



# VET Student Loans 2020 course list and loan caps

The *VET Student Loans (Courses and Loan Caps) Amendment Determination No.1 2020* is due to take effect on Wednesday 29 January 2020 (subject to its registration on the Federal Register of Legislation on 28 January 2020).

The below tables provide a summary of changes to the course list and loan caps.

## Removals

Courses were removed where they are now non-current, deleted, or have been superseded for more than 12 months. Existing VSL students can continue to be taught-out (and access VSL) in accordance with the Standards for RTOs.

Course Code	Course Name	Rationale for removal
RGR50408	Diploma of Racing Services (Track Management)	Course has been deleted.
10221NAT	Advanced Diploma of Industrial Design	Course is non current.
10230NAT	Diploma of Horse Industry Management (Performance Horse)	Course is non current.
10220NAT	Diploma of Industrial Design	Course is non current.
PMC60116	Advanced Diploma of Manufactured Mineral Products	Course has been deleted.
PMC50116	Diploma of Manufactured Mineral Products	Course has been deleted.
PMC80116	Graduate Certificate in Refractories Engineering	Course has been deleted.
FDF50110	Diploma of Food Processing	Course has been deleted.
FDF50210	Diploma of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	Course has been deleted.
10263NAT	Diploma of Applied Geosciences	Course is non current.
22260VIC	Diploma of Applied Horticultural Science	Course is non current.
ICT80215	Graduate Certificate in Information Technology Sustainability	Course has been deleted.
SFI50211	Diploma of Fishing Operations	Course has been deleted.
SFI50511	Diploma of Seafood Processing	Course has been deleted.
10509NAT	Diploma of Transport Safety Investigation	Course is non current.
52703WA	Advanced Diploma of Games Development	Course is non current.

## Additions

Courses have been added to the list where they now meet the criteria of being either:

- On at least two state and territory subsidy/skills lists;
- A STEM related course;
- Required by a jurisdiction for licensing purposes for a particular occupation.

Replacement courses for previous superseded or non-current courses have also been added to the list.

Course Code	Course Name	Rationale for inclusion	Replaced course in 2019 update	Loan cap 2020
10780NAT	Graduate Diploma of Railway Signalling	New course classified as STEM.	N/A	\$15,793
22509VIC	Diploma of Electrotechnology Project Management	New course classified as STEM.	N/A	\$15,793
22514VIC	Diploma of Applied Horticultural Science	New course classified as STEM.	N/A	\$15,793
CPC50412	Diploma of Plumbing and Services	Required for licenced occupation.	N/A	\$10,528
CUA50118	Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing	Subsidised by two or more state or territories.	N/A	\$15,793
LGA50404	Diploma of Local Government (Operational Works)	Subsidised by two or more state or territories.	N/A	\$5,264
LGA50712	Diploma of Local Government	Subsidised by two or more state or territories.	N/A	\$10,528
PSP51018	Diploma of Auslan	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	22081VIC	\$10,528
10759NAT	Graduate Diploma of Cardiac Electrophysiology	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	10383NAT	\$10,528
10788NAT	Diploma of Personal Care Formulation	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	10453NAT	\$10,528
BSB50618	Diploma of Human Resources Management	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	BSB50615	\$10,528
BSB51918	Diploma of Leadership and Management	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	BSB51915	\$10,528
BSB61218	Advanced Diploma of Program Management	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	BSB61215	\$5,264
MSF50218	Diploma of Interior Design	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	MSF50213	\$15,793
MSF60118	Advanced Diploma of Interior Design	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	MSF60113	\$15,793
RGR50218	Diploma of Racing Integrity Management	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	RGR50308	\$10,528



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FBP50118	Diploma of Food Science and Technology	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	FDF50311	\$15,793
NWP50118	Diploma of Water Industry Operations	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	NWP50715	\$15,793
UEP50118	Diploma of ESI Generation - Systems Operations	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	UEP50112	\$15,793
UEP50218	Diploma of ESI Generation - Operations	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	UEP50212	\$15,793
UEP50318	Diploma of ESI Generation (Maintenance)	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	UEP50312	\$15,793
UEP50418	Diploma of ESI Generation Maintenance - Electrical Electronic	Replacement of non-current or superseded course.	UEP50412	\$15,793

## Cap band changes

This update moves 92 courses in Schedule 1, and 23 courses for specific providers in Schedule 3, up one cap band.

