VET Student Loans   
2023 course list and loan caps

The [VET Student Loans (Courses and Loan Caps) Amendment Determination (No.4) 2022 (Amendment Determination](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022L01709)) came into effect on 1 January 2023.

The [VET Student Loans (Courses and Loan Caps) Determination 2016](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2016L02016) (the Determination) lists the courses approved for VET Student Loans (VSL), including the loan caps for each course. The [VET Student Loans Course Caps Indexed Amounts (for providers)](https://www.dese.gov.au/vet-student-loans/resources/vet-student-loans-course-caps-indexed-amounts-providers) lists the indexed VSL loan cap amounts for 2023. These amounts have also been listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: VSL Loan Caps Indexed Amounts for 2023

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Band 1  (Part 1, Schedule 1) | Band 2  (Part 2, Schedule 1) | Band 3  (Part 3, Schedule 1) | Specific (Schedule 2) |
| 2023 indexed loan caps ($) | 5,595 | 11,191 | 16,788 | 83,949 |

The tables below provide a summary of the changes to the course list and loan caps. Please refer to the [Determination](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2016L02016) (and the [Amendment Determination](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2022L01709)) for the full list of VSL approved courses.

# Schedules 1 and 2

# Additions

There have been 7 courses added to Schedule 1 of the Determination as they now meet the VSL eligibility criteria of being current and either:

On at least two state and/or territory subsidy/skills lists; or

A STEM related course; or

Required for occupational licensing.

VSL approved providers seeking to offer VSL for any of these newly listed courses (subject to the course being on the provider’s scope of registration), should contact the Department by emailing vetstudentloans@dewr.gov.au.

Table 2: Courses added to Schedules 1 of the Determination (newly eligible)

| Course code | Course name | Rationale for inclusion | Loan cap band |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 11087NAT | Diploma of Marine Habitat Conservation and Restoration | STEM | 2 |
| 11097NAT | Graduate Certificate in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence | STEM | 3 |
| 22593VIC | Graduate Diploma of Railway Signalling Systems | STEM | 3 |
| 22596VIC | Graduate Certificate in Railway Signalling Systems | STEM | 3 |
| 52894WA | Advanced Diploma of Applied Electrical Engineering (Renewable Energy) | STEM | 3 |
| AHC51422 | Diploma of Agribusiness Management | Subsidised by  at least two States/Territories | 2 |
| FNS50922 | Diploma of Banking Services Management | Subsidised by at least 2 States/Territories | 1 |

There have been 31 courses added to Schedule 1; and 1 course has been added to Schedule 2 of the Determination as they are replacing VSL approved courses that are now non-current. Under a VSL provider’s Conditions of Approval (Superseded and replacement courses), providers are automatically approved to offer replacement versions of superseded or non-current courses, subject to the replacement course being on the provider’s scope of registration.

VSL providers will no longer need to notify the Department to request activation of new superseding courses in HITS when they are added to their scope on [training.gov.au](https://msg.dese.gov.au/link/id/zzzz638fd9b7785da469Pzzzz611b0b3d434aa537/page.html). If providers have VSL approval for a course that is superseded, once the superseding course is added to their scope on [training.gov.au](https://msg.dese.gov.au/link/id/zzzz638fd9b7785da469Pzzzz611b0b3d434aa537/page.html) the course will automatically be activated in HITS. This should occur within 48 hours.

Table 3: Courses added to Schedules 1 and 2 of the Determination (superseding)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Course code | Course name | Schedule | Loan cap band |
| 11007NAT | Diploma of Environmental Management | 1 | 3 |
| 11034NAT | Diploma of Wine Technology | 1 | 3 |
| 11064NAT | Diploma of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering - Mechanical TB1 | 1 | 3 |
| 52892WA | Advanced Diploma of Electrical and Instrumentation (E & I) Engineering in Mining | 1 | 3 |
| ACM50421 | Diploma of Equine Management | 1 | 3 |
| FWP50121 | Diploma of Forest Operations | 1 | 3 |
| PPM50121 | Diploma of Pulp and Paper Operations Management | 1 | 3 |
| TLI50621 | Diploma of Rail Operations Management | 1 | 3 |
| UEP50122 | Diploma of ESI Generation | 1 | 3 |
| UEP50322 | Diploma of ESI Generation (Maintenance) | 1 | 3 |
| UEP50422 | Diploma of ESI Generation Maintenance - Electrical Electronic | 1 | 3 |
| 11065NAT | Diploma of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering - Avionics TB2 | 1 | 3 |
| AHC50621 | Diploma of Landscape Design | 1 | 3 |
| AHC52021 | Diploma of Landscape Construction Management | 1 | 3 |
| FNS50222 | Diploma of Accounting | 1 | 2 |
| FNS50422 | Diploma of Payroll Services | 1 | 2 |
| FNS60222 | Advanced Diploma of Diploma of Accounting | 1 | 2 |
| HLT57921 | Diploma of Anaesthetic Technology and Practice | 1 | 3 |
| MSF50322 | Diploma of Furniture Design and Manufacturing | 1 | 3 |
| PSP50122 | Diploma of Government | 1 | 2 |
| SHB50121 | Diploma of Beauty Therapy | 1 | 3 |
| SIS50321 | Diploma of Sport | 1 | 3 |
| SIS50421 | Diploma of Outdoor Leadership | 1 | 3 |
| SIT50122 | Diploma of Travel and Tourism Management | 1 | 2 |
| SIT50322 | Diploma of Event Management | 1 | 2 |
| SIT50422 | Diploma of Hospitality Management | 1 | 2 |
| SIT60122 | Advanced Diploma of Travel and Tourism Management | 1 | 2 |
| SIT60222 | Advanced Diploma of Event Management | 1 | 2 |
| SIT60322 | Advanced Diploma of Hospitality Management | 1 | 2 |
| TLI50221 | Diploma of Logistics | 1 | 2 |
| TLI50822 | Diploma of Customs Broking | 1 | 2 |
| AVI50222 | Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane) | 2 | -- |

