



Supporting Australia's International Education Sector

Short Courses for Non-University Higher Education Providers in Semester 2, 2021

On 30 April 2021 the Australian Government announced a package of measures to support the Australian international education and training providers most affected by COVID-19 and border closures. This package includes \$26.1 million for **5,000 short course places** for domestic students at non-university higher education providers (NUHEPs) for delivery in Semester 2, 2021.

These places are in addition to the 2,500 short course places already allocated to NUHEPs this year, bringing the total number of short course places to 7,500 in 2021.

The new 5,000 short course places will not be restricted by field of education or mode of delivery. As with the existing 2021 courses, the cost of these courses will be aligned to the cluster rates and student contribution amounts specified within the Job-ready Graduates Package. Students can still defer their upfront costs through HELP. For information on eligibility, students should consult www.studyassist.gov.au.

This measure will provide additional options for students and the recently unemployed to engage with higher education across a wider range of fields, which will help further the position of the nation and our workforce to move out of the economic downturn. It will also support NUHEPs affected by declines in international student enrolments to pivot delivery to domestic students.

Who is eligible?

The additional 5,000 short course places will be offered to NUHEPs, with priority given to those registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students. Information on the expression of interest is available on the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's website www.dese.gov.au/job-ready/2021-short-courses.

Start Date

Courses will commence in Semester 2, 2021. Current or prospective students should consult the Course Seeker website www.courseseeke.edu.au to see which short courses are available for enrolment.