

Coronavirus response – Federation University Australia

Special Assistance Scheme COVID-19

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Dear Student,

We understand many of our students are struggling financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Federation University Australia is committed to supporting you to continue your studies during this challenging time and has announced a new Coronavirus TAFE Student Assistance Scheme.

This is available to help our Federation TAFE students, currently enrolled at a Federation campus, who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Under the package, eligible students may receive up to \$300 each week for a two week period if:

- you are experiencing financial hardship due to the need to self-isolate
- you have had your hours of employment reduced as a result of the pandemic
- you are unable to work due to required self-isolation and have limited or no provision of personal or annual leave.

Eligible students may also receive a one-off payment of up to \$100 for enhancing internet access/data limits for rural areas that have limited internet access/services.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

- An extension to the due date for tuition fees to 30 June 2020, for those studying in tuition fee-paying certificate level programs.
- An extension to the census date to 1 July 2020 for Diploma and Advanced Diploma students.
- An increase to the number of computer devices available for loan from the Ballarat and Wimmera library locations, to assist students without adequate access to computers at home for study online. The new computers are being acquired and will be available in the next few weeks. A separate message will be sent when they become available for borrowing.
- Provision of COVID-19 compliant learning spaces at SMB and Wimmera library locations where you can book time on computer technology for study purposes.

Please also be aware that the Federal Government has announced increases to Austudy and Youth allowance payments and JobSeeker and JobKeeper payments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You should seek clarity from Services Australia or Centrelink regarding your eligibility for increased payment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FIND OUT MORE

To be eligible, you must be currently enrolled as a Federation TAFE student at a Federation campus, and have experienced reduced income or loss of employment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Start your application today by clicking here](#). We have a team of staff reviewing applications, and will respond as quickly as possible.

You can also find out more information on our [website](#).

We will continue to keep you updated on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and are committed to supporting you through this difficult time.

Best regards,

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