VET FEE-HELP Student Entry Procedure

In line with the Higher Education Support (VET FEE-HELP Reform) Bill 2015 and the associated VET Guidelines 2015, any student wishing to apply for a Commonwealth VET FEE-HELP student loan must be assessed for academic suitability to undertake the VET qualification. Qualifications that are eligible for a VET FEE-HELP loan include all Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas.

This is a student protection measure introduced by the Commonwealth Government from 1st January 2016. You can learn more about these measures, and how to be a “savvy student” by visiting the Study Assist website.

In order to apply for a Commonwealth VET FEE-HELP student loan, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- provide a copy of your Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, that has been awarded by an Australian authority or agency when you apply to enrol. Stirling is required to store a copy of this for five years.

- undertake a literacy and numeracy assessment, using an approved assessment tool, and display competence at or above Exit Level 3 in the Australian Cores Skills Framework (ACSF).

- Stirling Institute of Australia must be confident that you complete this test independently, with honesty and integrity, and that you have the required skills to complete your study.

If you are not able to meet either of these requirements, you will not be eligible to apply for a Commonwealth VET FEEHELP loan.

The results of the testing will be reported to you as soon as is practicable after the assessment, and to the Secretary upon request.

This academic assessment is in addition to any entry requirements that may be required for the specific course you are undertaking; this includes undertaking a pre-training review; being of 17 to 65 years of age, and having reasonable access to a computer and internet facilities.

How to gain a replacement Senior Secondary Certificate of Education in your State (there is usually a fee involved):

- Northern Territories: TBC
- Western Australia: http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Events_and_Forms/Application_Order_Forms
- South Australia: TBC

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