Minister for Education Dan Tehan announced the Job-ready Graduates Package (the package) of reforms to higher education on 19 June 2020. Many elements of the package will come into effect for any census date after 1 January 2021. For more information, visit the Job-ready Graduates Package page.

The below table displays the UNSW tuition fee (student contribution) amounts per Equivalent Full-Time Study Load (EFTSL); i.e. one year of full-time study (48 uoc) for a Commonwealth supported student.

### 2021 Student contribution charges (commencing)

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<th>2021 Student contribution bands</th>
<th>Student contribution amount per EFTSL</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Band 4</strong>: Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Society and Culture or Communications</td>
<td>$14,500</td>
<td>$1,812</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Band 3</strong>: Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science</td>
<td>$11,300</td>
<td>$1,412</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Band 2</strong>: Allied Health, Other Health, Built Environment, Computing or Visual and Performing Arts, Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies or Science</td>
<td>$7,950</td>
<td>$993</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Band 1</strong>: Education, Clinical Psychology, English, Mathematics or Statistics, Nursing, Foreign Languages or Agriculture</td>
<td>$3,950</td>
<td>$493</td>
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Note: Courses are charged based on relevant content which means, in some cases, the band amount may vary. Please refer to the UNSW Handbook for details.

In addition to tuition fees, UNSW will charge you a **Student Services & Amenities Fee**

### 2021 Student contribution charges (grandfathered)

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<td>Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce</td>
<td>$11,355</td>
<td>$1,419</td>
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<tr>
<td>Society and Culture, Communications, Visual and Performing Arts</td>
<td>$6,804</td>
<td>$850</td>
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</table>
Please note, not all disciplines are subject to grandfathering, please see the 2021 Grandfathering Arrangements section below.

Disciplines not listed in this table are charged at the 2021 Student contribution charges (commencing) rate to all students, continuing and commencing, as they have not increased beyond standard indexation and in some cases may be lower.

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2021 Grandfathering Arrangements

What are the grandfathering arrangements in 2021?

New funding clusters and student contribution amounts will take effect in the 2021 academic year, as per the above tables.

Grandfathering arrangements will be in place for students who would see an increase in their student contribution amounts. Under these arrangements, students who commenced their course of study (program) before 1 January 2021 facing increased student contribution amounts for a unit of study (course), will instead have their student contribution and Australian Government contribution amounts remain as they were under the previous arrangements (with existing rates being indexed by CPI each year).

If continuing students are enrolled in units of study (courses) that will see their student contribution amount lowered, their student contributions will be the lowered amount and the Australian Government contribution would be the new rate.

Who is eligible for the grandfathering arrangement?

The Australian Government has (currently) advised that a student may be eligible for a grandfathering arrangement under the Job Ready Graduates Package, if any of the following apply;

- you began your program (your ongoing program) with a UNSW before the commencement day (1 January 2021) but you have not completed your ongoing program immediately before that day;
- you completed your program (your earlier program) with UNSW before the commencement day (1 January 2021) and, on or after that day, you began your honours program with UNSW that relates to the earlier program and that is leading to a higher education award that is an honours degree;
- you were undertaking, in 2020, an enabling program and, on or after the commencement day (1 January 2021), you began another program that is leading to a higher education award; and
- you were, at any time before the commencement day, a Commonwealth supported student in relation to course in the ongoing program, earlier program or enabling program (as the case may be); and
- you undertake a course as part of the ongoing program, honours program or later program (as the case may be) that has a census date that is on or after the commencement day (1 January 2021); and
- that unit of study is a grandfathered unit.

Who is not eligible for the grandfathering arrangement?

- Any student who began their program (with a census date after the commencement day of 1 January 2021) where;
  - you were not undertaking, in 2020, an enabling program; or
  - you are not commencing an honours program (after the commencement day of 1 January 2021) with UNSW after completing a bachelor degree with UNSW in a related degree (before the commencement day of 1 January 2021).
- Any student who changes program after the commencement day of 1 January 2021. You must remain in your
original program (where you began your studies prior to the commencement day of 1 January 2021) to remain eligible for the grandfathering arrangements;
  - this includes moving from a dual/double/combined degree to a single degree. Any change to your program code due to a shift to or from single/dual/double/combined degrees will forfeit your eligibility for grandfathering of your tuition.

- Students in a domestic fee paying program that apply for a transfer to a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) in the same program, where the first census date in their CSP is after the commencement date of 1 January 2021.
- Students in an international fee paying program that apply for a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) in the same program, due to a residency change, where the first census date in their CSP is after the commencement date of 1 January 2021.

**UNSW defines the following legislative phrases:**

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<td>Commencement Day</td>
<td>The day the legislation becomes effective. This will apply to any census date on or after 1 January 2021.</td>
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**How to calculate fees**

Below is an example for a 6 uoc course in Band 1.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Course units of credit</th>
<th>EFTSL in units of credit</th>
<th>student contribution band charge</th>
<th>Charge per course</th>
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<td>6</td>
<td>48</td>
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You can find the units of credit per course in the [UNSW Handbook](https://unsw.edu.au/). The EFTSL at UNSW is currently always 48.

**Am I eligible for Commonwealth support**

Commonwealth supported places are competitive and are only available to domestic students.

Domestic undergraduate students who are offered a place through the [University Admissions Centre](https://uac.edu.au/) (UAC) will be offered a Commonwealth supported place (CSP).

There are also postgraduate Commonwealth supported places. These places are limited and must be applied for, either directly to UNSW or through UAC. Please see our [Postgraduate Commonwealth Support](https://unsw.edu.au/) page for more details.

For more information on Commonwealth support eligibility, please refer to [Commonwealth Assistance](https://unsw.edu.au/).

**See also**

2020 fees

Fees from prior years

Summer term fees

For courses offered in summer
Incidental fees
For goods/services incidental to study

Financial assistance
Student loans and payment plans