



# VET Student Loans

## 2023 course list and loan caps

The [VET Student Loans \(Courses and Loan Caps\) Amendment Determination \(No.4\) 2022 \(Amendment Determination\)](#) came into effect on 1 January 2023.

The [VET Student Loans \(Courses and Loan Caps\) Determination 2016](#) (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 \(for providers\)](#) 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](#) (and the [Amendment Determination](#)) 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](mailto: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

Course code	Course name	Rationale for inclusion	Loan cap band
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://training.gov.au). 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://training.gov.au) 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

Course code	Course name
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](#)). 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
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## 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

Course code	Course name
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