

Services & Amenities Fees



University legislation

The S&A fee is a University fee established under ordinance 92 – Services and Amenities Fees. The ordinance may be accessed at <http://www.utas.edu.au/universitycouncil/legislation/ord92.doc>. The Commonwealth Government amended the Higher Education Support Act (HESA) 2003 in December 2005 to enact voluntary student unionism (VSU), which comes into effect from 1 July 2006. VSU means the University will not be charging compulsory S&A fees for enrolments with census dates after 30 June 2006.

S&A fee for 2006

The S&A fee for 2006 is set at \$135 for a full-time enrolment load of 0.5 EFTSL across semester 1 and summer school 2006.

Types of services and amenities supported by payment of the fees

Services provided by the student organisations and supported by S&A fees include

- student insurance,
- financial and participative support for intellectual, cultural, social and sporting activities through representation on a range of key University bodies,
- contribution to a range of scholarship awards,
- support of most University sporting, cultural and social clubs and societies, and
- provision of a range of student academic and welfare support services.

Standard calculation of the S&A fee liability

S&A fee liability will be calculated based on a student's enrolled load at the census date for Summer School (if applicable) and Semester 1 2006, effectively by unit of study.

The calculation will be based on an S&A fee of \$33.75 per 12.5% unit. Units with different weights will be charged pro rata according to their weight. These unit-based liabilities will be aggregated to calculate the full S&A fee liability for each census date.

Total S&A fee liability over Summer School and Semester 1 will be capped at the full-time rate for that period of \$135.

Variations to S&A fee liability

Calculation of unit-based S&A fee liability will be based on the following variables

- Unit weight
- Teaching period (semester)
- Study centre
- Unit exemption status
- Student exemption status, eg RHD

Teaching period

Differentiate the rate of fee liability by teaching period –

- 13 week teaching periods (Semester 1) will have the full fee liability of \$135 per 0.5 EFTSL
- Summer School (January/February) will have a 50% fee liability of \$67.50 per 0.5 EFTSL to reflect the shorter teaching periods and therefore lesser access to services and amenities.

Study centre

Differentiate the rate of fee liability by study centre (linked to each unit enrolment) –

- Offshore, interstate study centre zero liability
- Cradle Coast 50%
- Distance, isolated 50%
- Hobart, Launceston 100%

Unit of study exemption status

Each unit of study will have an S&A fee exemption status. The default will be that a unit is liable for S&A fees. Selected units will have variations recorded in order to reflect the approved course-based variations and waivers. Most exemptions or variations in S&A fees are for units where a significant part of the unit is delivered off campus or with restricted access to services and amenities.

Cumulative variations on a unit liability for S&A fees

As some unit enrolments will be subject to variations that cumulate in their effect, the minimum that a student will be liable for (with the exception of complete exemptions) will be 25% of the full liability for the unit. For example a 12.5% unit enrolment at the Cradle Coast during Summer School will have an S&A fee liability of \$8.44 - $((\$33.75 * 50%) * 50\%)$.

Student exemption status

Two categories of student will be S&A fee exempt –

1. Research Higher Degree students
2. Students with load of a maximum EFTSL of 12.5% in the first six months of the year.

S&A fees for international students are incorporated in their annual course fees.

Procedures for invoicing and collection of S&A fees

Invoicing

S&A fee liability will be separately invoiced from any tuition fees or student contributions (HECS). S&A fee liability will be invoiced towards the end of April. Summer School (Jan/Feb) enrolments S&A fee liability will be invoiced with Semester 1 invoices. S&A fee invoices will be delivered electronically to students via email.

Due dates

Due date for payment will be included on the S&A fee invoice and will be approximately 2 weeks after the invoice date.

Payments

Methods of payment are detailed on the invoice and include payment through Australia Post across the counter, by telephone or internet ; and through BPay.

Penalties for non-payment

A student with outstanding S&A fees will not have access to their exam results nor be allowed to graduate. This is known as a student being debarred. The University may refuse to re-enrol a student with outstanding S&A fees or may cancel the enrolment of a student with fees outstanding 2 weeks prior to a formal examination period. The University may also impose non-academic penalties on students who have not paid their fees by restricting or denying access to services or amenities, or cancelling or not renewing a student ID card.