

Student Financial Hardship Fund Application Information



INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You may be eligible for assistance from the Financial Hardship Fund if:

- You have a genuine and immediate need for financial assistance*.
- Your study success will be positively impacted as a result of the assistance.
- You display an ability to recover your financial position with appropriate help.
- You are a current, full-time domestic student, with a minimum duration of study of twelve weeks.
- You are prepared to take an active approach to future budgeting.

*Examples include:

- Changes in income or expenditure (includes problems with StudyLink/WINZ)
- Changes in employment status (such as losing a job or having hours reduced)
- Significant life events (such as a relationship breakdown or death in the family)
- Injury, illness or dental issue
- Emergency event or natural disaster
- Cumulative effects of an unbalanced budget

LIMITATIONS

- You must explore alternative sources of funding (e.g. StudyLink, WINZ, family, employment, your bank), and have no other way of meeting your expenses.
- Assistance from the Hardship Fund is temporary, and is not a solution to long-term cash flow issues.
- Students who are under the age of 18 are expected to seek assistance from their parent or guardian if appropriate.
- Part-time and international students are expected to be self-funded; in cases of severe hardship may have limited access to financial assistance.
- Assistance is not available for paying court fines, prior debts, personal counselling, supervision fees or vehicle expenses.
- Financial assistance is provided in the form of vouchers, bus cards, train tickets, direct payments to creditors and cash (only available for Emergency Travel Assistance)

Please note: You must provide a full up-to-date bank statement with your application.