# Removals

There have been 105 courses removed from Schedule 1 (none from Schedule 2) of the Determination as they are now non‑current or deleted and have an expired teach‑out. (If required and where appropriate, existing VSL students can continue to be taught-out (and access VSL) in accordance with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015).

Table 4: Courses removed from Schedule 1 of the Determination

| Course code | Course name |
| --- | --- |
| 10070NAT | Diploma of Equitation Science |
| 10546NAT | Diploma of Construction Material Testing |
| 10550NAT | Graduate Diploma of Medical Ultrasonography (General) (Cardiac) (Obstetric) (Vascular) |
| 52738WA | Advanced Diploma of Aeronautics - Airline Transport Pilot |
| 52742WA | Advanced Diploma of Plant Engineering |
| 52759WA | Advanced Diploma of Engineering (Oil and Gas) |
| 52760WA | Diploma of Engineering (Oil and Gas) |
| 52764WA | Graduate Certificate in Renewable Energy Technologies |
| AHC50516 | Diploma of Arboriculture |
| AMP50115 | Diploma of Meat Processing (Meat Retailing) |
| AMP50215 | Diploma of Meat Processing |
| BSB50215 | Diploma of Business |
| BSB50415 | Diploma of Business Administration |
| BSB50618 | Diploma of Human Resources Management |
| BSB50715 | Diploma of Business (Governance) |
| BSB50815 | Diploma of International Business |
| BSB51415 | Diploma of Project Management |
| BSB51518 | Diploma of Business (Procurement) |
| BSB51615 | Diploma of Quality Auditing |
| BSB51715 | Diploma of Recordkeeping |
| BSB51918 | Diploma of Leadership and Management |
| BSB52015 | Diploma of Conveyancing |
| BSB52115 | Diploma of Library and Information Services |
| BSB52215 | Diploma of Legal Services |
| BSB52415 | Diploma of Marketing and Communication |
| BSB60215 | Advanced Diploma of Business |
| BSB60815 | Advanced Diploma of Recordkeeping |
| BSB60915 | Advanced Diploma of Management (Human Resources) |
| BSB61015 | Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management |
| BSB61115 | Advanced Diploma of Conveyancing |
| BSB61218 | Advanced Diploma of Program Management |
| BSB61315 | Advanced Diploma of Marketing and Communication |
| CPC50210 | Diploma of Building and Construction (Building) |
| CPC50308 | Diploma of Building and Construction (Management) |
| CPC50509 | Diploma of Fire Systems Design |
| CPC50612 | Diploma of Hydraulic Services Design |
| CPP50116 | Diploma of Surveying |
| CPP50216 | Diploma of Spatial Information Services |
| CPP50307 | Diploma of Property Services (Agency Management) |
| CPP50811 | Diploma of Waste Management |
| CPP60116 | Advanced Diploma of Surveying |
| CSC60115 | Advanced Diploma of Correctional Management |
| CUA50113 | Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance) |
| CUA50213 | Diploma of Musical Theatre |
| CUA50415 | Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services |
| CUA50615 | Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Arts Industry Work |
| CUA50715 | Diploma of Graphic Design |
| CUA50815 | Diploma of Music Industry |
| CUA50915 | Diploma of Photography and Photo Imaging |
| CUA51015 | Diploma of Screen and Media |
| CUA51115 | Diploma of Visual Arts |
| CUA60113 | Advanced Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance) |
| CUA60213 | Advanced Diploma of Live Production and Management Services |
| CUA60315 | Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design |
| CUA60415 | Advanced Diploma of Creative Product Development |
| CUA60515 | Advanced Diploma of Music Industry |
| CUA60615 | Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media |
| CUA60715 | Advanced Diploma of Visual Arts |
| DEF53215 | Diploma of Simulator Maintenance |
| FNS50315 | Diploma of Finance and Mortgage Broking Management |
| FNS51915 | Diploma of Personal Injury and Disability Insurance Management |
| HLT51015 | Diploma of Paramedical Science |
| HLT64115 | Advanced Diploma of Nursing |

# Loan cap band changes

The loan cap band for 15 Schedule 1 courses has been increased, to ensure the loan cap is sufficient for the majority of full fee-paying students.

