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FEE-HELP Information for Domestic Postgraduate Coursework Students 2008

In 2002 the Australian government conducted a review of Australia's higher education system. The government's response to the review was announced in the policy statement, *Our Universities: Backing Australia's Future*. As a result of this policy the government has introduced a new system of funding and administration for Higher Education Providers (HEP) this was implemented from 1 January 2005.

For details of these reforms refer to the following website: www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/student_info.htm

As in previous years the ANU will offer fee-paying places to domestic students enrolling in postgraduate non-research programs. The University will set the tuition fees for each course in a program of study and students will be required to pay the full fee for courses in which they enrol (with no contribution from the government).

To assist eligible postgraduate non-research students to pay their tuition fees the government introduced a loan scheme. This Loan scheme is called FEE-HELP.

Australian citizens and some holders of permanent humanitarian visas are eligible for FEE-HELP assistance. FEE-HELP can cover all or part of a student's tuition fees, up to a lifetime limit. The limit is indexed each year. In 2008 the limit will be \$102,000 for Medicine, Veterinary Science & Dentistry, \$81,600 for all other students.. Holders of permanent visas are also eligible for FEE-HELP if they are undertaking a bridging program for overseas trained professionals only.

Students eligible for a FEE-HELP loan must complete the request for FEE-HELP Assistance form electronically in ISIS. (Interactive Student Information System). This must be completed on or before the census date for their first course of study. **Failure to do this will result in the students not being eligible for FEE-HELP assistance.** These students will be required to pay the tuition fee upfront to their institution.

All eligible students will incur a debt on their **FEE-HELP loan if they are enrolled in a course/s on the course census date.**

For students who apply for a FEE-HELP loan the government will pay the amount of the loan directly to the student's Higher Education Provider (HEP). Students repay their loan through the taxation system once their income is above the minimum threshold for compulsory repayments. The following threshold has been set for the income year:

- 2007/2008 – \$39825

Note: The income year refers to the financial year, not the calendar year.

FEE-HELP began on 1 January 2005 and is available to both continuing and commencing eligible students.

For further information on FEE-HELP refer to the FEE-HELP Information 2008 booklet available on the government website: www.goingtouni.gov.au

International Students are not eligible for any of the government's Higher Education Loan Programmes (HELP) and must pay the full tuition fees for their studies.

Domestic Tuition Fees at ANU in 2008

Each year the ANU sets its tuition fees for courses for both domestic and international fee paying students. The tuition fees are set according to a price-point per unit scheme. For example a 6-unit postgraduate coursework course in the Faculty of Arts in 2008 will normally have a price-point of \$300. This means that the cost of the course will be $6 \times \$300 = \$1,800$. The standard enrolment load per semester for a student is normally 24 units (4 courses of 6 units each = 24 units). Therefore a student undertaking 48 units in a year would expect to pay $48 \times \$300 = \$14,400$ approx. in tuition fees. Many postgraduate programs require a total of 48 units to complete the degree/diploma.

On Page 2 is a table providing a guide to the cost of some postgraduate programs in some academic areas in 2008. You should note that these are indicative program cost for 2008 only. For further information it is suggested you contact the College directly.

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ANU College of	Program	Units (per Year)	Indicative DTF in 2008*
Arts & Social Sciences (excluding School of Art & CNMA)	All PG coursework	48	\$14400
		36	\$10800
Asia & Pacific Studies	All PG coursework	48	\$15600
Business & Economics	Some PG coursework	48	\$20400
Engineering & Computer Sciences (depends on the actual program/courses taken)	All PG coursework	48	\$19200
Law (GDLP only)	All PG coursework	48	\$16800
		36	\$12600
		48	\$8,400
Science (Depends on actual program taken)	All PG coursework	48	\$22800
Master Contemporary Sc/Physics of the Earth		48	\$16,800

The following Colleges offer some of their Postgraduate coursework courses as Commonwealth supported places: ANU College of Business and Economics; ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science; ANU College of Science; ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and ANU College of Law. Please contact your college for further information and eligibility.

*These indicative program fees are for domestic postgraduate coursework students ONLY in 2008.

These are not the only academic areas that offer postgraduate coursework programs and courses. As some faculties/schools/centres have different programs and courses it would be advisable to confirm 2008 tuition fees with the individual College.

ANU Websites

- Student and Academic Services
www.anu.edu.au/sas/
- Course Fee Information
<http://info.anu.edu.au/StudyAt/ListCourseFees.asp>
- Fees Office
www.anu.edu.au/sas/fees
- HESA@ANU (Higher Education Support Act at ANU)
<http://info.anu.edu.au/cis/HESA/index.asp>

DEEWR Website

- www.goingtouni.gov.au
A new student website hosted by DEEWR provides information about higher education for prospective students and continuing students.

Contact Student Fees Office

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