

## UPDATES TO FEE-HELP 2018 / 2019

There have been many changes with Fee-HELP eligibility rules including the new 50% pass rate rules that were implemented from 2018. Please see below information and examples which may hopefully answer any questions you may have.

- Students who commenced their current award on or after 1 January 2018, need to maintain a minimum unit pass rate of 50% to remain eligible to receive FEE-HELP.
- Students who commenced their current award, prior to 1 January 2018 are not subject to the 50% unit pass rate eligibility rule.
- For undergraduate or postgraduate awards (Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) 7 and above), the student must undertake a minimum of 8 units of study before the minimum 50% unit pass rate is activated.
- For Diploma of Ministry or Diploma of Theology (AQF 6 or below), the student must undertake a minimum of 4 units of study before the 50% unit pass rate is activated.
- Students must have maintained a minimum 50% unit pass rate, on previous and current studies that were funded via FEE-HELP, so if a new student comes in with a pass rate of below 50% they will not be able to access Fee-HELP until they reach 50%.
- Should the unit pass rate fall below 50%, the student will lose access to FEE-HELP and need to pay for the units of study up-front.
- Once the pass rate reaches 50% again, they will then be able to regain access to FEE-HELP.

Here are some examples which may help clarify this requirement:

1. If a student undertakes 3 units of study on Fee-HELP of a Diploma of Ministry in their first trimester and fails all 3, they are still eligible for Fee-HELP in trimester 2 **because they have not yet undertaken 4 units of study.**
2. If a student undertakes 4 units of study on Fee-HELP of a Diploma of Ministry in trimester 1, they must pass at least 2, to be eligible for Fee-HELP in trimester 2.
3. If a student undertakes 8 units of study on Fee-HELP in a year **at a level above** Diploma of Ministry, they must pass at least 4, to be eligible for Fee-HELP the next year.

Further information regarding FEE-HELP can be found here: [FEE-HELP](#)