



## **COURSE FEE SCENARIOS FOR COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED STUDENTS – COMMENCING IN 2016**

### **PRINCIPLES**

1. QUT must set its fees at levels which will generate sufficient resources to allow us to continue to provide a high quality university education for our students, in line with the QUT Blueprint and our commitment to excellence and social justice.
2. The initial fee increases that we introduce in response to the government-mandated rates should:
  - Minimise, as far as possible, sudden and significant increases to student debt;
  - Reflect broadly both the costs of education in a chosen discipline (including work-related education costs) and the earning prospects of graduates of that discipline;
  - Be easy to understand; and
  - Be justifiable, in keeping with our commitment to excellence and social justice. This means that, at a minimum, we must maintain our current university funding levels, and directly link any increase in fees to educational improvements for students.
3. Our efforts to deliver high quality services must be maintained and, at the same time, we must do all we can to contain growth in costs borne by students.
4. QUT's governing council expects QUT to continue to operate in a financially sustainable manner.

### **APPROACH**

1. Based on the Higher Education and Research Reform Bill (HERR) presented to the House of Representatives on 3 December 2014
2. Applies to domestic undergraduate students commencing from 2016 who are studying full-time and complete in minimum time
3. Course fees will vary slightly depending on precise subject choices within the degree.
4. Course fee totals have been rounded.
5. Course fee scenarios have been determined on the basis of decreases in Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) revenue, including reductions in 2016 CGS rates proposed in the 2014 Federal Budget, and reductions in 2014 and 2015 CGS rates resulting from the proposed efficiency dividend.
6. QUT will absorb the reductions to RTS funding
7. Course fees have been estimated and are provided here for a representative sample of 22 courses - both single and double degrees across a range of disciplines. In total, QUT offers some 110 CSP-eligible courses, over a third of which are double degrees.
8. Course fees include a contribution to the cost of work integrated learning activities, practicums and professional placements reflecting QUT's 'Real World' commitment and to maximising graduate employment outcomes
9. Some 30 per cent of students studying in 2016 who enrolled prior to 14 May 2014 will be protected from fee increases by grandfathering previous course fee arrangements
10. In line with HERRA, course fees are based on Funding Tiers which replace Funding Clusters and some movement has occurred across Tiers to reflect course costs and QUT's strategic priorities. For example, QUT is seeking to contain increases in course fees in the science disciplines.



### Indicative Course Fee Scenarios for Commonwealth Students Commencing in 2016

Scenario 1 – No change to current settings

Scenario 2 – With budget changes, but 10% reduction in Commonwealth Grant

Scenario 3 – With budget changes, but 15% reduction in Commonwealth Grant

Scenario 4 – With budget changes, but 20% reduction in Commonwealth Grant

Course Name	Course Length (in years)	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
Bachelor of Creative Industries	3	\$21,100	\$26,900	\$29,900	\$32,800
Bachelor of Nursing	3	\$21,400	\$26,600	\$29,200	\$31,800
Bachelor of Mass Communication	3	\$24,200	\$29,900	\$32,800	\$35,600
Bachelor of Science	3	\$27,400	\$29,800	\$31,000	\$32,200
Bachelor of Information Technology	3	\$27,700	\$30,200	\$31,500	\$32,700
Bachelor of Business	3	\$32,300	\$36,900	\$39,100	\$41,400
Bachelor of Education (Primary)	4	\$26,200	\$29,700	\$31,500	\$33,300
Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	4	\$28,900	\$32,700	\$34,500	\$36,400
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Creative Industries/Bachelor of Human Services	4	\$26,200	\$32,100	\$35,000	\$38,000
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)/Bachelor of Justice	4	\$27,500	\$31,000	\$32,700	\$34,500
Bachelor of Podiatry	4	\$35,000	\$38,800	\$40,700	\$42,600
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Creative Industries	4	\$35,600	\$42,800	\$46,400	\$50,000
Bachelor of Pharmacy	4	\$37,300	\$40,500	\$42,000	\$43,600
Bachelor of Engineering	4	\$37,300	\$44,500	\$48,000	\$51,600
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Business	4	\$39,200	\$43,300	\$45,300	\$47,300
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	4	\$43,600	\$49,800	\$52,900	\$55,900
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Vision Science/Masters of Optometry	5	\$45,500	\$54,500	\$59,100	\$63,600
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Engineering	5	\$51,100	\$59,200	\$63,200	\$67,300
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Fine Arts (Creative and Professional Writing)/ Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	5.5	\$48,900	\$58,800	\$63,800	\$68,700
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)/ Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	5.5	\$51,200	\$58,100	\$61,500	\$64,900
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws LLB	5.5	\$55,800	\$61,900	\$65,000	\$68,000
(Double Degree) Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	5.5	\$61,200	\$69,800	\$74,200	\$78,500