

# Statement of Tuition Assurance

*Higher Education Support Act 2003*

*Higher Education Provider (HEP) Guidelines*



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**Note:**

- This Statement of Tuition Assurance applies to domestic FEE-HELP students only.
- Tuition assurance for international students is provided through the Australian Government's Tuition Protection Service (TPS).
- Tuition fee protection for domestic full fee-paying students is provided by MIT's specifically established trust account with ANZ bank (Domestic Prepaid Fees Account).

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Under the provisions of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) and the associated *Higher Education Provider Guidelines* Melbourne Institute of Technology Pty Ltd (**MIT**) is required to provide a tuition assurance arrangement for persons, other than overseas students\* who are enrolled in higher education courses it offers, or be exempt from those requirements. This requirement is to protect students in the event that MIT 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 at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2013C00787>

### Tuition Protection Service

From 1 January 2020, the Australian Government expanded the Tuition Protection Service (TPS) to protect domestic students with a FEE-HELP loan studying at a private education provider, to provide similar protection that has been provided by TPS to international students.

If MIT ceases to provide a course of study, FEE-HELP students will be supported to complete their studies in an equivalent course at another provider where a replacement course is available.

Where an affected student is unable to be placed in a comparable course, a re-credit of their FEE-HELP balance may be sought for units commenced but not completed.

For further information on tuition assurance by TPS for domestic FEE-HELP, students refer to:

<https://tps.gov.au/Home>

\*See *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2002* for the definition of overseas student.