



# **Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-FREE Uni Ready Courses) Guidelines 2024**

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I, Jason Clare, Minister for Education, make the following guidelines.

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Minister for Education

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-FREE Uni Ready Courses) Guidelines 2024*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences immediately after Schedule 3 to the *Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Act 2024* commences.

Note: Schedule 3 to the *Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures) Act 2024* commences on 1 January 2025: see item 8 of the table in subsection 2(1) of that Act.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

## 4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

# Schedule 1—Amendments to the *Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2020*

## *Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2020*

### 1 Section 14

Repeal section 14, substitute:

#### 14 Determining the funding clusters

- (a) The table in this paragraph determines for the purposes of section 33-35 of the Act, the funding cluster or part of a funding cluster, in which units of study are included, or the particular funding cluster, or the particular part of a funding cluster, in which a particular unit is included for the purposes of the Act.

Funding cluster	Part, or subpart, of funding cluster	Unit description	FOE Code
<b>Funding cluster 1</b> Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Communications, and Society and Culture	Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Communications	Law	0909
		Accounting	0801
		Business and Management	0803
		Sales and Marketing	0805
		Tourism	0807
		Office Studies	0809
		Banking, Finance and Related Fields	0811
		Other Management and Commerce	0899
		Economics and Econometrics	0919
		Food and Hospitality	1101
		Personal Services	1103
		General Education Programmes	1201
		Social Skills Programs	1203
		Employment Skills Programs	1205
		Other Mixed Field Programmes	1299
		Communication and Media Studies	1007
	Society and Culture – any other subpart	History	090305
		Archaeology	090307
		Indigenous Studies	090311
		Justice and Law Enforcement	0911
		Philosophy and Religious Studies	0917
	Society and Culture – Social Studies or Behavioural Science subparts	Political Science and Policy Studies	0901
		Human Movement	069903
		Sport and Recreation	0921
		Studies in Human Society	090300
		Sociology	090301
		Anthropology	090303
		Human Geography	090309
		Gender Specific Studies	090313
		Studies in Human Society not elsewhere classified	090399

Funding cluster	Part, or subpart, of funding cluster	Unit description	FOE Code
		Librarianship, Information Management and Curatorial Studies	0913
		Other Society and Culture	0999
		Behavioural Science	0907
		Human Welfare Studies and Services	0905
<b>Funding cluster 2</b> Education, Clinical Psychology, English, Mathematics, Statistics, Allied Health, Other Health, Built Environment, Computing, Visual and Performing Arts, Professional Pathway Psychology, and Professional Pathway Social Work	Education, Clinical Psychology, English, Mathematics, Statistics	Teacher Education	0701
		Curriculum and Education Studies	0703
		Other Education	0799
		Postgraduate Clinical Psychology	090701
		Mathematical Sciences	0101
		Language and Literature	091500
		English Language	091501
		Linguistics	091521
		Literature	091523
		Language and Literature, not elsewhere classified	091599
	Allied Health, Other Health, Built Environment, Computing	Pharmacy	0605
		Optical Science	0609
		Public Health	0613
		Radiography	0615
		Rehabilitation Therapies	0617
		Complementary Therapies	0619
		Other Health	069900
		Nutrition and Dietetics	069901
		Paramedical Studies	069905
		First Aid	069907
		Health not elsewhere classified	069999
		Architecture and Urban Environment	0401
		Building	0403
	Computer Science	0201	
	Information Systems	0203	
	Other Information Technology	0299	
	Visual and Performing Arts	Performing Arts	1001
		Visual Arts and Crafts	1003
		Graphic and Design Studies	1005
		Other Creative Arts	1099
	Professional Pathway Psychology	Behavioural Science	0907
	Professional Pathway Social Work	Human Welfare Studies and Services	0905
	<b>Funding cluster 3</b> Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages, Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies, Science	Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages	Nursing
Translating and Interpreting			091519
Australian Indigenous Languages			091517
Eastern Asian Languages			091515
Southeast Asian Languages			091513
Southern Asian Languages			091511
Southwest Asian and North African Languages			091509