The increased loan cap applies for the courses listed below, to both new and continuing students in respect of units with census dates from the date the Amendment 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 [VET Student Loans Manual for Providers](https://www.dewr.gov.au/vet-student-loans/resources/vet-student-loans-manual-providers)). 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 do **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 Manual).

If there is a change to the VSL 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 VSL, and the component that needs to be paid up-front.

If providers have existing approval to offer VSL for the courses that have changed loan cap bands, no action in relation to course approvals is required. Providers seeking to increase their 2022 Provider Fee Limit to accommodate these changes, should contact the Department by emailing [vetstudentloans@dewr.gov.au](mailto:vetstudentloans@dewr.gov.au).

Table 5: Courses on Schedule 1 with increased loan cap bands

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Course code | Course name | 2022 Loan  cap band | 2023  Loan  cap band |
| 10747NAT | Advanced Diploma of Applied Blockchain | 2 | 3 |
| 10849NAT | Diploma of Applied Blockchain | 2 | 3 |
| 10917NAT | Diploma of Data Science | 2 | 3 |
| 10953NAT | Advanced Diploma of Data Science | 2 | 3 |
| 10991NAT | Diploma of Applied Blockchain Merging Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence | 2 | 3 |
| 10992NAT | Diploma of User Experience Design | 2 | 3 |
| BSB60215 | Advanced Diploma of Business | 1 | 2 |
| CUA50620 | Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts Industry Work | 2 | 3 |
| CUA50920 | Diploma of Photography and Digital Imaging | 2 | 3 |
| CUA60320 | Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design | 2 | 3 |
| CUA60420 | Advanced Diploma of Creative Product Development | 2 | 3 |
| CUA60715 | Advanced Diploma of Visual Arts | 2 | 3 |
| CUA60720 | Advanced Diploma of Visual Arts | 2 | 3 |
| DEF50217 | Diploma of Enterprise Architecture Practice | 2 | 3 |
| FNS50417 | Diploma of Payroll Services | 1 | 2 |

# Schedule 3 – Approved courses for Specified Providers

Schedule 3 lists courses approved for specific providers and is limited to listed and not‑for‑profit VSL providers.

# Additions

The Diploma of Fashion Styling (10871NAT) was added to Schedule 3 of the Determination following an application and assessment process for eligible providers. In assessing applications for additional courses, the Government considered evidence from providers about employment outcomes, industry demand and employer support for those courses, and their track record of student progression and completion through those courses.

Table 6: Approved courses for Specified Providers (Successful application)

| Specified Provider | Course code | Course name | Loan cap band |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| RMIT | 10871NAT | Diploma of Fashion Styling | 2 |

There have also been 5 courses added to Schedule 3 of the Determination as they are replacing Schedule 3 courses that are now non-current.

Table 7: Courses added to Schedule 3 of the Determination (superseding)

| Course code | Course name | Loan cap band |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 10995NAT | Diploma of Acting | 3 |
| 11008NAT | Graduate Diploma of Classical Ballet | 3 |
| 22594VIC | Diploma of Justice | 2 |
| PUA50120 | Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management) | 2 |
| PUA60120 | Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management) | 2 |

# Removals

The courses at Table 8 below have been removed from Schedule 3 of the Determination as they are now either non‑current or deleted and have an expired teach‑out; or placed on Schedule 1 of the Determination as they now meet VSL eligibility criteria. (If required and where appropriate, existing VSL students can continue to be taught-out (and access VSL) in accordance with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015).

Table 8: Courses removed from Schedule 3 of the Determination

| Course code | Course name |
| --- | --- |
| 10068NAT | Diploma of Screen Performance |
| 10073NAT | Advanced Diploma of Acting |
| 22283VIC | Advanced Diploma of Business (Public Relations) |
| 22284VIC | Diploma of Business (Public Relations) |
| BSB80615 | Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) |
| CUA50513 | Diploma of Live Production Design |
| CUA51215 | Diploma of Ceramics |
| PUA50119 | Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management) |
| PUA60119 | Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management) |

# Loan cap band changes

Three courses have had their loan cap band increased, to ensure the loan cap is sufficient for the majority of full fee-paying students.

Table 9: Courses on Schedule 3 with increased loan cap bands

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Course code | Course name | 2022 Loan  cap band | 2023  Loan  cap band |
| 10118NAT | Diploma of Social Media Marketing | 2 | 3 |
| CUA51220 | Diploma of Ceramics | 2 | 3 |
| MEM50311 | Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design | 2 | 3 |