

Bendigo TAFE Statement of VET Tuition Assurance

Under the provisions of *Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) Chapter 3 of the VET Provider Guidelines Bendigo TAFE (the First Provider) must comply with the VET Tuition Assurance requirements. This is to protect students in the event that Bendigo TAFE ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled. The meaning of 'ceasing to provide a VET course of study' is set out at paragraph 3.1.25 of the VET Provider Guidelines. A copy of these is available from:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/skills/programs/support/vetfeehelp/usefulpublications/pages/approvedvetproviders.aspx>

In the event that Bendigo TAFE 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 a Second Provider without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (this is known as the "**VET Course Assurance Option**");

Or

- b) a refund of his or her up-front VET payments for any VET unit of study that the student commences but does not complete because Bendigo TAFE ceases to provide the VET course of study of which the VET unit forms part (this is known as "**VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option**")

Bendigo TAFE has met the VET Tuition assurance requirements as specified in the VET Provider Guidelines through its current membership of the TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) VET Tuition Assurance Scheme (VET TAS)

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If Bendigo TAFE ceases to provide a VET course of study, TDA will send a 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 TDA VET Tuition Assurance Scheme of the choice they have made for each affected VET unit. TDA VET Tuition Assurance Scheme will provide this Offer within twenty *Business Days* after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries that Bendigo TAFE has ceased to provide the VET course of study.

The course/s of study for which Bendigo TAFE has TDA TAS membership is/are:

BSB60407	Advanced Diploma of Management
FNS60204	Advanced Diploma of Accounting
CHC60108	Advanced Diploma of Disability
CHC60308	Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management
21953VIC	Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)
21697VIC	Diploma of Vocational Education and Training Practice
ICA50105	Diploma of Information Technology
SIR50107	Diploma of Retail Management
WRB50105	Diploma of Beauty Therapy
WRH50106	Diploma of Hairdressing Salon Management
SIT50307	Diploma of Hospitality Management
BSB50607	Diploma of Human Resources Management
BSB51107	Diploma of Management

BSB51407	Diploma of Project Management
FNS50204	Diploma of Accounting
CHC50108	Diploma of Disability
CHC50608	Diploma of Community Services Work
CHC50908	Diploma of Children's Services (Early Childhood Education and Care)
CHC52208	Diploma Of Community Services Coordination
HLT51607	Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 nursing)
BSB51307	Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety
21621VIC	Diploma of Engineering Technology
MEM50205	Diploma of Engineering – Technical
21885VIC	Diploma of Visual Arts
21675VIC	Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing
LMT50307	Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology
21704VIC	Diploma of Sustainable Agriculture
MSL50109	Diploma Of Laboratory Technology
RTD50102	Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
21874VIC	Diploma of Graphic Design
CUF50207	Diploma of Interactive Digital Media
WRH50109	Diploma of Hairdressing Salon Management
HLT51007	Diploma of Population Health
SIB50110	Diploma of Beauty Therapy
SIB50210	Diploma of Salon Management
SIT50207	Diploma of Events
SIT60307	Advanced Diploma of Hospitality
FNS50210	Diploma of Accounting

A student may choose either:

The VET Course Assurance Option:

1. Under the VET course assurance option, a student will be offered a place in a similar VET course of study by TDA VET Tuition Assurance Scheme. If the student accepts this option, TDA VET Tuition Assurance Scheme will make all necessary arrangements to ensure a student is able to enrol with the Second Provider in the similar VET course of study. This offered VET course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification without any requirement on the part of the student to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (that is, units that the student has commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered). A student will receive full credit from the Second Provider for any VET units of study successfully completed at Bendigo TAFE.
2. The Second Provider nominated by TDA VET Tuition Assurance Scheme 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 the Bendigo TAFE ceased to provide but which the student had not yet started studying.
3. A student is not obliged to enrol in a VET course of study with a Second Provider offered by TDA VET Tuition Assurance Scheme under the VET Course Assurance Option. However, if he/she enrolls with any other VET provider there is no obligation on the VET provider to offer full credit transfer for the VET units of study completed with the Bendigo TAFE or to offer replacement VET unit/s free of charge.

Or

The VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option:

4. Under the VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option, TDA VET Tuition Assurance Scheme undertakes to pay the student the total of any up-front VET payments already paid by the student for any VET units of study the student has commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered. Students selecting this option will also have their FEE-HELP balance re-credited by the uncompleted VET units.