

# Charges not covered by Tuition Fees

Read with your written course offer and the Fees, Charges and Refunds Policy

## Know the total cost before enrolling

EQC must tell you which costs are included, which items you need to obtain, and any lawful additional charge before you enrol or become liable for payment. This document does not introduce a new fee. A charge must be permitted for your actual funding or loan arrangement and itemised in the applicable fee information.

## Personal and optional costs

Depending on your course and delivery arrangements, you may need personal stationery, a computer and internet access, or retained equipment or clothing. Your course information must explain actual requirements and any available access or support. Optional reference books and optional printing are personal choices; required learning materials described as included must remain included.

Personal meals, travel and accommodation are ordinarily your own costs unless expressly included in your offer. Any course-required activity and associated expense must be disclosed. Where the rules require a choice of supplier or a free alternative, EQC must provide that choice or access.

**EQC currently charges \$0 administration fees.** There is no automatic enrolment, deferral, extension, cancellation or replacement-document charge. Any future optional service charge must be lawful, disclosed and agreed before the service is chosen; it cannot retrospectively charge for included services.

## Funding and loan protections take priority

**WA-funded training:** use only permitted course, resource and optional fee categories. Do not charge separately for enrolment, records archiving, general IT/support, infrastructure or training plans. Fee-free skill sets cannot attract resource or other fees. Apply the actual course/cohort rules to personal items and other resource charges.

**Queensland SAS-funded training:** the co-contribution includes all mandatory enrolment, materials, training, assessment and award costs, including required criminal-history checks. These cannot become extra mandatory student charges. Only permitted minor non-standard services may attract cost-recovery fees.

**NSW Smart and Skilled:** only permitted incidental costs may be charged separately. Essential workbooks, in-house or reproduced resources and ordinary training customisation are included. Publish and receipt allowable extras; do not add an administration fee outside the NSW rules.

**South Australia Skills SA:** the published participant fee includes the agreed training, assessment, essential learning resources and three assessment attempts per unit. Apply the current SA fee framework and approved exemptions. A required contribution cannot be waived as an incentive. Explain any lawful personal or optional cost before acceptance; do not separately charge funded essential support.

**VSL:** a loan covers eligible tuition only. Lawful non-tuition costs must be separately explained. Optional goods/services, a genuinely optional alternative to free essential access, or eligible retained personal items/travel with a supplier choice may be separate costs. Ordinary academic-suitability and enrolment application costs must not be separate charges. VSL rules do not remove stricter funding protections that also apply.

Questions, payment help or a disputed charge: [team@equinimcollege.com](mailto:team@equinimcollege.com) | 1800 338 883. See the [Fees, Charges and Refunds Policy and Procedure](#) and [Complaints and Appeals Policy](#).