

## What is my census date?

The Census date is the most important date for a South West TAFE student to know about.

The Census Date is the last day you can:

- 1- Complete the eCAF application to access a VET Student Loan
- 2- Withdraw your enrolment ***without*** incurring the cost or debt for your course

**NB: the census date can vary between individual courses**

Every part of course (unit or subject) has its own census date, so a student will incur their debt as they progress through the course, not the entire course cost at the beginning.

The following census dates apply to all units of study on SWTAFE's 2018 VET Student Loan Course Schedules.

Study Period	Census Dates	Teaching Period code and Description	Teaching Period Start Date	Last Enrolment Dates	Teaching End Dates
Full Year A	13 April	Commencing Start of Year A	29 Jan	29 March	14 Dec
Full Year B	6 July	Commencing Start of Year B	29 Jan	22 June	14 Dec
Full Year C	17 August	Commencing Start of Year C	29 Jan	3 August	14 Dec
Sem 1A	9 March	Commencing Sem 1A	29 Jan	23 Feb	14 Dec
Sem 1B	13 April	Commencing Sem 1B	29 Jan	29 March	14 Dec
Sem 1C	11 May	Commencing Sem 1C	29 Jan	27 April	14 Dec
Comm Term 2A	11 May	Commencing Term 2A	16 April	27 April	14 Dec
Comm Term 2B	25 May	Commencing Term 2B	16 April	11 May	14 Dec
Comm Term 2C	15 June	Commencing Term 2C	16 April	1 June	14 Dec
Comm Sem 2A	17 Aug	Commencing Sem 2A	16 July	3 August	14 Dec
Comm Sem 2B	21 Sept	Commencing Sem 2B	16 July	7 Sept	14 Dec
Comm Sem 2C	26 Oct	Commencing Sem 2C	16 July	12 Oct	14 Dec
Comm Term 4A	26 Oct	Commencing Term 4A	8 Oct	12 Oct	14 Dec
Comm Term 4B	9 Nov	Commencing Term 4B	8 Oct	26 Oct	14 Dec
Comm Term 4C	14 Dec	Commencing Term 4C	8 Oct	30 November	14 Dec
VSL Cross Years A	26 Oct 2018	Cross year A	1 July	12 October	14 Dec 2019
VSL Cross Years B	1 March 2019	Cross year B	1 July	15 Feb 2019	14 Dec 2019
VSL Cross Years C	7 June 2019	Cross year C	1 July	24 May 2019	14 Dec 2019

### **What happens if I withdraw on or before the census date?**

If you correctly withdraw from any unit on or before the census date, you will not incur a debt for that part of your course. If you have already made an upfront payment of your tuition fees, you will receive a refund from South West TAFE. For further information please refer to *PPP153 VET Student Loans Refund Guidelines*

### **What happens if I withdraw after the census date?**

Fail the unit or withdraw incorrectly after the census date and you will incur a HELP debt to the Australian Government.

If after the census date, special circumstances occur and you are unable to continue your studies, you can apply to have your HELP balance re-credited and your VET Student Loan debt removed for that unit(s). Please refer to *PPP153 VET Student Loans Refund Guidelines* for further information.

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