

# Compliance Focus Standards for RTO's 2015 – Clauses 5.3 and 7.3,

## Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy and its associated procedure is to outline the approach that CSTC will undertake when calculating fees and charges applicable to a course of study and how they will inform students prior to enrolment of all associated course costs.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

This policy applies to all students enrolled in full or part qualifications. All staff are to adhere to this policy and associated procedure.

# Fees and Charges

CSTC commits to ensuring the following:

- Set fee and fee concessions approved by the Board
- Publish all indicative fees on its website
- Provide participants at application stage of the enrolment process a statement of fees pertaining to their individual circumstances including any exemptions, concessions, or waivers.
- Not accept any fees until a student has been provided with and accepted a written course offer
- Not accept more than \$1500 for any tuition fees for training and assessment services yet to be delivered
- Maintain five (5) working days cooling off period from the date of enrolment into any of their courses
- Not allow transfer of course fees to another person to protect the integrity of the application and enrolment process
- Will not retrospectively change or adjust the tuition fee for an enrolled individual
- Will access all eligible funding available to each participant upon enrolment.

## **Payment of Fees**

Enrolment is not complete until fees and charges are paid, employer payment arrangement have been made, or fees and charges have been waived.

- Fees can be paid by cash, EFT credit card (VISA or MasterCard).
- An Authorisation to Invoice can be issued as required by employers
- Certificates and Statements of Attainment or Attendance will not be issued until all fees owing are
- paid. This is in accordance with the Standards for RTOs (2015) guidelines.
- All student invoices will be issued upon completion of the required units of competency for the course the student has been enrolled in.
- Overdue invoices may be forwarded to a Debt Collection Agency for recovery.
- CSTC reserves the right to write off debt after an agreed time limit has passed without successful collection of fees



## **Transfers of course**

- All transfer request needs to be in writing and emailed to
- No transfers will be approved once you have commenced your Short Course.
- You may request to transfer to another available Short Course (Transferred Short Course) at least five (5) days prior to the commencement date of your Short Course.
- You will not incur any additional costs provided there is no difference in the Short Course fee. If there is a difference in the cost, you must pay that amount immediately.
- Where the Transferred Short Course is cheaper than the original Short Course, CSTC will provide you with a refund of the difference between the course fees.

## **Cancellations and Refunds**

- All cancellation and refund requests need to be in writing and emailed to
- Should you wish to cancel your Short Course training, you must make a request at least five (5) days prior to the course commencement date and a refund will be granted.
- No refunds or transfers will be made after the course commencement date.
- CSTC holds the authority to cancel any courses which have insufficient numbers due to circumstances beyond reasonable control. In this case a refund, or alternative class date or course will be offered to you.
- Where a class falls on a public holiday, CSTC holds the authority to reschedule the class.

#### Participants rights as a consumer

As a participant who may be purchasing training and assessment services from CSTC, have consumer rights under the Australian Consumer Law. This may include a statutory cooling of period (which CSTC exceeds) for any payment students have made to CSTC.

Participants can find out more information on their consumer rights at http://consumerlaw.gov.au



#### **Related Documents**

- Course Enrolment Policy and Procedure
- Participants Records and File Management Policy and Procedure
- Policy and Procedure version control register
- Continuous Improvement register

#### **Responsible Officer**

The responsible officer for the implementation and training for this Policy and Procedure is the Business Manager

# **Publishing details**

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