

Table 6 – Deferment policies

What does deferment mean?

Deferment as used in this Guide means that you have received an offer to enrol in a course but have been given permission by the institution to delay the start of the course for a fixed period, which is usually six months or one year.

This means that if you receive an offer to study in 2012 and defer for one year, you will start your studies in 2013. All deferments are granted subject to the course being offered the following semester or following year.

Who can defer?

It depends on the institution. Some institutions will only let you defer in special circumstances – refer to the table below.

How do I defer?

When you receive an offer to enrol in a course, information included with your offer will explain how to apply for deferment.

Most institutions will ask you to provide a statement to explain why you wish to defer and what you will be doing during this period.

If your application for deferment is successful, you will receive written confirmation of your deferment from the institution concerned. This will also give instructions on how to re-apply for your deferred course.

How do I take up my deferred place?

It depends on the institution. For most institutions you need to re-apply directly to them – carefully read the instructions you received from your institution when you deferred.

Apply direct to the following institutions:

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian Maritime College
- Australian National University
- Charles Sturt University
- Griffith University
- La Trobe University
- Southern Cross University
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of New South Wales
- University of New South Wales – ADFA
- University of Newcastle
- University of Western Sydney
- University of Wollongong

For the following institutions you need to re-apply through UAC:

- Macquarie University
- University of Sydney
- University of Technology, Sydney

You need to submit a new application through UAC, include the UAC course code for your deferred course and supply all your supporting documentation again.

Courses may change from year to year so you must use the latest copy of the UAC Guide or visit www.uac.edu.au and find the current UAC course codes and information about the courses the institutions are offering.

Do I have to pay to defer?

Some institutions charge a fee when you defer – refer to the table below.

If you need to re-apply through UAC to your deferred course, you must pay the relevant UAC processing charge and late fees (if applicable).

Can I apply for other courses when I re-apply?

Yes. If you were granted deferment but would like to be considered for other courses, then put these courses ahead of your deferred course in your list of preferences.

If you receive an offer to a course that you put ahead of your deferred course, then your deferred offer is no longer valid.

Can my offer lapse?

Yes. There are two circumstances when your deferred offer can lapse.

- When you re-apply, if you receive an offer to a course you have placed ahead of your deferred course, your deferred offer will lapse. You cannot receive an offer to a new course and still keep your deferred offer.
- If you undertake degree studies or certain levels of TAFE study other than NSW HSC courses during your deferment year, your offer may lapse. Check with each institution for specific policies.

WHO CAN DEFER?

Check the comments column for special conditions

Institution	(A)	(B)	Comments
	Applicants who receive an offer based on their performance in a 2011 Australian Year 12	Applicants other than those described in (A)	
Australian Catholic University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ two years only ■ will lapse if tertiary studies undertaken
Australian Maritime College	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only ■ criteria need to be met, for details call 1300 363 864
Australian National University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only ■ will lapse if degree studies undertaken ■ all programs except those in Music and Professional Music Practice
Canberra Institute of Technology	No, not applicable for CIT courses	No, not applicable for CIT courses	
Charles Sturt University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ flexible deferment options of 6, 12, 18 or 24 months depending on course and applicant's circumstances ■ all courses except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – B Dental Science – B Nursing/B Clinical Practice Paramedic – B Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) – B Veterinary Science/B Veterinary Biology ■ there is a \$150 application fee which is refundable on subsequent enrolment (upon application)

Institution	(A) Applicants who receive an offer based on their performance in a 2011 Australian Year 12	(B) Applicants other than those described in (A)	Comments
Griffith University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only – following an offer of a place, to submit your deferment, email deferred@griffith.edu.au ■ will lapse if tertiary studies undertaken ■ all courses except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – B Popular Music – B Oral Health in Dental Science – B Oral Health in Dental Technology
La Trobe University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to two years usually approved. Apply in writing to the Deferral Officer by the date specified for acceptance of offer.
Macquarie University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only ■ it may be possible to extend for an additional year under special circumstances. Visit www.studentadmin.mq.edu.au/undergrad/newstudents/deferring.html for further information
Southern Cross University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ initially one year but a deferred offer can be deferred again in the following year ■ non-refundable \$100 application fee applies for each deferral ■ must request deferment directly to SCU
University of Canberra	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only
University of New England	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to two years ■ apply in writing to the Admissions Officer by the date specified for accepting the offer ■ B Medicine – limited number of deferments for one year, conditions apply – applicants must make a written case
University of New South Wales	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to two years for all courses ■ Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship places cannot be deferred ■ may lapse if post-secondary studies are undertaken ■ for details visit www.unsw.edu.au/defer
University of New South Wales – Australian Defence Force Academy	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ may be granted by Defence Force Recruiting in special circumstances
University of Newcastle	Yes, but conditions apply for some courses – see comments	Yes, but conditions apply for some courses – see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only ■ deferment is normally only granted once ■ B Medicine – limited number of deferments, conditions apply – applicants must submit written case
University of Sydney	Yes, if NSW HSC 10 or more units (or equivalent)	No, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ unless you can demonstrate that there has been an extraordinary and unpredictable change in your circumstances ■ one year only (with the possibility of two years in special circumstances)
University of Technology, Sydney	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only ■ apply online at www.start.uts.edu.au to the Admissions Manager by Friday 24 February 2012 ■ all courses except B Information Technology and B Midwifery ■ must not enrol in 2012
University of Western Sydney	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only (for applicants admitted mid-year, six months only) ■ will not lapse if tertiary studies undertaken ■ there is an application fee
University of Wollongong	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ one year only. It may be possible to extend for an additional year under special circumstances. Contact the University for more information. ■ apply online at http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au/coursefinder/DeferralrequestDetail.aspx by Saturday 31 March 2012