

## Photography Studies College (Melbourne)

### Statement of VET Tuition Assurance

Under the provisions of *Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA)* and Chapter 3 of the VET Provider Guidelines, Photography Studies College (Melbourne)-(PSC) (the First Provider) must comply with the VET Tuition Assurance requirements. This is to protect students in the event that PSC ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a student is enrolled. The meaning of 'ceasing to provide a VET course of study' is set out at paragraph 3.1.25 of the *VET Provider Guidelines*. A copy of these is available from:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/VetFeeHelp>.

In the event that PSC ceases to provide a VET 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 VET course of study with a Second Provider without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (this is known as the “**VET Course Assurance Option**”);

**OR**

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

PSC has met the VET tuition assurance requirements as specified in the VET Provider Guidelines through its current membership of the TDA Tuition Assurance Scheme (non-TAFE providers) herein after called TDA TAS.

#### The contact details for TDA TAS Administrator are:

TDA TAS  
National Secretariat  
PO Box 707 Broadway  
NSW 2007  
Australia  
Tel: 02 92173180  
Fax:02 92817335

If **PSC** ceases to provide a VET course of study, TDA TAS will send a student enrolled in the VET course of study a Written VET Tuition Assurance Offer (the Offer) advising the student of the options available under the VET tuition assurance requirements. The Offer will include directions that the student must follow in order to notify TDA TAS of the choice they have made for each affected VET unit. The TDA TAS will provide this Offer within twenty *Business Days* after it knows, or should now by reasonable enquiries that the **PSC** has ceased to provide the VET course or study.

For the purposes of VET FEE-HELP, all VET courses offered by **PSC** in accordance with the course requirements of clause 45 of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 are covered by the TDA TAS ('the Scheme') as part of **PSC's** membership of the Scheme.

A student may choose either:

#### **The VET Course Assurance Option:**

Under the VET course assurance option, a student will be offered a place in a similar VET course of study by TDA TAS. If the student accepts this option, TDA TAS will make all necessary arrangements to ensure a student is able to enrol with the Second Provider in the similar VET course of study. This offered VET course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification without any requirement on the part of the student to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (that is, units that the student had commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered). A student will receive full credit from the Second Provider for any VET units of study successfully completed at **PSC**.

The Second Provider nominated by TDA TAS may have different VET tuition fees to the fees the student would have paid for VET units of study which were part of the VET course of study the **PSC** ceased to provide but which the student had not yet started studying.

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

**OR**

#### **The VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option**

Under the VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option, TDA TAS undertakes to pay the student the total of any up-front VET payments already paid by the student for any VET units of study the student has commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered. Students selecting this option will also have their FEE-HELP balance re-credited for the uncompleted VET units.

#### **Publication**

This *Statement of VET Tuition Assurance* will be published on **PSC's** web site ([www.psc.edu.au](http://www.psc.edu.au)).. **PSC's** pre-enrolment information will also contain details about where the *Statement of VET Tuition Assurance* may be obtained.