

Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE‑FREE Uni Ready Courses) Guidelines 2024

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

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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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Funding cluster 1**  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 |
| Librarianship, Information Management and Curatorial Studies | 0913 |
| Other Society and Culture | 0999 |
| Behavioural Science | 0907 |
| Human Welfare Studies and Services | 0905 |
| **Funding cluster 2** 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 |
| **Funding cluster 3** Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages, Engineering, Surveying, Environmental Studies, Science | Nursing, Indigenous and Foreign Languages | Nursing | 0603 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| **Funding cluster 4** 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 |
| **Funding cluster 5**  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 (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.

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.