

Higher Education Student Selection and Admission Policy

Approved by: Executive Director, Course Development and Quality

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Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, TAFE NSW acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea, and community. We pay our respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Section 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy governs the processes in relation to student selection and admission into TAFE NSW Higher Education courses and accords with the requirements of the Higher Education Standards Framework 2021 (the Threshold Standards).
- 1.2 TAFE NSW Higher Education is committed to admissions processes that are efficient, equitable, reliable and transparent.

Section 2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all applicants for entry into TAFE NSW Higher Education courses, and TAFE NSW Higher Education staff involved in admissions processes.

Section 3. Policy requirements

- 3.1 TAFE NSW Higher Education is committed to selection and admissions principles that provide:
 - a. a broad and flexible framework for student admission into TAFE NSW Higher Education courses of study;
 - b. a commitment to maximising student success in academic study;
 - c. an efficient and equitable student admissions process which includes suitable adjustment for applicants who have experienced disadvantage but who demonstrate the potential to succeed; and
 - d. reliability and transparency.
- 3.2 This policy will be reviewed every three years to ensure it remains fit for purpose and satisfies legislative and compliance obligations.

- 3.3 This policy does not replace or modify any other responsibilities which may arise under other higher education provider policies or under statute or any other law.

Section 4. Responsibilities

Position	Responsibility
Dean of Higher Education	The Dean of Higher Education has overall responsibility for the effective administration and implementation of this policy.
Course Coordinators	Course Coordinators have local responsibility for the effective administration and implementation of this policy.

Section 5. Governance information

Governance	Details
Legislation, regulations, and standards	This policy is governed by the Higher Education Standards Framework 2021 (Threshold Standards) .
Related procedures	This policy governs the following procedure: Higher Education Student Selection and Admission Procedure
Related policies	This policy is to be read together with: Higher Education Progression, Exclusion and Graduation Policy Higher Education Qualifications Pathways and Credit Policy Higher Education Tuition Fees, Payments, HELP, Refunds and Review Policy Customer Complaints and Feedback Policy
Accountable Officer	Executive Director, Course Development and Quality
Responsible Officer	Senior Manager Higher Education
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Section 6. Definitions

Word	Definition

Section 7. Document history

No.	Effective	Approved by	Amendment
1	28 September 2010	TAFE NSW Higher Education Governing Council	Initial approval of policy statement.
2	5 November 2020	Head of Higher Education Standards	Policy statement updated into new Written Directions format. Minor content changes to reflect current version of related procedure.
3	1 May 2023	Senior Manager, Higher Education Quality, TAFE NSW	Updated reference to current Higher Education Standards Framework 2021.
4	7 December 2023	Chief Product & Quality Officer	Reviewed and updated policy.
5	26 March 2026	Executive Director, Course Development and Quality	Policy review- alignment with revised TAFE operating model and conversion to latest policy template.