

Terms and Conditions of declaring Fees Free eligibility

Fees Free tertiary education and training is for first time tertiary students or trainees in their first year of provider-based study, or in their first two years of industry training.

If you are studying with a provider, Fees Free will cover up to \$12,000 in your first calendar year. If you use less than 1 EFTS (120 credits) or \$12,000 in your first calendar year, you may have some Fees Free entitlement to use in future years.

If you are doing an apprenticeship or industry training, and this is not covered by the Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund, your training costs are covered for the first 24 months of your training programme (up to \$12,000 across both years).

To receive Fees Free, you must meet the learner eligibility criteria for Fees Free, and must be enrolled in an eligible course or programme.

By signing the Fees Free statutory declaration, you confirm that you understand and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I have read and understand all of the Fees Free eligibility criteria as outlined on the Fees Free website at feesfree.govt.nz/eligibility-criteria.
2. I have made any and all necessary enquiries to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) by phoning 0800 601 301 or emailing customerservice@tec.govt.nz to confirm my understanding of the Fees Free eligibility criteria.
3. I understand that, by completing and submitting the Fees Free statutory declaration to the TEC, I am declaring that all of the information provided in the statutory declaration is true and correct in order for the TEC to determine my eligibility.
4. I understand that a statutory declaration is a legal document, and that it is an offence under the Education and Training Act 2020 and Crimes Act 1961 to give any altered, false, incomplete or misleading information or to make a false statement or declaration.
5. I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure that I meet and continue to meet all of the eligibility criteria for Fees Free. I will notify the TEC immediately if I do not meet any of the eligibility criteria by emailing customerservice@tec.govt.nz.
6. I understand that the TEC may change my eligibility status if they become aware of other information relating to my eligibility, or it determines that any of the information it relied on was incorrect or false. In such instances the TEC may take action against me or prosecute me for offences under the Education and Training Act 2020 or the Crimes Act 1961. I may be liable to pay fees, penalties or fines as a result.

Once your statutory declaration has been signed and witnessed, please scan or take a photo of it. Email your scan or image to feesfreecheck@tec.govt.nz in order for your Fees Free eligibility to be confirmed.