

1. Purpose of Policy

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2. Scope

This policy applies to all full time apprentices and secondary school students who are enrolled at Tec-NQ.

This policy is applied by all relevant administrative, support and management staff members.

3. Policy Statement

Details concerning the scope of Tec-NQ's Refund and Cancellation Policy are to be clearly disseminated to prospective students prior to contractual arrangements being made, this dissemination is in the form of the Student Handbook, Application for Enrolment and Tec-NQ's website.

No request for refund will be considered unless the student has completed and submitted Tec-NQ's Refund Request Form, available upon request.

A student may lodge an appeal against any refund decision reached by Tec-NQ in accordance with Tec-NQ's Complaints and Appeals Policy. A student making an appeal also has the right to pursue other legal remedies.

On receipt of the Refund Request Form, the Enrolment Officer will notify the student of the decision within five (5) working days.

This policy, procedure and written agreement between the student and Tec-NQ and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the right of the student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

4. Cooling off period

A fourteen-day (14-day) cooling off period applies for all enrolments. However, this cooling off period is deemed to be waived if the student commences training and/or submits assessment materials during that period. By this action they are deemed to have entered fully into a contract of service provision with Tec-NQ. After this event there is no refund except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of Management.

5. Protection of Fees

Tec-NQ protects the fees that are paid in advance by students. Total fees due prior to the commencement of training will not exceed \$1,200.00 for individual enrolments. Students will be issued with an invoice and payment plan where fees are in excess of \$1,200.00. This information is detailed in the Student Refund and Cancellation Policy.

6. Legislation

- Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015 (Cth)
- Further Education and Training Act 2014 (Qld)
- Further Education and Training Regulation 2014 (Qld)
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011 (Cth)
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Act 2012 (Cth)
- Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)
- Fair Trading Act 1989 (Qld)
- Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)

7. Related Documents

- Students Refund Request Form
- Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure
- Privacy Policy and Procedure
- Access and Equity Policy and Procedure

8. Publication

Distributed to all staff, students and parents via Tec-NQ website and DMS.

9. Policy Release Details

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A student requesting a refund should complete the Tec-NQ Refund Request form, which is available on the Tec-NQ Website. or by contacting Tec-NQ reception.

The student should return the completed Refund Request form to the Enrolment Officer. Any documents to support the application should be attached to the Refund Request Form. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

The Enrolment Officer will notify the student of the decision within five (5) working days of receiving the request and send this notification to the email address specified on the submitted Refund Request Form.

If the refund is not approved, the Enrolment Officer will notify the student of the decision and state that the student has the right to appeal the decision in accordance with Tec-NQ's Complaints and Appeals Policy. This notification will be sent to the email address specified in the submitted Refund Request form.

If the refund is approved, the Enrolment Officer will notify the Tec-NQ accounts department. Approved refunds will be submitted for payment within fifteen (15) working days of the refund being approved.

2. Summarised Refund Table

Action	Refund Paid by Tec-NQ
A secondary student is accepted by Tec-NQ, but withdraws prior to the commencement of course.	Tuition fees refunded in full less the \$650 enrolment processing levy.
A secondary student cancels enrolment after course commencement.	Pro-rata tuition fees refunded less the \$650 enrolment processing levy.
A secondary student cancels enrolment with less than 6 weeks remaining before end of semester.	No refund applies.
A secondary student's enrolment is cancelled by Tec-NQ for breach of enrolment conditions.	No refund applies.
A secondary student fails to attend course and does not submit an enrolment cancellation form.	No refund applies.

Action	Refund Paid by Tec-NQ
A full time apprentice enrolled at Tec-NQ defers course.	Student contribution fee is transferred to new study period.
Course deferred by Tec-NQ	Student has option of transferring student contribution fees to new study period or student contribution fees are refunded in full.
Course cancelled by Tec-NQ prior to the commencement of the course	Student contribution fees are refunded in full.
Course cancelled by Tec-NQ after course commencement	Student contribution fees paid refund on a pro-rata basis for undelivered portion of study period.
Further terms and conditions	
This procedure is based on the assumption that all fees are paid. If tuition fees are overdue at the time of cancellation, student may be liable for fees not yet paid. Tec-NQ reserves the right to take legal action to recover any unpaid fees.	
Please note Tec-NQ reminds you that this procedure, and the availability of complaints procedure, does not remove the right of the student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.	

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