Several principles have been applied to identify courses to move up one cap band:

- Loan caps were moved where program data for completed VSL students indicated the cap was not sufficient to cover at least 80 per cent of full fee paying students.
- Loan caps were moved up a band to at least match the states and territories' price for subsidised students since, by definition, states cannot subsidise by more than the full fee cost of a course.
- Loan caps for Schedule 3 courses are set at FoE or broad FoE levels referencing States and Territories' subsidised prices because Schedule 3 courses are provider specific and courses in Schedule 3 are delivered by a limited number of providers.
- Courses were not moved in cases where there was insufficient evidence from VSL program data or state and territory's price and subsidy information.

Course Code	Course Name	Schedule	Course Loan Cap 2019	Course Loan Cap 2020
FNS60217	Advanced Diploma of Accounting	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
CHC62015	Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SIT60216	Advanced Diploma of Event Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SIT60316	Advanced Diploma of Hospitality Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB61015	Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB61315	Advanced Diploma of Marketing and Communication	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528



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SIT60116	Advanced Diploma of Travel and Tourism Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
FNS50217	Diploma of Accounting	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
AUR50116	Diploma of Automotive Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
FNS50915	Diploma of Banking Services Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB50215	Diploma of Business	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB50715	Diploma of Business (Governance)	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB50415	Diploma of Business Administration	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SIT50316	Diploma of Event Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
FNS50615	Diploma of Financial Planning	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SIT50216	Diploma of Holiday Park and Resort Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SIT50416	Diploma of Hospitality Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB50815	Diploma of International Business	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
TLI50415	Diploma of Logistics	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB52415	Diploma of Marketing and Communication	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
HLT57715	Diploma of Practice Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
PSP50616	Diploma of Procurement and Contracting	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB51415	Diploma of Project Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
CPP50307	Diploma of Property Services (Agency Management)	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
CPP50511	Diploma of Property Services (Asset and Facility Management)	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
BSB51615	Diploma of Quality Auditing	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SIR50317	Diploma of Retail Merchandise Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SHB50216	Diploma of Salon Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528



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SIT50116	Diploma of Travel and Tourism Management	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
SIR50217	Diploma of Visual Merchandising	Schedule 1	\$5,171	\$10,528
22477VIC	Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CPC60115	Advanced Diploma of Building Surveying	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT60515	Advanced Diploma of Computer Systems Technology	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
22445VIC	Advanced Diploma of Cyber Security	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA60113	Advanced Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT65015	Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT60315	Advanced Diploma of Information Technology Business Analysis	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT60415	Advanced Diploma of Information Technology Project Management	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA60213	Advanced Diploma of Live Production and Management Services	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA60515	Advanced Diploma of Music Industry	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT60215	Advanced Diploma of Network Security	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
10286NAT	Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT50113	Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT50213	Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CHC53215	Diploma of Alcohol and Other Drugs	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT57915	Diploma of Anaesthetic Technology	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ACM50117	Diploma of Animal Technology	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT57415	Diploma of Audiometry	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
SHB50115	Diploma of Beauty Therapy	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CPC50210	Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793



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CPC50308	Diploma of Building and Construction (Management)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CPP50911	Diploma of Building Design	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CHC52015	Diploma of Community Services	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CHC51015	Diploma of Counselling	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
10621NAT	Diploma of Cyber Security	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA50113	Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT55118	Diploma of Dental Technology	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT50215	Diploma of Digital and Interactive Games	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT50915	Diploma of Digital Media Technologies	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CHC50113	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CHC51115	Diploma of Financial Counselling	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
SIS50215	Diploma of Fitness	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
MSF50313	Diploma of Furniture Design and Technology	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA50715	Diploma of Graphic Design	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CPC50612	Diploma of Hydraulic Services Design	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT50415	Diploma of Information Technology Networking	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
MSL50118	Diploma of Laboratory Technology	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
BSB52115	Diploma of Library and Information Services	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA50415	Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
LGA50508	Diploma of Local Government (Planning)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
AMP50215	Diploma of Meat Processing	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
AMP50115	Diploma of Meat Processing (Meat Retailing)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793



