



Fee and Refund Policy

Purpose

Epoch International College ensures that all applicants and students are fully aware of the fees and charges associated with the enrolment in a course. This policy also provides the guidelines for eligibility and assessment of refunds to the students.

Scope

This policy applies to all current and prospective students.

Objective

To ensure the protection of all fees and aim to provide clear and accessible information to students about fees, charges and refund guidelines prior to and throughout their enrolment and/or other involvement with the college.

Policy Details

Students seeking to enrol in a course with the college are clearly advised of all fees and charges associated with the course, including the application fees, tuition fees, administration fees, materials fees and any other charges and conditions of refunds.

Process and Procedure

Fees and Charges

Students seeking to enrol in a course with the Epoch International College are advised of all fees and charges associated with a course, including application fees, tuition fees, administration fees, materials fees and any other charges on the marketing materials such as website, Marketing Flyer and student Handbook.

The following fee information will be provided on the college's website, in student handbook and in the Letter of Offer and Acceptance of Agreement to each student.

- The total amount of all required fees including application fees, tuition fees, administration fees, materials fees and any other charges that a student may incur dependent upon the situation (e.g. re-assessment fees, late payment fees).
- Payment terms, including the timing and amount of fees to be paid and any non-refundable deposit and administration fees.
- Any fees and charges for additional services.

Fees in Advance

- The Epoch International College collects fees in advance for services not yet provided to students at various intervals throughout the course in accordance with the payment schedule integrated with the Letter of Offer.

Fees and Refund arrangements

Fee schedule

Tuition fee	Refer to course information section
Application fee	\$250 (for changes to enrolment)



Materials fee	Please see the course description
Recognition of Prior Learning fee	\$350 per unit
Credit transfer fee	No charge
Repeat unit fee	\$600 per unit
Assessment resit fee (3 attempts) ¹	No charge
Re-assessment fee (after 3 attempts)	\$600 per unit*
Bank Transfer fee	What the bank charges for the transfer
Accommodation Services	Out sourced- contact college for details
Airport meeting	Out sourced- contact college for details
OSHC Medical Insurance	Check out www.oshcworldcare.com.au for fees

Refund arrangements

If a visa is refused by the Australian Government

Where a prospective student is refused an initial student visa by the Australian Government a full refund of Tuition fees plus any materials fees paid will be made. In order to receive the refund students will have to provide authenticated evidence of the student visa refusal to the college and attach this evidence to a completed refund application form which is available from the college and can be sent by post, fax or email. The refund application must be used to apply for refunds and must be addressed to the CEO of the college.

If the college defaults on delivery of qualifications

In the unlikely event that the college is unable to deliver your course in full, you will be offered a refund of all the Tuition fees and materials fees you have paid to date. The refund will be paid to you within 2 weeks of the day on which the course ceased being provided.

Alternatively, you may be offered enrolment in a suitable course with alternative provider at no extra cost to you. You have the right to choose whether you would prefer a full refund of Tuition and materials fees, or to accept a place in suitable course with another provider. If you choose placement with another provider, you may need to sign a document to indicate that you accept the placement. If the college is unable to provide a refund or place you in an alternative course our Tuition Protection Service (TPS) provided.

In the case of provider default there is no requirement for a student to lodge a refund application form as the college will initiate payment of the refund.

If a student defaults on their written agreement

If students want to withdraw from their course after fees have been paid then refunds will be made in accordance with the written agreement that the student signs with the college. The written agreement will be sent to students who are accepted into a course and will not take effect until it is signed and dated by the applicant and received by the college.

Cooling off period

Epoch International College provides applicants a 7-day cooling off period. This means that if a student accepts an offer of a place and pays Epoch International College relevant course fees before the course start date, and then changes their mind (for any reason), a full refund of course fees paid to date (minus the \$250

¹Students are entitled to 3 assessment attempts for each assessment task. If the student is unsuccessful after 3 assessment attempts, they will be required to repeat the unit and **pay** the repeat unit fee. Students found to have cheated or plagiarised work may not be entitled to re-sit assessments, instead they may be required to repeat the unit and pay the repeat unit fee. More details are in the Student prospectus/relevant policy procedure which is available by sending your request to: admissions@epoch.edu.au



application fee) will be provided. Students must notify Epoch International College in writing within 7 days of paying Epoch International College any fees.

