

What is my census date?

Census dates for each unit of study are predetermined and the student will not incur VET Student Loan liability until after each census date. SWTAFE census dates are specific as the below information table. The census date of a unit of study (which forms part of an eligible course of study) is the last day a student can submit their request for VET Student Loan assistance, through the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's eCAF Portal.

Those students who have elected not to access a VET Student Loan, will be required to pay fees in full by this date. If you have not submitted a completed Request for a VET Student Loan on or before the census date, you WILL NOT be entitled to a VET Student Loan for that unit and will therefore be required to pay the fee. Students will be advised of the census dates that apply to them at the time of enrolment.

The Census Date is the last day you can:

- 1- Complete the eCAF application to access a VET Student Loan (VETSL)
- 2- Withdraw your enrolment **without** incurring the cost or debt for your course

NB: the census date can vary between individual courses

Every part of course (unit or subject) has its own census date, so a student will incur their debt as they progress through the course, not the entire course cost at the beginning.

The following census dates apply to all units of study on SWTAFE's 2022 VET Student Loan Course Schedules.

| Study Period | Census Dates (Last withdrawal date) | Last Enrolment Dates | Teaching End Dates |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Full Year A | 1 April 2022 | 18 March 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Full Year B | 8 July 2022 | 24 June 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Full Year C | 5 August 2022 | 22 July 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Sem 1A | 4 March 2022 | 18 Feb 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Sem 1B | 8 April 2022 | 25 March 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Sem 1C | 6 May 2022 | 22 April 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Term 2A | 13 May 2022 | 29 April 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Term 2B | 27 May 2022 | 13 May 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Term 2C | 10 June 2022 | 27 May 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Sem 2A | 12 Aug 2022 | 29 July 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Sem 2B | 16 Sept 2022 | 2 Sept 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Sem 2C | 14 Oct 2022 | 30 Sept 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Term 4A | 21 Oct 2022 | 7 Oct 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Term 4B | 11 Nov 2022 | 28 Oct 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| Comm Term 4C | 20 Dec 2022 | 6 Dec 2022 | 20 Dec 2022 |
| VSL Cross Years A | 28 Oct 2022 | 14 Oct 2022 | 20 Dec 2023 |
| VSL Cross Years B | 10 Feb 2023 | 31 Dec 2022 | 20 Dec 2023 |
| VSL Cross Years C | 26 May 2023 | 31 Dec 2022 | 20 Dec 2023 |

Is there anything else I will have to do?

You will be required to demonstrate you are progressing throughout your course. From July 1, 2017, you will receive emails from the Department of Education, Skills and Employment with instructions to log in online and acknowledge that you accept the loan you will receive for the course.

What happens if I withdraw on or before the census date?

If you correctly withdraw from any unit on or before the census date, you will not incur a debt for that part of your course. If you have already made an upfront payment of your tuition fees, you will receive a refund from South West TAFE. For further information please refer to

PPP153 VET Student Loans Refund Guidelines

What happens if I withdraw after the census date?

Fail the unit or withdraw incorrectly after the census date and you will incur a HELP debt to the Australian Government.

If after the census date, special circumstances occur and you are unable to continue your studies, you can apply to have your VET Student Loan debt removed for that unit(s). Time limits apply for you to have your FEE- HELP balance re-credited due to special circumstances

Please refer to *PPP153 VET Student Loans Refund Guidelines* for further information.

For more information on VET Student Loans

Refer to your VET Student Loan Information booklet or the study assist website at www.studyassist.gov.au or the VET Student Loans Student Enquiry Line on 1800 020 108