

Request to Re-Credit Balance Form (VET Support Loans)

Students who withdraw after the Census day may apply under special or extenuating circumstances:

- to have their HELP balance re-credited if they have a VET Student Loan
- to have their tuition fees refunded (if they have paid upfront).

Extenuating circumstances are listed on the back of this form. Please read these carefully to ensure you are eligible before applying as well as AIF's Variation to Enrolment Policy and Procedure. All decisions to re-credit a HELP balance can only be made in accordance with the requirements of the VET Student Loans Act 2016. Requests for re-crediting a HELP balance should be made within 12 months of the Census day of the Unit of Study/Part of a Course (unless AIF is satisfied your application could not be made within the time frame because of special circumstances). Only Students who have not completed the course may apply for a re-credit for UoS where the 'Special Circumstances' criteria apply. Students cannot apply for a re-credit if they have successfully completed the course.

Student Name:	
Student Number:	
Program/Course Name:	
Student CHESSN:	

The unit/s of study I wish to receive special consideration for is/are:			
	Units of Study (UoS)	UoS Code (if known)	Start Date
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Please outline the special circumstances under which you are applying to re-credit your HELP balance. Attach any independent supporting original or certified copy documentation, for example, a letter from a doctor or counsellor, to support your claim.

STUDENT DECLARATION & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I wish to apply for re-credit of my HELP balance and/or I wish to apply for a refund of my tuition fees paid. I declare that the information I have provided is true and accurate.

Signature:
Date:

Submit your completed Form and other original or certified copy documentation to

vetstudentloans@fitness.edu.au

You will be notified of the outcome of your request as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: All decisions are reviewable. Refer to AIF's Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure (VSL Program additional requirements section).

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Student Name:		
Student Number:		
Program/Course Name:		
Re-Credit of HELP Balance and any eligible Refund approved	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
Head of Finance or Delegate:		
Date:		

Special or Extenuating Circumstances for Re-Crediting a Student's HELP Balance

Refer to AIF's *Variation of Enrolment Policy and Procedure* for further detail: available on AIF's website - www.fitness.edu.au.

AIF will re-credit if satisfied that special circumstances prevented, or will prevent the student from completing the requirements for the course, or part of the course and that:

- are beyond the student's control; and
- do not make their full impact on the student until on or after the Census day for the course or the part of the course; and
- made it impracticable for the student to complete the requirements for the course, or the part of the course during the student's enrolment in the course, or the part of the course.

1. **Beyond the student's control** - Circumstances could be considered beyond the student's control if a situation occurs that a reasonable person would consider is not due to the student's action or inaction, either direct or indirect, and for which the student is not responsible. This situation would generally be expected to be unusual, uncommon or abnormal.
2. **Do not make full impact until on or after the Census day** - Circumstances could be considered not to make their full impact on the student until on or after the Census day for the course or the part of the course if the student's circumstances occurred:
 - before the Census day, but worsen after that day
 - before the Census day, but the full effect or magnitude does not become apparent until after that day; or
 - on or after the Census day.

Students do not need to demonstrate they were unable to withdraw from the unit of study prior to the Census day.

Pre-existing conditions – A circumstance that first occurred before the Census day may satisfy the special circumstances requirement where it worsens after that day or the full effect or magnitude does not become apparent until after that day. For example, a student may have an illness or other underlying, pre-existing condition or incapacity prior to the Census day for the course or the part of the course, but that condition may worsen, or that student may suffer from an aggravation, deterioration or episode, after the Census day.

Alternatively, the full implications of a student's condition may not have been apparent until after the Census day. This may be because recovery does not go to plan, or the degree of disability or incapacity for study are not fully realised until after the Census day.

3. **Impracticable for the student to complete the requirements for the course, or the part of the course during the student's enrolment** - Circumstances that make it impracticable for the student to complete the requirements for their course or part of the course may include:
 - medical circumstances, for example, where a student's medical condition has changed to such an extent that he or she is unable to continue studying.
 - family/student circumstances, for example, death or severe medical problems within a family, or unforeseen family financial difficulties, so that it is unreasonable to expect a student to continue studies.
 - employment related circumstances, for example, where a student's employment status or arrangements have changed so the student is unable to continue their studies, and this change is beyond the student's control; or
 - course related circumstances, for example, where the provider has changed the course or parts of a course it had offered and the student is disadvantaged by either not being able to complete the course or parts of a course, or not being given credit towards other courses or parts of a course.