Domestic or international fee paying students who discontinue from their program in their commencing semester will be charged a fee.

International fee-paying students who discontinue from their program before the census date in their commencing semester will be charged 50% of their deposit fee.

Domestic students who discontinue from their program before the census date in their commencing semester will be charged a $500 fee.

This fee will serve as a disincentive or deterrent to discontinuing in the commencing semester after committing to a place at UNSW. The fee will apply to all UNSW students enrolled in an award program.

Non-award students are exempt.

The commencing term or semester is defined by one or a combination of the following:

- The term, semester or teaching period specified in the letter of offer for which admission was accepted;
- The term or semester for which the student paid their deposit;
- The term or semester in which the student began or will begin their studies at UNSW, regardless of whether the student was studying at another institution.

Completion of a previous program does not exempt the student from this fee.

In cases where the student remains enrolled in course(s) after the census date no refund will be applicable and the student will remain liable for the full tuition and associated costs levied as at the census date.