

Undergraduate fact sheet 6: Deferment policies



What does deferment mean?

Deferment as used in this Guide means that you have received an offer to enrol in a course but have been given permission by the institution to delay the start of the course for a fixed period, usually six months or one year.

This means that if you receive an offer to study in 2016 and defer for one year, you will start your studies in 2017. All deferments are granted subject to the course being offered the following semester or following year.

Who can defer?

It depends on the institution. Some institutions will only let you defer in special circumstances – refer to the table below.

How do I defer?

When you receive an offer to enrol in a course, information included with your offer will explain how to apply for deferment. You may have to accept the offer before you can defer.

Most institutions will ask you to provide a statement to explain why you wish to defer and what you will be doing during this period.

If your application for deferment is successful, you will receive written confirmation of your deferment from the institution concerned. This will also give instructions on how to take up your deferred course.

Do I have to pay to defer?

Some institutions charge a fee when you defer – refer to the table below.

Can I apply for other courses instead of taking up my deferred course?

Yes. If you were granted deferment but would like to be considered for other courses, you can complete a new UAC application and include these courses in your list of preferences.

If you receive an offer to one of these new courses you can then decide whether to accept the offer or take up your deferred course.

Can my offer lapse?

Yes. If you undertake degree studies or certain levels of TAFE study other than NSW HSC courses during your deferment year, your offer at many institutions will lapse. You will need to re-apply through UAC and declare all of your studies. Check with each institution for specific policies.

WHO CAN DEFER?

Check the comments column for special conditions

Institution	(A) Applicants who receive an offer based on their performance in a 2015 Australian Year 12	(B) Applicants other than those described in (A)	Comments
APM College of Business and Communication	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	■ up to one year only
Australasian College of Natural Therapies	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	■ up to one year only
Australian Catholic University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	■ up to one year only (subject to final approval) ■ will lapse if any post-secondary studies undertaken ■ for more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/460293
Australian College of Applied Psychology	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	■ up to one year only
Australian Maritime College	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	■ one year only ■ only granted to students who meet one of the following criteria: an ATAR of at least 75; a completed IB with a score of at least 26; a GPA of at least 5. For more information or to request an application form, call 1300 363 864
Australian National College of Beauty	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	■ up to one year only

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Institution	(A) Applicants who receive an offer based on their performance in a 2015 Australian Year 12	(B) Applicants other than those described in (A)	Comments
Australian National University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year ■ visit www.anu.edu.au/study/accept/defer-or-decline-your-domestic-undergraduate-offer
Billy Blue College of Design	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only
CATC Design School	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only
Charles Sturt University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ flexible deferment options of 6, 12, 18 or 24 months depending on course and applicant's circumstances ■ all courses except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B Clinical Practice (Paramedic) – Port Macquarie - B Dental Science - B Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) - B Physiotherapy - B Technology/M Engineering (Civil Systems) - B Veterinary Biology/B Veterinary Science - Dip General Studies
CQUniversity	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ students may apply for deferment after formally accepting their offer through CQUniversity for all programs except B Medical Sonography/GradDip Medical Sonography
Griffith University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only – following an offer of a place, applicants submit their deferment by emailing deferred@griffith.edu.au ■ mid-year – 6 months only ■ will lapse if tertiary studies undertaken ■ all courses except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B Popular Music - B Oral Health in Dental Science
International College of Management, Sydney	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ flexible deferment options of 3 or 6 months depending on course and circumstances ■ call 1800 110 490 to confirm deferment
Jansen Newman Institute	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only
La Trobe University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to two years usually approved. Apply in writing to the Deferral Office by the date specified for acceptance of offer. Applications received after these dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis
Macleay College	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only
Macquarie University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only ■ for details visit www.mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/accept_your_offer/defer_your_offer
MIT Sydney	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only ■ must accept offer before applying for deferment ■ apply in writing directly to MIT Sydney
National Art School	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ due to the limited places available deferrals can only be granted in exceptional circumstances ■ one year only
SAE Creative Media Institute	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ up to one year only

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SIBT	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year only
Southern Cross University	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> initially one year but a deferred offer can be deferred again in the following year must request deferment directly to SCU for details visit www.scu.edu.au/defer
University of Canberra	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year only students can only defer an offer once all courses except:* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Midwifery B Exercise Physiology and Rehabilitation <p>* currently being reviewed at time of printing</p>
University of New England	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to two years apply in writing to the Admissions Officer by the date specified for accepting the offer B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine – limited number of deferments for one year, conditions apply – applicants must make a written case
University of Newcastle	Yes, but conditions apply for some courses – see comments	Yes, but conditions apply for some courses – see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one year only deferment is normally only granted once B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine and B Midwifery – limited number of deferments, conditions apply – applicants must submit written case B Music and B Music/B Arts do not accept deferments due to audition requirements
University of Sydney	Yes, if NSW HSC 10 or more units (or equivalent)	No, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one year only (with the possibility of two years in special circumstances) not available for mid-year entry for details visit http://sydney.edu.au/ug-defer
University of Technology Sydney	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one year only apply online at www.start.uts.edu.au by Friday 4 March 2016 all courses except B Information Technology, B Midwifery and B Midwifery B Creative Intelligence and Innovation must not enrol in 2016
University of Western Sydney	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one year only (for applicants admitted mid-year, 6 months only) will not lapse if tertiary studies undertaken application fee
University of Wollongong	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one year only. It may be possible to extend for an additional year under special circumstances. Contact the University for more information. apply online at http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au/coursefinder/DeferralrequestDetail.aspx by Thursday 31 March 2016
UNSW Australia	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to two years for all courses except Co-op Scholarships (424600, 424601, 424620, 424640) will lapse if post-secondary studies at the level of Diploma or above are undertaken for details, visit www.unsw.edu.au/defer
UNSW Canberra at ADFA	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> may be granted by Defence Force Recruiting in special circumstances
William Blue College of Hospitality Management	Yes, but see comments	Yes, but see comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to one year only