

## Information and tuition fee rates for diplomats and their dependents.

The Australian Government requires diplomats and their dependants living in Australia to pay international student tuition fees when enrolling at university. The University of Canberra values the presence of the diplomatic community among its students and acknowledges that some may find the full international student tuition fees unaffordable. Therefore the University offers a tuition fee concession for students on a Diplomatic (Temporary) Visa – Visa Class 995.

The [Tuition Fee Concession for Diplomats and Their Dependents Policy](#) applies to all eligible diplomats at the University of Canberra (UC) or at the University of Canberra College (UCC).

Students not eligible for a diplomatic tuition fee concession are required to pay the standard international student tuition fee rates.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a diplomatic tuition fee concession, a student must:

- be enrolled in a University of Canberra College course or University of Canberra award course
- Live in the Australian Capital Territory or its immediate surrounds
- Be the holder of a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa
- not already hold an award recognised by the Australian Government as the equivalent of, or higher AQF level than the award being sought from the University of Canberra (international qualifications will be assessed for Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) equivalency using the Australian Government Country Education Profiles database)
- not be a citizen of New Zealand

### Conditions

The following conditions apply to the award of a tuition fee concession:

- The concession is available to visa holders of a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa for the duration of the course, subject to annual confirmation/provision of evidence showing currency of a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa.
- The concession is not available to a student who is sponsored or is in receipt of any other discount or scholarship.
- Students must make satisfactory academic progress under the University of Canberra Academic Progress Rules 2022. If a student is suspended from their course of study, they will be re-assessed for eligibility for a concession at the conclusion of the suspension period.
- Where a student has been discontinued from study and subsequently re-applies for admission to any course, the University will reassess a student's ongoing eligibility for the tuition fee concession.
- Where a student is the subject of a finding of academic or non-academic misconduct, made in accordance with the Student Conduct Rules (2023), the University reserves the right to withdraw a student's tuition fee concession.
- **For students commencing before 2025:** The concession will be available for the entire duration of the course, even if the student no longer holds a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa, A student who was once the holder of a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa is not eligible for a tuition fee concession in a different course;
- **For Students commencing in 2025:** The discount will be applied while on Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa. Evidence of visa class must be provided before the start of each academic year. If the visa class changes,

the student will be assessed for a UC merit based scholarship and advised accordingly.

**Applications:**

- Applicants with a Diplomatic (subclass 995) visa will be assessed for eligibility for the tuition fee concession based on the information provided in their course application.
- Tuition fee concession applicants must provide evidence of their diplomatic status via their visa grant letter and/or a copy of their current passport. This information should be provided with the application for study.

**Fee Level**

Fees are reviewed annually and may increase based on Council decisions.

Eligible undergraduate, postgraduate, and higher degree by research (HDR) students can get a 40% discount on the international annual fee for on-campus international students. This discounted fee is much lower than the standard fee and meets the Higher Education Support Act 2003 requirements.

If the concession reduces the fee below the minimum set by the Australian Government, the minimum fee will be charged.

UCC students in ELICOS and International Foundation Studies programs can get a 20% discount on the published fee for on-campus international students.

**Decision**

The Director, Student Connect will determine whether a tuition fee concession will be granted.

**Legislation**

*Higher Education Support Act 2003*