

## Services and Amenities Fee (SA Fee) 2012

### Background

On 11 October 2011, the Australian Parliament passed legislation allowing universities and other higher education providers to charge a fee for student services and amenities of a non-academic nature. The fee may be spent by higher education providers on items such as sporting and recreational activities, employment and career advice, child care, financial advice and food services from 2012.

### What will the SA Fee be for 2012?

The ANU will charge the fee in 2012 to all domestic students as follows:

- \$263.00 for full-time students (to be indexed each year)
- \$131.50 for part-time students (to be indexed each year)
- There will be a new HELP loan introduced called SA HELP and this will be available to all Australian citizens and Humanitarian visa holders enrolled in an award program.

Due to limitations under ESOS (Education Services for Overseas Students Act) all International students will have this fee incorporated into their tuition fees from 2013 onwards. A contribution by the University on behalf of international students will be made in 2012 towards the funding priorities determined in consultation with your student representatives.

### When will the fee be introduced?

Students commencing and continuing in 2012 will be charged the Services and Amenities Fee (SA Fee) from 1 January 2012.

### When do I have to pay?

If you intend to pay the fee upfront the due dates in 2012 will be:

Semester One	9 March 2012
Semester Two	10 August 2012

Non-standard sessions will be due 21 days from the date the invoice is issued.

### What can the income be spent on?

A provider that charges a student services and amenities fee will only be able to spend the fee on the provision of certain services. A list of these services can be found on the following website:

[http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/fees/sa\\_fee.php](http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/fees/sa_fee.php)

## Can I get help with my payment?

SA HELP will form part of the suite of HELP loans offered by the government. All Australian citizens and Humanitarian visa holders enrolled in an award program will be eligible to defer the debt in the same fashion as HECS HELP and FEE HELP works.

Students may elect to pay up front as they do for their student contribution or they may defer the debt. If a student chooses to defer the SA Fee they will be required to submit a request for Commonwealth Assistance form for SA HELP by no later than the incurral date set by the university. This date is different to the due date for payment.

The incurral dates for 2012 will be as follows:

Summer Session	31 March 2012
Semester One	31 March 2012
Autumn Session	30 June 2012
Winter Session	30 September 2012
Semester Two	31 August 2012
Spring Session	31 December 2012

The incurral date is the last day a student who would like to access SA HELP can submit their Request for Commonwealth Assistance form. Forms received after this date can only be applied to later semesters or sessions.

## Examples

### Scenario 1

If Mary was to enrol in 24 units in Semester One 2012 she will be required to pay \$131.50. If she then enrolls in 24 units in Semester Two she will be required to pay another \$131.50.

### Scenario 2

If Mary was to enrol in 6 units in Summer session 2012 she would be required to pay \$65.75 because she is part time. If she then enrolled in 18 units in Semester One 2012 Mary would be required to pay another \$65.75 making a total of \$131.50 for summer session and semester one combined because she is now full time.

### Scenario 3

If Mary was to enrol in 6 units in Summer session 2012 she would be required to pay \$65.75. If she then enrolled in 6 units in Semester One 2012 Mary would still be part time so she wouldn't be required to pay anything further. But if Mary was to then enrol in Autumn session in 6 units she would then be required to pay another \$65.75 because she would now be considered to be full time.

**Full-time (F/T)** is equal to 18 units or greater in a half year period

**Part-time (P/T)** is equal to less than 18 units in a half year period

First half of the year includes Summer session, Semester One and Autumn session.  
Second half of the year includes Winter session, Semester Two and Spring session.

Further information on the SA Fee can be found on the following website:

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