</b>	<i>A person who has reached 15 years of age but has not reached the end of the calendar year in which their compulsory education period expires, as defined in the School Education Act 1999. In 2026, these persons will be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008.</i>
<b>Youth</b>	<i>A person who has reached 15 years of age but has not reached the end of the calendar year in which they turn 25 years of age</i>

## Payment of fees and charges

Enrolment in a College course is not complete until one of the following is in place:

- all prescribed tuition fees and charges are paid by the student, or
- commitment is received from a third party to pay the fees, or
- deferred payment arrangements agreed through a NR TAFE Direct Debit Agreement are made, or
- fees and charges have been waived, or
- A VET Student Loan (VSL) application is completed, approved and processed.

## Fees for government subsidised courses

Students enrolled in government subsidised courses may be charged:

- course fees
- resource fees
- Incidental fees.

## Course fees

Course fees are mandated by the Department of Training and Workforce Development and are based on the number of hours assigned to each unit (see below).

QUALIFICATION CATEGORY	Course fee per nominal hour
<b>Non-concession student</b>	
Category 1 -Diploma and Advanced Diploma* and Existing Worker Traineeships	\$5.79
Category 2 -Apprenticeships, Traineeships**, and Priority Industry Qualifications (up to Certificate IV)	\$3.25
Category 3 -General Industry Training (up to Certificate IV)	\$4.88
Category 4 -Foundation Skills Courses (including equity courses)	\$0.21
Category 5 -Targeted fee relief courses	\$1.62
Category 6 –Fee-Free Courses	\$0.00
<b>Concession student</b>	
Category 1 -Concession-eligible Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses***	\$1.74
Category 2 -Apprenticeships, Traineeships**, and Priority Industry Qualifications (up to Certificate IV)	\$0.97
Category 3 -General Industry Training (up to Certificate IV)	\$1.47
Category 4 -Foundation Skills Training (including equity courses)	\$0.21
Category 5 -Targeted fee relief courses	\$0.48
Category 6 – Fee-free courses	\$0.00

\* Excludes Diploma and Advanced Diploma Qualifications that are Targeted Fee Relief, equity or FEE-FREE courses.

\*\* Excludes Existing Worker Traineeships and Targeted Fee Relief, equity, or FEE-FREE Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

\*\*\* Refer to the policy section of DTWD for a list of qualifications for 2026.



Particular note should be taken of the additional points below in relation to course fees.

## Fee caps, waivers and exceptions

- An annual course fee cap of \$7,860 will apply to all Category 1 Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses. Where a student is transferred to an updated version of the course, the maximum will be applied as if the enrolment continues in a single course.  
(Note that the fee cap for Diploma Courses is applied for each course enrolment)
- The maximum course fee for non-concession students undertaking a Targeted Fee Relief course in 2026 is \$1,200. For concession Students and Youth, the maximum course fee for undertaking a Targeted Fee Relief course in 2026 is \$400. These maximums apply per course in 2026. Where a student is transferred to an updated version of the course, the maximum will be applied as if the enrolment continues in a single course.
- Students that have a concession at the time of their initial enrolments into a Targeted Fee Relief course will continue to receive the concession fee rate and eligible fee cap until they complete or withdraw from the course, or until the end of 2026, whichever is earlier.
- The following courses are fee-free for all eligible students;
  - Skill sets and qualifications under the FEE-FREE program.
- Students who are enrolled at school and undertaking VET Delivered to Secondary Students funded by the Department in 2026 are eligible for a course and resource fee exemption
- Secondary school-aged persons not enrolled at school, or secondary school-aged persons in their final year of school who will not, after the completion of that year be enrolled at a secondary school (please refer to exception conditions listed under VET delivered to Secondary Students below), the maximum course fee chargeable in 2026 is \$420. The maximum is the total fee for all courses the student is enrolled in. For these students, course fees for courses that are below Diploma level or are concession-eligible Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses are calculated at the concessional rate until the student reaches the fee cap.
- Where a course is reclassified into a different category during the year, the reclassification does not affect fees payable for units of the course commenced prior to the reclassification date. If a course is reclassified as Targeted Fee Relief, then the Targeted Fee Relief course fee caps only apply to units commenced on or after the date of reclassification. Where a student has paid for units in a course that has been reclassified and the units will commence on or after the reclassification date, the student is entitled to a refund if the amount of fees paid exceeds the course fees applicable following the reclassification. The refund will be calculated as the difference between the amount paid and the new applicable course fees. Where the amount of fees paid is less than the course fees applicable following the reclassification, the student is not required to pay the difference between the amount paid and the new applicable course fees.
- Secondary school-aged students, who are not at school and under the care of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support are exempt from paying course and resource fees.
- If an existing worker traineeship is listed on the [Existing Worker Traineeship Funded List](#) it is charged at the Category 1 rate of \$5.79 per nominal hour in 2026 except in Targeted Tee Relief courses, where they are charged at the Category 5 fee rate of \$1.62 per nominal hour up to the maximum course fee caps as specified above. If not listed on the funded list it is charged at a Fee Rate of \$23.85 per nominal hour, plus the applicable resource fees. Existing worker trainees are only eligible for fee concessions in Targeted Fee Relief courses and courses specified on the concession eligible Diploma list. Lists of these courses for 2026 are available in the policy section of the [Department Website](#).

