

ALC Tuition Fee Setting Policy

Background

Historically the LCA sought to provide fee-free education for its potential church-workers. An increasing cost burden to the LCA and opening up courses to a wider group of students are factors that have led to the necessity of applying tuition fees. Institutional registration and course accreditation also have had implications for the setting of fees. Tuition fees levied are not set to fully recover the total cost of the tuition ALC offers its students, but as a contribution towards the full cost of tuition provision.

Rationale for setting tuition fees at ALC

- We aim to keep fees to a minimum in order to make study at ALC as accessible as possible. Keeping fees low helps to ensure that we do not deter, disadvantage or discriminate against students desiring to undertake study at ALC.
 - We aim to keep fees less than or comparable to those applied by similar institutions.
 - We apply Higher Education Provider Tuition Fee Requirements and allocate one inclusive tuition fee per unit [for award and non-award units] at undergraduate and postgraduate levels of study based on 10 credit point units irrespective of study mode and domestic or overseas student status. One fee is also allocated to audit units based on credit point totals.
 - In setting fees we consider all reasonable services and materials associated with the delivery of that unit including library membership and computer use facility on campus.
 - We aim to keep the fee schedule as simple, user friendly and intelligible as possible.
 - When made aware of equity issues affecting students we aim to address them appropriately.
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FEE-HELP and other financial assistance at ALC

- Students at ALC are able to access financial assistance via FEE-HELP, thereby deferring the cost of their tuition fees to a later time.
- In cases of significant financial hardship the Student Assistance Fund can provide assistance to approved church worker applicants.