

STATEMENT OF TUITION ASSURANCE

Under the provisions of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) and the associated HEP Guidelines the Australian College of Theology (the First Provider) is required to provide a tuition assurance arrangement for Australian citizens or holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa who are enrolled in higher education courses it offers. This requirement is to protect a student in the event that the Australian College of Theology ceases to provide a course of study in which a student is enrolled. The meaning of ‘ceasing to provide a course of study’ is set out in the HEP Guidelines (http://www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/hep_guide.htm).

In the event that the Australian College of Theology ceases to provide a course of study in which a student is enrolled the student is entitled to a choice of:

- a) an offer of a place in a similar course of study with a Second Provider without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any student contribution or tuition fee for any replacement units. If the Australian College of Theology is unable to provide a course of study, the student will be contacted by the most appropriate or convenient of the second providers, which will make all of the arrangements necessary (this is known as the “**Course Assurance Option**”);

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- b) a refund of his or her up-front payments for any unit of study that the student commences but does not complete because the Australian College of Theology ceases to provide the course of study of which the unit forms part (this is known as the “**Student Contribution/Tuition Fee Repayment Option**”).

If the Australian College of Theology ceases to provide a course of study, the Dean & CEO of the Australian College of Theology will send a student enrolled in the course of study a Written Tuition Assurance Offer (the Offer) advising the student of the options available under the tuition assurance requirements. The Offer will include directions that the student must follow in order to notify the Dean & CEO of the Australian College of Theology of the choice they have made for each affected unit. The Dean & CEO of the Australian College of Theology will provide this offer within 20 business days after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries, that the Australian College of Theology has ceased to provide a course of study.

The Course Assurance Option

The Australian College of Theology has met the course assurance option requirement of the HESA through a Deed/s of Course Assurance with the Second Provider/s listed below. If the Australian College of Theology is unable to provide a course of study the Second Provider/s will make all the arrangements necessary to ensure that a student enrolled in that course of study is able to enrol in a similar course of study with that Second Provider.

The following alternative course/s of study will be offered in the event that the Australian College of Theology is unable to deliver its higher education courses:

| Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course | Qualification to which Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course leads | Course of Study offered by Moore Theological College (Second Provider) as a replacement | Qualification to which the Moore Theological College’s (Second Provider) course of study leads |
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| Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology (3 year) | Bachelor of Theology |

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| Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Divinity (4 year, non-graduates) | Bachelor of Divinity |
| Master of Divinity / Graduate Diploma of Theology | Master of Divinity / Graduate Diploma of Theology | Bachelor of Divinity (4 year, graduates) | Bachelor of Divinity |
| Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) coursework | Master of Arts (Theology) |
| Master of Theology | Master of Theology | Master of Theology (research) | Master of Theology |
| Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Bible and Missions | Diploma of Bible and Missions |
| Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Bible and Ministry | Diploma of Bible and Ministry |
| Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Bible and Youth Ministry | Diploma of Bible and Youth Ministry |

| Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course | Qualification to which Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course leads | Course of Study offered by Avondale College Limited (Second Provider) as a replacement | Qualification to which the Avondale College Limited's (Second Provider) course of study leads |
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| Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry |
| Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Diploma in Theology | Graduate Diploma in Theology |
| Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) |
| Master of Theology | Master of Theology | Master of Theology | Master of Theology |
| Associate Degree of Theology | Associate Degree of Theology | Associate Degree in Theological Studies | Associate Degree in Theological Studies |
| Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma in Ministry | Graduate Diploma in Ministry |
| Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Philosophy (topics in the field of theology) | Doctor of Philosophy |
| Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) | Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry |
| Bachelor of Christian Studies | Bachelor of Christian Studies | Bachelor of Arts with a religious studies major | Bachelor of Arts |
| Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts |

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| Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course | Qualification to which Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course leads | Course of Study offered by the Brisbane College of Theology (Second Provider) as a replacement | Qualification to which the Brisbane College of Theology's (Second Provider) course of study leads |
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| Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Diploma in Theology | Graduate Diploma in Theology |
| Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Theology | Master of Theology |
| Graduate Diploma of Ministry | Graduate Diploma of Ministry | Graduate Diploma in Ministry | Graduate Diploma in Ministry |
| Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Theology | Master of Theology |
| Associate Degree of Theology | Associate Degree of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma in Theology | Graduate Diploma in Theology |

| Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course | Qualification to which Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course leads | Course of Study offered by the Melbourne College of Divinity (Second Provider) as a replacement | Qualification to which the Melbourne College of Divinity's (Second Provider) course of study leads |
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| Master of Divinity | Master of Divinity | Master of Divinity | Master of Divinity |
| Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Bachelor of Christian Studies | Bachelor of Christian Studies | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Bachelor of Theology (Hons) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Hons) | Bachelor of Theology (Hons) |
| Bachelor of Ministry (Hons) | Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Hons) | Bachelor of Theology (Hons) |
| Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma of Ministry |
| Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma of Ministry |
| Doctor of Ministry | Doctor of Ministry | Doctor of Ministry Studies | Doctor of Ministry Studies |
| Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Theology |