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)



Fees for Profile-funded RPL will be 50 percent of the applicable DTWD-prescribed rate for the category of enrolment (non-concession student), including fee free for RPL enrolment in the Fee Free Category 6. There is no fee concession entitlement for RPL by students who hold a concession card.

Where a student enrolls for RPL and is ineligible for Profile-funded delivery, the applicable commercial RPL fee will be \$11.93 per nominal hour. Alternatively, if an employer or agency is seeking RPL for a group of students who are ineligible for Profile-funded delivery then an alternative RPL fee may be costed and charged at Commercial fee rates via completion of a Commercial Costing sheet approved by the Director Training Services and endorsed by the Chief Finance Officer.

The RPL fee is a non-refundable fee with no payment plans to be made available and with no fee caps applicable.

### Re-enrolling in the same unit

Students wishing to enrol in a unit in which the student has already obtained competency will be charged at the Fee Rate of \$23.85 per nominal hour, plus the applicable resource fee, except for the following units where students may be re-enrolled in Profile-funded delivery after the specified timeframes:

- HLTAID011 *Provide First Aid*
  - After 3 years of completion of unit
- HLTAID009 *Provide Cardiopulmonary Pulmonary Resuscitation*
  - After 12 months of completion of unit
- HLTAID013 *Provide First Aid in a remote or isolated site*
  - After 3 years of completion of unit
- IAE74 *Traffic Management Refresher* skill set, comprised of
  - *RIICOM201E Communicate in the Workplace*
  - *RIIWHS206 Control traffic with portable traffic control devices and temporary traffic signs*
  - *RIIWHS303 Position, set-up and program portable traffic control devices*
  - After 3 years of completion of the skill set/units.

### Resource fees

Resource fees cover materials purchased by the College to be consumed or transformed by students in the course of training. Resource fees are charges for materials that are considered essential to a course or unit of study, and which do not form part of the course fee.

Any equipment that will be retained by the student as his or her own personal property must be purchased separately by the student. Students will not be charged for hiring, leasing, purchase or depreciation of equipment or general infrastructure. Excursions will be charged to students as they arise.

Further information on resource fees are provided in the [DTWD Fees and Charges Policy 2026](#).



## Incidental fees

Incidental fees include:

Re-issue of academic statement or issue of wallet card in addition to Academic Statement:	
i. Results on computer network	\$20.00
ii. Results from archive	\$30.00
Replacement of award/qualification/academic record	\$50.00
Re-marking of an Assessment – per unit	\$25.00
Remote assessment supervision	\$50.00
Issue and re-issue of WorkSafe White Card	\$25.00
Senior First Aid	Rate as defined by the Licensing body
Marine Radio Operator examination application	Rate as defined by the Licensing body
WorkSafe High Risk Licence	Rate as defined by the Licensing body for a new Licence

## Fee concession entitlement

The following students are entitled to the concession rate on course fees at Certificate Levels I through to IV, except for Foundation Skills courses.

