What does deferment mean?

Deferment 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, usually six months or one year.

This means that if you receive an offer to study in 2017 and defer for one year, you will start your studies in 2018. 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. You may have to accept the offer before you can defer.

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 take up your deferred course.

Who can defer?

Check the comments column for special conditions.

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| Charles Sturt University            | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ Flexible deferment options of 6, 12, 18 or 24 months depending on course and applicant’s circumstances  
■ all courses except:  
– B Clinical Practice (Paramedic) – Port Macquarie  
– B Dental Science  
– B Medical Radiation Science – Port Macquarie  
– B Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene)  
– B Physiotherapy  
– B Technology/M Engineering (Civil Systems)  
– B Veterinary Biology/B Veterinary Science  
– Dip General Studies |
| CQUniversity                        | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ students may apply for deferment after formally accepting their offer through CQUniversity  
■ all courses except:  
– B Cardiac Physiology  
– B Echocardiography (Cardiac Physiology)/GradDip Echocardiography  
– B Medical Sonography/GradDip Medical Sonography |
| Griffith University                 | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to one year only – following an offer of a place, applicants submit their deferment by emailing deferred@griffith.edu.au  
■ mid-year – six months only  
■ will lapse if tertiary studies undertaken  
■ all courses except:  
– B Oral Health in Dental Science  
– B Popular Music |
| International College of Management, Sydney | Yes, but see comments                                                                       | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ students may apply for deferral after accepting their offer  
■ deferral instructions and options will be provided at the time of offer |
| Jansen Newman Institute             | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to one year only                                                                        |
| La Trobe University                 | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to two years may be approved  
■ apply online to the Deferral Office by the date specified for acceptance of offer |
| Macleay College                    | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to one year only                                                                        |
| Macquarie University               | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to one year only  
■ offer will lapse if tertiary studies (eg Cert IV and above, university studies) undertaken  
■ visit http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/defer for more information |
| MIT Sydney                          | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to one year only  
■ must accept offer before applying for deferment  
■ apply in writing directly to MIT Sydney |
| National Art School                 | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ due to the limited places available deferrals can only be granted in exceptional circumstances  
■ one year only |
<p>| SAE Creative Media Institute        | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to one year only                                                                        |
| SIBT                                | Yes, but see comments                                                                        | Yes, but see comments                           | ■ up to one year only                                                                        |</p>
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- must request deferment directly to SCU  
- for details visit www.scu.edu.au/defer  
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| Top Education Institute                 | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - up to two semesters only                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Torrens University Australia (including APM College) | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - up to one year only                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| University of Canberra                  | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - up to one year only  
- students can only defer an offer once                                                                                                                                                                 |
| University of New England               | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - up to two years  
- apply in writing to the Admissions Officer by the date specified for accepting the offer  
- B Medicine – Joint Medical Program: limited number of deferments for one year, conditions apply – applicants must make a written case                                                                 |
| University of Newcastle                 | Yes, but conditions apply for some courses – see comments                               | Yes, but conditions apply for some courses – see comments | - one year only  
- deferment is normally only granted once  
- B Medicine – Joint Medical Program and B Midwifery: limited number of deferments, conditions apply – applicants must submit written case  
- B Music and B Music/B Arts do not accept deferments due to audition requirements                                                                 |
| University of Sydney                    | Yes, if NSW HSC 10 or more units (or equivalent)                                        | No, but see comments                            | - one year only (with the possibility of two years in special circumstances)  
- not available for mid-year entry  
- for details visit http://sydney.edu.au/ug-defer                                                                                   |
| University of Technology Sydney         | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - apply online at www.start.uts.edu.au by Friday 3 March 2017  
- all courses except B Information Technology, B Midwifery and B Creative Intelligence and Innovation  
- must not enrol in 2017                                                                                                               |
| University of Wollongong                | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - 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://courseenquiry.uow.edu.au/webforms/DeferralRequestDetail.aspx by Friday 31 March 2017                                                                                     |
| UNSW Australia                          | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - up to two years for all courses except Co-op Scholarships (424600, 424601, 424620, 424640)  
- will lapse if post-secondary studies at the level of Diploma or above are undertaken  
- for details, visit www.unsw.edu.au/defer                                                                                              |
| UNSW Canberra at ADFA                   | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - may be granted by Defence Force Recruiting in special circumstances                                                                                                                                 |
| Western Sydney University               | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - one year only (for applicants admitted mid-year, six months only)  
- will not lapse if tertiary studies undertaken  
- application fee                                                                                                                       |
| William Blue College of Hospitality Management | Yes, but see comments                                                                   | Yes, but see comments                           | - up to one year only                                                                                                                                                                                  |