Refund conditions

1.	Refund applications must be made in writing to the college. The student refund application form, available from the college, must be used as the written application. The college will accept requests by phone, mail, fax or email to have the student refund application form sent to them. Refunds will be made within 28 days of receipt of a written application and will include a statement explaining how the refund was calculated.
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Definitions

Tuition fees:	Fees paid by the student to Epoch International College for training and assessment services provided by Epoch International College. Tuition fees do not include any other fees e.g. materials fees, OSHC, enrolment fee, airport pick up fee etc.
Materials fees:	Fees paid by the student to Epoch International College for course related materials but not limited to text books or IT resources.
Application fees:	Fee paid by the student to Epoch International College for the costs of processing a student enrolment application.
Administration Fee:	Fee paid by the student to Epoch International College for the costs of processing a student refund application.

• Visa refused	100% refund of tuition fees
• Student Default: Withdraw from the course after fees have been paid before commencement	100% refund of tuition fees
• Withdrawals notified in writing and received by the college on the commencement date or after the semester commences	Refund of unused tuition fees less an administration charge of \$250. **
• Student breach of visa conditions, and suspension or cancellation of enrolment by the college	No refund of current semester tuition fees paid.

**** If a student withdraws and has notified Epoch International College on the commencement date or after the semester commences Epoch International College will issue a refund of unused Tuition paid to date. Refunds will be calculated as follows:**

Tuition fee per week x number of weeks unused course the student has paid for at point of withdrawal
The weekly tuition fee for the course will be identified by calculating:

Weekly Tuition fees = (Total Tuition fee / number of calendar days in the course) X 7, roundup to the nearest whole dollar.

E.g. = (1000 / 140) X 7 = \$ 50

The number of weeks of course that have been paid for but remain unused will be calculated as follows:

The number of unused weeks = number of calendar days that have been paid but remained unused / 7

E.g. = 90 / 7 = 12.857, rounded up to the nearest whole week = 13 weeks

Tuition fee of \$50 per week x 13 weeks unused course = \$650 refund paid to the student.



Any refunded amount will have an administration charge of \$250 deducted and any applicable transaction fees, bank charges and currency exchange fees, if they have been incurred before the day of default. Transaction fees, bank charges and currency exchange rates will be applied at the rate charged to the college.	
2.	<p>In the unlikely event that the college is unable to deliver your course in full, you will be offered a refund of all the Tuition and materials fees you have paid to date. The refund will be paid to you within 2 weeks of the day on which the course ceased being provided.</p> <p>Alternatively, you may be offered enrolment with a suitable alternative provider at no extra cost to you. You have the right to choose whether you would prefer a full refund of course and materials fees, or to accept a place with another provider.</p> <p>If you choose placement in another provider, you may need to sign a document to indicate that you accept the placement. If the college is unable to provide a refund or place you in an alternative course our Tuition Protection Service (TPS) provided.</p>
3.	Fees not listed in the refund section are not refundable.
4.	Prior to a student enrolling, fees may be altered without notice. Once a student has completed enrolment, fees will not be subject to change for the normal duration of the course. If a course length is extended by the student then any fee increases will be required to be paid for the extended component of the course.

Full details of refund arrangements and conditions are on the Written Agreement that the student and the college will sign once an application has been received, accepted by the college and an offer made to the student. There is no obligation on the student or the college until the Written Agreement is signed by all parties, funds have been cleared by the college's bank and an official receipt is issued by the college.

The written Agreement and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the right of the student to take an action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

Students are strongly advised to contact Epoch International College with any questions they have about fees and refunds prior to submitting the application. Contact admissions@epoch.edu.au.