- 1 Persons and dependents of persons holding a:
  - Pensioner Concession Card
  - Repatriation Health Benefits Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs
  - Health Care Card.
- 2 Persons and dependents of persons in receipt of:
  - AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY
  - Youth Allowance.
  - Commonwealth support or employment services programs, Workforce Australia or ParentsNext.
- 3 Persons who are inmates of a custodial institution.
- 4 Secondary school aged persons, not enrolled at school.

Proof of eligibility for concession must be shown at the time of enrolment.

## Apprentices and trainees

Apprentices and trainees may be eligible for publicly funded training if the:

- training contract is registered in Western Australia; and
- workplace is in Western Australia; and
- training occurs in Western Australia, unless the training is only available in another state or territory.

Where trainees and apprentices are eligible for training, course fees apply as per the fee rates in the table above and additional resource fees may be charged.



## Skill sets

Skill sets may be offered under Profile or costed and charged at Commercial fee rates determined by either the Training Manager or Director Training Services. Costing sheets for Commercial courses must be approved by the Training Manager or Director Training Services and endorsed by the Chief Finance Officer.

Concessions, Payment Plans and/or Fee Waivers are not available for non-accredited Skill Sets.

## VET delivered to Secondary Students

A student's school enrolment status will determine the funding stream and statutory fees that apply as outlined in the [VET Qualifications Register for Secondary Students](#)

Secondary school students undertaking VET courses, including apprenticeships and traineeships, as part of a publicly funded VET delivered to secondary students program (year 11 and 12 only) as per the [VET Delivered to Secondary Students Funded list](#) are exempt from course and resource fees.

Secondary School students who intend to study outside of the VET delivered to secondary students' program, will be charged at the rate of \$23.85 per nominal hour, plus the applicable resource fees.

This does not apply to secondary school-aged persons who:

- are in their final year of secondary school and will not, after the completion of that year be enrolled at a secondary school: and
- commence a course on or after 26 October 2026.

In 2026, persons in their final year of compulsory education were born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.

## Fee-Free courses agreement

Under this agreement students who enrol in a Category 6 – Fee-free courses on or before 31 December 2026 are entitled to the fee-free arrangement each year over the entire duration of the course.

## Interstate (multijurisdictional) students

Students residing in other Australian States or Territories are charged at Fee Rate of \$23.85 per nominal hour, plus applicable resource fees or \$11.93 per nominal hour for RPL.

Interstate (multijurisdictional) apprentices and trainees may be eligible for publicly funded training if the:

- training contract is registered in Western Australia; and
- workplace is in Western Australia; and
- training occurs in Western Australia unless the training is only available in another state or territory.

## Temporary residents

Persons holding a temporary visa (and secondary holders of a temporary visa) may be eligible for state government subsidised training, depending on the visa type, and may be eligible for fee waivers and concessions.

Where the temporary visa holder is not eligible for subsidised training, tuition fees will be charged at the Fee Rate of \$23.85 per nominal hour plus, applicable resource fee, or \$11.93 per nominal hour for RPL.

Information about temporary visa holder's eligibility for funded training can be found in the [DTWD - TAFE International Visa Subclass Guide](#) and [DTWD Fees and Charges Policy 2026](#).



## WA Residents

Where WA residents are not eligible for subsidised training and are joining a class that is already scheduled for students under subsidised training, tuition fees will be charged at the Fee Rate of \$23.85 per nominal hour plus applicable resource fee.

## VET Student Loans

VET Student Loans commenced on 1 January 2017. Information on VET Student Loans is available at [Department of Employment and Workplace Relations](#) and [North Regional TAFE VET Student Loans](#) with a list of approved courses, eligibility rules and How to Apply.



## Document owner to complete

Document owner	Manager Customer Experience
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Related policies and documents	<a href="#">2026 DTWD VET Fees and Charges Policy</a> <a href="#">DTWD VET delivered to Secondary Students funded list</a> <a href="#">VET Delivered to Secondary Students Funded list</a> <a href="#">Student Withdrawal and Fee Refund Policy</a> <a href="#">Terms and Conditions of Enrolment</a> <a href="#">DTWD - TAFE International Visa Subclass Guide</a> <a href="#">VET Student Loans Approved Courses and Eligibility</a>

## Executive staff to complete

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