

Increasing previously paid student loan amounts

You must not edit data to increase the VET Student Loan amount of a student that has previously been paid to you. Previously paid amounts may be edited to decrease the VET student loan amount.

These changes have been prescribed in the latest VET Student Loans Data Collection notice issued under subsection 53(1) of the *VET Student Loans Act 2016*, dated 3 July 2025.

Effect of increasing a previously paid loan

Where a loan amount paid for a unit of study is later edited to increase that loan amount and the adjustment is paid, the department applies the later date the adjustment is paid as the date the loan amount is incurred by the student for the whole loan amount for the unit. This is because it would be improper to apply indexation to the adjustment amount (to the detriment of the student) at a time before payment has in fact been made to the provider.

The consequence is that indexation is lost to the Commonwealth on the original amount paid, which compounds over the life of the loan. This loss of indexation is not consistent with the law.

Recovering owed tuition fees

Where feasible and reasonable, you can add the increased amount to a subsequent unit of study (that is, the cost of the subsequent unit of study charged at a higher rate). The department would typically expect this to occur where subsequent units of study for the relevant course are available and will accept that any amount up to 10% of the indexed loan cap for a course as being reasonable.

Where this is not feasible, you should report the increased loan amount only, with the same census day, but with a unit code that begins with 'INCR' followed by so much of the original unit code, up to the 12-character limit, as this will identify the original related unit.

Any increase to a student loan amount must be within the amount reflected in the:

- **statement of covered fees** required by section 56 of the *VET Student Loans Act 2016* (the Act) and section 129 of the *VET Student Loans Rules 2016* (the Rules)

- **VET student loan fee notice** given to the student under section 99 of the Rules for the relevant census day and
- **Commonwealth assistance notice** given to the student under section 100 of the Rules for the relevant census day.

Deadline for reporting

All corrections and updates to data that have already been reported must be made:

- before the initial reporting deadline, or
- within 7 days of the information needed to make the correction or update becoming available, whichever date is later.

The deadline for reporting loan information is within 14 days of the census date.

Recovering tuition fees by deleting and resubmitting unit enrolment data

A unit enrolment record should not be deleted and resubmitted to correct a loan amount. This action would cause indexation of the loan to be applied in a manner not consistent with the law.

More information

You can use the VSL Providers [online enquiry form](#) to submit questions.