

Statement of Tuition Assurance (Higher Education)



1. Tuition assurance requirements

Under the provisions of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA); and Chapter 2 of the Higher Education Provider Guidelines, TAFE Queensland must comply with the higher education tuition assurance requirements. Tuition assurance protects students in the event that TAFE Queensland ceases to provide the program of study they are undertaking. The definition of 'ceasing to provide a course of study' is set out in Chapter 2 of the higher education Provider Guidelines

2. Membership of TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) tuition assurance scheme

TAFE Queensland has met the higher education tuition assurance requirements through its current membership of the TAFE Directors Australia tuition assurance scheme.

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA), GPO Box 826, Canberra ACT 2601.

Tel: 02 6205 4600, Web: www.tda.edu.au

3. What happens if TAFE Queensland ceases to provide a higher education program of study?

In the event that TAFE Queensland ceases to provide a higher education program of study in which a student is enrolled, TDA will provide, in writing, a higher education tuition assurance offer advising the affected students of the options available to them. TDA will provide this offer within twenty business days after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries, that TAFE Queensland has ceased to provide the higher education program of study. The written offer will instruct the student on how and when to notify TDA of the choice they make for each affected higher education unit.

The student is entitled to a choice of:

- Higher education Course Assurance Option

OR

- Higher education Tuition Fee Repayment Option

4. Higher education course assurance option:

Under the higher education course assurance option, a student will be offered a place in a higher education program of study leading to the same or comparable qualification, with a second provider. If the student accepts this option, TDA will make all the necessary arrangements to ensure the student is able to enrol with the second provider. A student will receive full credit from the second provider for any higher education units of study successfully completed at TAFE Queensland. There will be no requirement on the part of the student to pay the second provider any higher education tuition fee for any replacement higher education units (that is, units that the student had commenced but not completed because the higher education program ceased to be offered).

The second provider may have different higher education tuition fees for higher education units of study within the higher education program of study that TAFE Queensland ceased to provide.

A student is not obliged to enrol in a higher education program of study with a second provider offered by TDA under the higher education course assurance option.

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5. The higher education tuition fee repayment option:

Under the higher education tuition fee repayment option, TDA undertakes to pay the student the total of any up-front higher education payments already paid by the student for any higher education units of study they have commenced but not completed because the higher education program ceased to be offered. Students selecting this option will also have their FEE-HELP balance re-credited for the uncompleted higher education units.

6. Higher education programs of study for which TAFE Queensland has TDA tuition assurance

Course Code	Course Name
HED001	Associate Degree in Civil Engineering
HED004	Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics

7. Publication methods

Website - this Statement of Tuition Assurance (Higher Education) will be made public to students on the TAFE Queensland website – www.tafeqld.edu.au

At enrolment – Students will be advised about where the Statement of Tuition Assurance (higher education) may be obtained as part of their enrolment information.