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| Graduate Diploma of Ministry | Graduate Diploma of Ministry | Graduate Diploma in Theology | Graduate Diploma in Theology |
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| Graduate Diploma of Theology | Graduate Diploma of Theology | Graduate Diploma in Theology | Graduate Diploma in Theology |
| Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma in Theology | Graduate Diploma in Theology |
| Master of Theology | Master of Theology | Master of Theology | Master of Theology |
| Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Theological Studies | Master of Theological Studies |
| Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Theological Studies | Master of Theological Studies |
| Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Ministry | Diploma in Ministry | Diploma in Ministry |
| Diploma of Theology | Diploma of Theology | Diploma in Ministry | Diploma in Ministry |
| Bachelor of Theology / Advanced Diploma of Theology | Bachelor of Theology / Advanced Diploma of Theology | Bachelor of Theology / Advanced Diploma in Ministry | Bachelor of Theology / Advanced Diploma in Ministry |
| Bachelor of Ministry / Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Bachelor of Ministry / Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Bachelor of Theology / Advanced Diploma in Ministry | Bachelor of Theology / Advanced Diploma in Ministry |
| Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Certificate in Theology | Graduate Certificate in Theology |

| Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course | Qualification to which Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course leads | Course of Study offered by the Perth Bible College (Second Provider) as a replacement | Qualification to which the Perth Bible College's (Second Provider) course of study leads |
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| Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) | Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) | Bachelor of Ministry (4 years) | Bachelor of Ministry |
| Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Ministry (3 years) | Bachelor of Ministry |
| Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry |
| Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Ministry (3 years) | Bachelor of Ministry |
| Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Ministry (4 years) | Bachelor of Ministry |
| Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry |
| Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry |
| Diploma of Theology | Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry | Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry |
| Associate Degree of Theology | Associate Degree of Theology | Bachelor of Ministry (3 years) | Bachelor of Ministry |
| Bachelor of Christian | Bachelor of Christian | Bachelor of Ministry (3 years) | Bachelor of Ministry |

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| Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course | Qualification to which Australian College of Theology (First Provider) course leads | Course of Study offered by the Sydney College of Divinity (Second Provider) as a replacement | Qualification to which the Sydney College of Divinity's (Second Provider) course of study leads |
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| Diploma of Theology | Diploma of Theology | Diploma of Theology | Diploma of Theology |
| Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Ministry | Diploma of Theology | Diploma of Theology |
| Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma of Theology |
| Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma of Ministry | Advanced Diploma of Theology | Advanced Diploma of Theology |
| Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Ministry | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Bachelor of Christian Studies | Bachelor of Christian Studies | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology | Bachelor of Theology |
| Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) | Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) |
| Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) | Bachelor of Theology (Honours) |
| Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Diploma of Divinity | Graduate Diploma of Arts | Graduate Diploma of Arts |
| Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies | Graduate Diploma of Arts | Graduate Diploma of Arts |
| Graduate Diploma of Theology | Graduate Diploma of Theology | Graduate Diploma of Arts | Graduate Diploma of Arts |
| Graduate Diploma of Ministry | Graduate Diploma of Ministry | Graduate Diploma of Arts | Graduate Diploma of Arts |
| Master of Arts (Christian Studies) | Master of Arts (Christian Studies) | Master of Arts | Master of Arts |
| Master of Divinity | Master of Divinity | Master of Divinity | Master of Divinity |
| Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Arts (Theology) | Master of Theology | Master of Theology |
| Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Arts (Ministry) | Master of Theology | Master of Theology |
| Master of Theology | Master of Theology | Master of Theology (Honours) | Master of Theology (Honours) |
| Doctor of Ministry | Doctor of Ministry | Doctor of Ministry | Doctor of Ministry |
| Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Theology | Doctor of Theology |

If a student accepts a place in a course offered by a Second Provider named above he/she will receive full credit for units of study completed towards the same or comparable qualification with the Second Provider without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any student contribution or tuition fee for any replacement units.

The Second Provider may have different contribution amounts or tuition fees to the amounts or fees the student would have paid for units of study which were part of the course of study the Australian College of Theology ceased to provide.

A student is not obliged to enrol in an offered course of study with a Second Provider under the Course Assurance Option. However, if he/she enrolls with any other provider there is no obligation on that provider to offer full credit transfer for the units of study completed with the Australian College of Theology or to offer a replacement/s unit free of charge.

Student Contribution/Tuition Fee Repayment Option

The Australian College of Theology has met the Student Contribution/Tuition Fee Repayment Option requirement through a Repayment Deed of Guarantee with each affiliated college of the Australian College of Theology as listed in the schedule below.

If a student chooses the Student Contribution/Tuition Fee Repayment Option, the affiliated college undertakes to pay the student the total of any up-front payments already paid by the student for any units of study the student has commenced but not completed. Students selecting this option will also get their SLE or FEE-HELP balances re-credited for uncompleted units.

List of affiliated colleges of the Australian College of Theology that have signed Repayment Deeds of Guarantee:

Anglican Youthworks
Baptist Theological College of WA
Bible College of Queensland
Bible College of South Australia
Bible College of Victoria
Macquarie Christian Studies Institute
Malyon College
Mary Andrews College
Morling College
Mueller College of Ministries

Presbyterian Theological Centre
Presbyterian Theological College
Queensland Theological College
Reformed Theological College
Ridley College
South Australian Graduate School of Theology
School of Christian Studies
Sydney Missionary and Bible College
Trinity Theological College

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