

P03 – Refund Policy and Procedure



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Purpose

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to establish the criteria for the refunding of tuition fees and to outline the refund process from application to determination openly and transparently.

Scope

This policy and procedure is applicable to all employees, stakeholders and students of ASMI. It applies to all fees paid including those collected by third parties on behalf of ASMI.

Cancellation Policy

All notifications of withdrawal shall be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). In the case of International Cancellations ASMI will then advise the Department of Home Affairs as the student's visa will be affected.

International students wishing to cancel their enrollment in order to transfer to another training provider prior to having completed at least six months of the principal course of study applicable to their visa, should refer to the Student Transfer Policy and Procedure for further information.

ASMI reserves the right to cancel a student's enrolment on the grounds of student misbehaviour. Where cancellation is approved and is not initiated by the student, ASMI must notify the student of the intent to cancel the enrolment and include notification that he or she has 20 working days to access the complaints and appeals process. Refer to the Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure for further information.

Refund Policy

In the event of a dispute between an individual student and ASMI in relation to payment or refund of moneys, grievance procedures are in place to help resolve the dispute. Any queries relating to tuition fees and other charges payable to ASMI or refunds will initially be dealt with by the Administration Office. If the student remains dissatisfied with the outcome, they may make a formal complaint. (Refer to the Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure for further information.)

The availability of the complaints and appeals process does not remove the right of the student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

1. Refund of Tuition Fees – All Students

If after commencing the course, the student chooses to discontinue their enrolment before completion of the qualification, they may remain liable to pay the full course tuition fees and the costs incurred by ASMI in recovering any outstanding monies, including debt collection agency fees and solicitors' costs, if applicable.

All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the CEO. Refunds will be made payable to the original payee, unless directed in writing by the original payee.

Enrolment fees are non-refundable, however may be transferable at the discretion of the CEO to another course offered by ASMI or deferred.

Where a student's course of study is terminated for a serious breach of ASMI's policies, rules and regulations, there will be no refund of any monies paid. (Information on ASMI's policies, rules and regulations is located on the website asmitraining.edu.au).

Where a student fails to meet the ASMI's attendance and/or academic progression rules and is not permitted to maintain enrolment in their course, the student may be eligible for a refund of the amount of the course fees paid in advance of the date of notification of exclusion from the ASMI.

In the event that ASMI is unable to deliver a course in full, the student will be offered a refund of tuition fees paid to that date for any units of competency not completed. The refund will be paid within 2 weeks of the day on which the training ceased being provided.

Alternatively, the student may be offered enrolment in a suitable alternative course. The student has the right to choose whether they would prefer a refund of course monies, or to accept a place in another course. If they choose placement in another course, ASMI will request the student to indicate the acceptance of the placement in writing.

1.1 Domestic Student Refunds

ASMI agrees to refund within 28 days of the receipt of written notice of cancellation by the student (or parent or guardian if the student is under 18 years of age), tuition fees paid by or on behalf of the student less the amounts to be retained as agreed and as detailed below:

- i) if written notice is received prior to the commencement of the qualification, a cancellation fee equivalent to the administration fee will apply.
- ii) if written notice is received on or after commencement of the qualification, there will be no refund of any moneys paid unless the CEO deems that exceptional circumstances apply.

1.2 International Student Refunds

ASMI agrees to refund within 28 days and without deduction, all tuition fees paid where the student produces certified evidence that the application made by the student for a student visa has been rejected by the Australian Immigration authorities.

ASMI agrees to refund within 28 days of the receipt of written notice of cancellation by the student (or parent or guardian if the student is under 18 years of age), tuition fees paid by or on behalf of the student less the amounts to be retained as agreed and as detailed below:

- i) if written notice is received 28 days or more before the date of course commencement, then a non-refundable amount equivalent to 25% of the tuition fee will be applicable to all enrolments.
- ii) if written notice is received 27 days or less before the date of course commencement, then a non-refundable amount equivalent to 30% of the tuition fee will be applicable to all enrolments.
- iii) if written notice is received on or after the date of course commencement, there will be no refund of any monies paid unless the CEO deems that exceptional circumstances apply.
- iv) If ASMI is unable to provide a refund or place the student in an alternative course, the ESOS Assurance Fund Manager will attempt to place them in a suitable alternative course or, if this is not possible, they will be eligible for a refund as calculated by the Fund Manager.

Time Limits

ASMI is unlikely to consider an application for a refund from a former student whose enrolment was finalised 6 months or more prior to the time of application.

Records

A copy of all documentation relating to the outcome of the refund shall be retained in the students file.

Publication

This Refund Policy and Procedure shall be made available to students and prospective students by publication on ASMI's website. It is also outlined within the Student Code of Conduct, Student Application Form, and the International Letter of Offer.

Related Documents

Forms	
F15	Student Application Form
Policy and Procedures	
P06	Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure
P16	Student Transfer Policy and Procedure
P21	Student Code of Conduct
Work Instructions	
W05	VETtrack User Guide
W06	PRISMS User Guide
Other	
T25	Letter of Offer

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