To support workers displaced by the COVID-19 crisis, the cost to study short, online Graduate Certificate programs at UNSW in identified national priority areas has been significantly discounted.

The discounted student contribution fees for these programs will only apply to students starting their Graduate Certificate in Term 2 / Semester 2. Eligible students will be able to defer their fees through HECS-HELP.

Which Programs Can I Study?

Commencing in Term 2

7401 Graduate Certificate in Education
7339 Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management
7123 Graduate Certificate in Construction Project Management
7320 Graduate Certificate in Engineering Science
7543 Graduate Certificate in Computing
7362 Graduate Certificate in Infectious Diseases Intelligence
7435 Graduate Certificate in Optometry

Commencing in Semester 2

7353 Graduate Certificate in Space Operations

What courses and specialisations are available?

By selecting the link against the listed programs above you can view the courses and specialisations available to your program on the UNSW Handbook.

Please be aware that UNSW has designed these programs with specific courses and specialisations to assist you to complete your certificate in 2020. Enrolling in courses not listed under your program is not permitted and will not count towards your degree requirements. In these circumstances you may be asked to change your course selection or the course may be moved to a Non-Award career and you will be charged the full UNSW Domestic Fee rate and not eligible for Commonwealth Assistance.

I am currently enrolled at UNSW studying in a priority area. Am I able to eligible for the discounted fees?

This policy was introduced by the Australian Government to support workers affected by the economic impact of COVID-19 crisis who are looking to upskill or retrain.
The discounted fees are only available to students commencing in one of Graduate Certificate programs listed above in Term 2 or Semester 2 2020.

**What are the fees for these programs?**

For a list of courses available for these programs at UNSW and the corresponding individual student contribution amount please see the [Commonwealth Supported Fees](#) page: Higher Education Relief Package: Charges per course.

The Australian government has set the fees (student contribution rate) for each area at 0.5 EFTSL (4 courses) as below:

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Your student contribution fees will depend on the courses you enrol in. Fees are based on course content, and as a result courses within a program may have different fees. The discounted fees are available for up to a maximum of four courses completed before the end of December 2020. Students who continue their studies beyond 2020 will be liable for the [standard student contribution rates](#).

In addition to the student contribution fees, all students are charged the [Student Services & Amenities Fee](#) (SSAF).

**Why have the student contribution amounts been discounted?**

Discounted student fees reflect the financial hardship faced by students who are affected by the economic impact of COVID-19 crisis, and who are looking to upskill or retrain.

**When do I need to start?**

In order to access the reduced fee rate students must start in Term 2 (commences 1 June 2020) or in Semester 2 (commences 13 July 2020).

All of the listed programs will commence in Term 2, except the Graduate Certificate in Space Operations (7353) which is taught by UNSW Canberra and will commence in Semester 2.
How & When do I apply?

Applications should be submitted through the [Apply Online](#) portal.

Term 2 applications should be submitted by 22 May and Semester 2 applications close on 5 July.

Places are limited and applications for oversubscribed programs may close earlier than the published deadlines.

Can I apply via UAC?

No, due to the limited time available for processing, applications should be submitted directly to UNSW via [Apply Online](#).

Can I defer my offer to Term 3 or 2021 and still access the discounted fees?

No. In order to access the discounted fees you must commence in Term 2 or Semester 2 2020.

If you cannot commence in Term 2 or Semester 2 and hold an offer for one of the listed programs you will need to re-apply for entry in a future intake. Note that some programs may not be available in future intakes as they have been opened only for the Higher Education relief package. Others may have limited CSP places or no CSP places available in future intakes.

I already hold an offer for one of the listed programs to commence in Term 2. Will the discounted fees apply to me?

Yes. If you are commencing in Term 2 in one of the listed programs you will be charged the discounted fees.

Can I access the discounted fees if I am commencing in a related Graduate Diploma or Masters program in Term 2?

No. The discounted fees are only available to students commencing in one of the listed Graduate Certificate programs in Term 2 / Semester 2.

If I hold an offer to a related Graduate Diploma or Masters program and I am due to commence in Term 2 can I change to the Graduate Certificate program and access the discounted fees?

Yes. If you are an existing offer holder in a related program and have not yet commenced your program you can request to be made an offer for one of the listed Graduate Certificates by submitting a request via [www.enquiry.unsw.edu.au](http://www.enquiry.unsw.edu.au) and selecting the enquiry option "I would like to change my Program/Plan preferences".

How many courses can I study?

Students will be charged the discounted fee for up to a maximum of four courses studied as part of their Graduate Certificate during Terms 2 and 3 (or Semester 2) 2020. If a student does not complete their Graduate Certificate during 2020 and enrols in further courses as part of their Graduate Certificate in 2021 they will be charged the [standard student contribution rates](#).

Will I still be eligible for the discounted fees if I complete a listed Graduate Certificate program and transfer into a related Graduate Diploma or Masters program?

No. The discounted fees are only available for a maximum of 4 courses completed as part of one of the listed Graduate Certificate programs during 2020. If you transfer into a related Graduate Diploma or Masters program, and you are allocated a [Commonwealth Supported Place in that program](#), you will be liable for the standard student contribution rates.
Are International students eligible to receive the discounted fee rates?

No. The discounted fee rates apply to Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs) for domestic students only. CSPs are available for:

- Australian citizens who will live and study in Australia for some of the program,
- New Zealand citizens who will live and study in Australia for the whole program, and
- permanent resident visa holders who will live and study in Australia for the whole program.

Why is the program duration listed as 0.7 years in the Degree Finder and as 0.5 years in the Course Seeker page?

Our Graduate Certificate programs involve the completion of 4 courses (24 units of credit). For programs taught in the 3+ term calendar a full time enrolment does not typically include more than 3 courses in any term. Therefore students will usually be enrolled in two terms to complete a Graduate Certificate - typically 2 courses in each term, or 3 courses in the first Term and 1 course in the second).

Students commencing in Term 2 will start on 1 June 2020 and complete in early December 2020 (a period of 6 months). Given that students must commence in Term 2 in order to access the discounted rates the Graduate Certificate programs are listed as 0.5 years on the Course Seeker website.

The duration of Graduate Certificate programs listed in the Degree Finder reflects the longest period between the start and end date of two consecutive Terms, as a student who commences a Graduate Certificate in Term 3 will begin their studies in September and complete at the end of Term 1 in May.