Funding cluster	Part, or subpart, of funding cluster	Unit description	FOE Code	
		Eastern European Languages	091507	
		Southern European Languages	091505	
		Northern European Languages	091503	
	Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies, Science		Manufacturing Engineering and Technology	0301
			Process and Resources Engineering	0303
			Automotive Engineering and Technology	0305
			Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Technology	0307
			Civil Engineering	0309
			Geomatic Engineering	0311
			Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Technology	0313
			Aerospace Engineering and Technology	0315
			Maritime Engineering and Technology	0317
			Other Engineering and Related Technologies	0399
			Environmental Studies	0509
			Other Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	0599
			Physics and Astronomy	0103
			Chemical Sciences	0105
			Earth Sciences	0107
			Biological Sciences	0109
Other Natural and Physical Sciences	0199			
<b>Funding cluster 4</b> Agriculture, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Pathology	Agriculture	Agriculture	0501	
		Horticulture and Viticulture	0503	
		Forestry Studies	0505	
		Fisheries Studies	0507	
	Pathology	Pathology	060113	
	Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science		Medical Studies	060100
			General Medicine	060101
			Surgery	060103
			Psychiatry	060105
			Obstetrics and Gynaecology	060107
			Paediatrics	060109
			Anaesthesiology	060111
			Radiology	060115
			Internal Medicine	060117
			General Practice	060119
Medical Studies not elsewhere classified			060199	
Dental Studies	0607			
Veterinary Studies	0611			
<b>Funding cluster 5</b> FEE-FREE Uni Ready courses	FEE-FREE Uni Ready courses	All units of study	All FOE codes	

(b) For the purposes of the table in paragraph (a):

- (i) Postgraduate Clinical Psychology units of study included in the Clinical Psychology subpart of funding cluster 2 are psychology units of study



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(FOE code 090701) that contribute to courses of study that are accredited for the purpose of professional registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and which lead to Endorsed Areas of Practice in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Counselling Psychology, Education and Developmental Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology, Sports Psychology and Community Psychology; and

- (ii) units of study in the Professional Pathway Psychology subpart of funding cluster 2 are Behavioural Science units of study (FOE codes starting with 0907) that contribute to a course of study that leads to a bachelor degree or honours degree in psychology with a course structure that makes it compulsory to study units relevant to professional registration as a psychologist by the Psychology Board of Australia, and the course of study represents a pathway to professional registration as a psychologist; and
- (iii) units of study in the Professional Pathway Social Work subpart of funding cluster 2 are Human Welfare Studies and Services units of study (FOE codes starting with 0905) that contribute to courses of study that lead to a bachelor degree, honours degree or master's degree in social work accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers, youth work accredited by Youth Work Australia, counselling accredited by the Australian Counsellors Association and/or the Psychology and Counselling Federation of Australia, and community work accredited by the Australian Community Workers Association; and
- (iv) units of study undertaken by a student as part of a FEE-FREE Uni Ready course can only be included in funding cluster 5, regardless of the FOE Code of the unit of study.

- (c) Subject to paragraph (b), a unit of study with a 6 digit FOE code:
  - (i) that is not set out in the table in paragraph (a); and
  - (ii) that begins with the four digits of a 4 digit FOE code of a unit of study set out in that table (*principal unit of study*);

is included in the same funding cluster and the same part or subpart of the funding cluster as the principal unit of study.

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## **Schedule 2—Amendments to the *Higher Education Support (Other Grants) Guidelines 2022***

### ***Higher Education Support (Other Grants) Guidelines 2022***

#### **1 After section 6B**

Insert:

#### **6C Saved effect of conditions on grants under the Enabling Loading Program**

For the absence of doubt, a condition imposed by the Minister under paragraph 41-25(1)(c) of the Act in relation to a grant under Division 5 of Part 2 of this instrument that was in force immediately before that Division was repealed by the *Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-FREE Uni Ready Courses) Guidelines 2024* remains in force in relation to the grant after that repeal in accordance with its terms.

#### **2 Division 5 of Part 2**

Repeal the Division.