

# COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP) + HECS HELP

— ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO HAVE  
UNITS REMOVED FROM YOUR  
PASS RATE CALCULATION?

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## WHAT IS A CSP?

A (CSP) is a place at a university for domestic students where the government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back.

## WHAT IS A STUDENT CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT?

The remaining portion of your fees is called the 'student contribution amount', this is a loan which you are liable for.

## WHAT IS HECS-HELP?

HECS-HELP is a loan to pay for your student contribution amount. This loan will eventually have to be paid back.

## CAN MY HECS-HELP BE STOPPED?

From January 1 2022, beginning students or students transferring courses who fail more than 50% after completing 8 units will not be allowed to continue in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) and receive HECS-HELP unless they can prove special circumstances to have units removed from the calculation.

## WHAT ARE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

Circumstances that make it impossible for you to complete the requirements of the unit may include:

- medical
- family/personal
- employment-related
- course-related

You'll also satisfy this requirement if you're unable to:

- complete the necessary private study required, attend sufficient lectures or tutorials, or meet other compulsory attendance requirements to meet your course requirements
- complete the required assessable work
- sit the required exams, or
- complete any other course requirements because of your inability to meet the three requirements above.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## WHEN DO I NEED TO APPLY?

You need to apply for special circumstances within 10 working days of the end of the teaching period.

## HOW CAN I GET HECS-HELP AGAIN IF IT IS STOPPED?

If you can continue in your course as full fee paying, you can requalify for HECS-HELP once your pass rate reaches 50%.