



Southern School of Natural Therapies

Australia's Premier School of Complementary Medicine

SSNT FEE-HELP INFORMATION - 2010

SSNT is approved as a Higher Education Provider (HEP) for FEE-HELP.

FEE-HELP is a government student loan provided to eligible fee-paying students to pay for their tuition fees to a maximum of \$85,062. The loan is repayable through the tax system once future earnings reach \$43,150 per annum. The Commonwealth Government pays the amount of the loan directly to the student's provider. SSNT will collect and assess student applications.

It is imperative that students planning to apply for FEE-HELP obtain a Tax File Number and are Australian citizens. SSNT is required to collect either your Australian birth certificate or proof of citizenship.

These conditions must be met to be eligible for FEE-HELP. Applicants must first read the information provided on the FEE-HELP link on the SSNT website, or collect a booklet from Reception.

SSNT is also now accredited for VET FEE-HELP. This means that any student wishing to study one of our Diploma courses (or individual subjects from those courses) may now defer payment for these courses.

Degree students wishing to access VET FEE-HELP will need to complete another funding application form. Money borrowed under VET FEE-HELP is added to your FEE-HELP debt up to the maximum stated above.

FEE-HELP Census Date

The census date is the date on which all FEE-HELP requirements must be finalised. **For 2010, the census date is March 29 for first semester and August 23 for the second semester.**

By 4.30 pm on the census date, students must have provided their Tax File Number. Prior to the start of semester, they should have put in their form to request FEE-HELP Assistance. If not, they will not be entitled to FEE-HELP.

Cancellation of FEE-HELP funding request

If a student has applied for FEE-HELP and changes their mind, they must cancel their request for funding in writing to the school by 4.30pm on the census date deadline. If not, they will become liable for the debt, regardless of whether or not they attend.

Therefore, students will incur a FEE-HELP debt if, after the census date, they are still enrolled in a unit for which they have requested FEE-HELP funding (i.e. have not withdrawn their request). If a student withdraws their request after the enrolment period and wishes to pay their fees direct to SSNT, they will be liable for the standard late enrolment fees.

Withdrawal from a FEE-HELP funded subject

All requests to withdraw from or defer units must be made in writing on the official SSNT withdrawal/transfer form. Standard withdrawal policies and charges apply. Please refer to the 'Withdrawals and Deferrals' policy on the website.