

Common terms and abbreviations

Approved leave of absence

Students who are on approved leave of absence have interrupted their studies by not enrolling for a semester or longer period, but intend to return to their course in a later year.

Associate degree

An award requiring two years full-time, or equivalent part-time, study which equates to the first two years of a designated three-year degree course.

CAS

Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships.

CECS

Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships.

Census date

The date on which all your enrolment requirements must be finalised.

CS

Commonwealth Scholarships.

Commonwealth-supported place (CSP)

A place in a course to which the Australian Government contributes towards the cost. Formerly called HECS.

Students receiving FEE-HELP are not Commonwealth-supported students. Domestic fee-paying students may be receiving FEE-HELP.

Continuing students

Students who have an active enrolment at a participating NSW or ACT institution or at any Australian Catholic University campus (ie students who are currently enrolled or on approved leave of absence from their higher education studies).

Current higher education course of study

In this context 'current higher education course of study' means:

- **For continuing students** – the course in which you are currently enrolled and intend to enrol in first semester 2009.
- **For commencing students** – the course to which you have applied for admission and intend to enrol in first semester 2009.

Deferment

Permission to delay starting a course, usually for one year.

DEEWR

Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, formerly known as the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

DEST

See DEEWR.

Domestic fee-paying students

Students who are Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia who meet the entire cost of their studies through *tuition fees*.

Domestic fee-paying students who are receiving FEE-HELP are not in a Commonwealth-supported place.

Full-time student load

In respect of a scholarship, at least 75% of an equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) in the scholarship period for which the scholarship is being paid. Check [Table 7: Full-time student definitions](#).

Indigenous

A person who is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia or a descendant of the Indigenous inhabitants of the Torres Strait Islands.

Internal student

A student who, for the majority of units of study in which they are enrolled in the scholarship period, is required to attend regular classes on campus.

Scholarship period

In respect of a CS, a six-month period from either 1 January to 30 June or 1 July to 31 December.