



## FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP - tax deductibility

FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP provides assistance to students who are not supported by the Commonwealth to pay tuition fees.

If you take out a FEE-HELP or VET FEE HELP loan to pay your tuition fees, you may be entitled to a tax deduction for the cost of your tuition fees.

If you meet the eligibility requirements for a deduction for self-education expenses, the whole tuition fee is deductible. You are not prevented from claiming a deduction because assistance to pay all or part of the tuition fee was received under FEE-HELP or VET FEE-HELP. The loan fee (up to 20%) or loading is **not** claimable.

The tuition fee is claimable in the financial year in which the expense is incurred. For example, tuition fees for study undertaken in the period July to December 2007 and January to June 2008 are claimable in the 2007–08 income year.

You cannot claim a tax deduction for repaying all or part of your FEE-HELP or VET-HELP loan. Any FEE-HELP or VET FEE-HELP loans taken out will become part of your accumulated HELP debt to be collected through the tax system once your repayment income is above the [minimum repayment threshold](#). Voluntary and compulsory repayments toward an accumulated HELP debt are **not** tax deductible.

### More information

#### Internet

- This [website](#) to download HELP and general tax information.
- The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) website at [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

#### Phone

##### Tax Office

- **13 28 61** for information about HELP and personal tax topics. Phone between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

##### DEEWR

- **1800 020 108** for information on HELP eligibility.

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We are committed to providing you with accurate, consistent and clear information to help you understand your rights and entitlements and meet your obligations.

If you follow our information and it turns out to be incorrect, or it is misleading and you make a mistake as a result, we will take that into account when determining what action, if any, we should take.

Some of the information on this website applies to a specific financial year. This is clearly marked. Make sure you have the information for the right year before making decisions based on that information.

If you feel that our information does not fully cover your circumstances, or you are unsure how it applies to you, contact us or seek professional advice.

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