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CHC53315	Diploma of Mental Health	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA50815	Diploma of Music Industry	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA50213	Diploma of Musical Theatre	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT51015	Diploma of Paramedical Science	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT52015	Diploma of Remedial Massage	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CHC50213	Diploma of School Age Education and Care	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
HLT52215	Diploma of Shiatsu and Oriental Therapies	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT50715	Diploma of Software Development	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
TAE50216	Diploma of Training Design and Development	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ACM50412	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ACM50512	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (General Practice)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ACM50212	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Surgical)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA51115	Diploma of Visual Arts	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
TAE50116	Diploma of Vocational Education and Training	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT50615	Diploma of Website Development	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
ICT80115	Graduate Certificate in Information Technology and Strategic Management	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
10198NAT	Graduate Certificate in Networking and Cyber Security	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
10680NAT	Graduate Diploma of Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound (General Discipline)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
10550NAT	Graduate Diploma of Medical Ultrasonography (General)(Cardiac)(Obstetric) (Vascular)	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
10180NAT	Graduate Diploma of Virtualisation Technologies	Schedule 1	\$10,342	\$15,793
10073NAT	Advanced Diploma of Acting	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22091VIC	Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793



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10068NAT	Diploma of Screen Performance	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
10294NAT	Diploma of Acting	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22091VIC	Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22315VIC	Diploma of Theatre Arts	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
MEM60211	Advanced Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
10527NAT	Advanced Diploma of Rudolf Steiner Education	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
10448NAT	Graduate Certificate in Applied Pharmacy Practice	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
10678NAT	Advanced Diploma of Professional Screenwriting	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22091VIC	Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22283VIC	Advanced Diploma of Business (Public Relations)	Schedule 3	\$5,171	\$10,528
22284VIC	Diploma of Business (Public Relations)	Schedule 3	\$5,171	\$10,528
22316VIC	Advanced Diploma of Myotherapy	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22451VIC	Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22091VIC	Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
10326NAT	Diploma of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
CUA50513	Diploma of Live Production Design	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
BSB80615	Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning)	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
10296NAT	Graduate Diploma of Classical Ballet	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
10196NAT	Diploma of Stage and Screen Performance	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22091VIC	Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793
22451VIC	Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation	Schedule 3	\$10,342	\$15,793





In November 2019, COAG Skills Ministers announced a review of VET Student Loans that will examine scope for greater parity of access for students across Australia taking into account state subsidy arrangements and alternative higher education options.

The review of VSL will be completed in April 2020 and inform future changes to the program in alignment with broader VET Reform work underway. The next update to the VSL course list is scheduled for January 2021.

## Application of cap increases

For the courses with loan cap band increases, the increased loan cap applies for the relevant courses to both new and continuing students in respect of units with census dates from the date the determination comes into effect. However, course or unit prices **cannot** be increased for current student cohorts.

Where course or unit fees have been published and therefore advised to the student, they cannot be increased (unless approved following the processes outlined in the [Provider Manual](#)). However, students may wish to access increased loan amounts to cover upcoming gap or up front amounts (as per existing published amounts). Providers are reminded of the provisions relating to variation of tuition fees – which does **not** allow retrospective increases in tuition fees unless in circumstances approved on application to the Department’s Secretary’s delegate (refer sections 4.8.13 and 4.8.14 of the [Provider Manual](#)).

If there is a change to the VET Student Loan amount the student wishes to access (where an increased loan cap applies), a new ‘VET Student Loan Statement of Covered Fees’ and ‘VET Student Loan Fee Notice’ needs to be issued to the student. These documents assist students to understand the component of their fees covered by the VET Student Loan and the component that needs to be paid up front.

If providers have existing approval to offer VET Student Loans for the courses that have changed loan cap bands, no action in relation to course approvals is required.

VET Student Loans providers that were approved to offer VET student loans for the superseded or non-current courses are automatically approved under the terms of the “Superseding courses” condition of approval, subject to the course being on the provider’s scope of registration.

VET Student Loan providers that have replacement courses added to their scope of registration should contact the Department by emailing [VETStudentLoans@employment.gov.au](mailto:VETStudentLoans@employment.gov.au) to advise if/when the relevant course is on their scope. The Department will activate it in HITS to allow enrolments to be created in the eCAF system.

With respect to courses added to the determination, providers can apply to the Department to offer loans for the additional courses.

