

# STUDENT REFUND PROCEDURE

## **Governing Policy**

**Student Refund Policy** 

### **Purpose**

To detail the rules associated with refunds and withdrawals for students studying accredited courses with AIB.

### **Definitions**

Unless otherwise defined in this document, all capitalised terms are defined in the glossary.

#### **Procedure**

#### 1. Domestic Students

#### 1.1. Students who wish to withdraw on or before the Census Date

- (a) Students who wish to withdraw from one or more subjects on or before the Census Date must, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing, or verbally which is subsequently confirmed in writing) before the enrolment in the relevant subjects will be cancelled and withdrawn.
- (b) Consequently, as the student is no longer enrolled in a subject, the student will:
  - (i) not incur a FEE-HELP debt for that subject, in the case of FEE-HELP eligible students or
  - (ii) have pre-paid tuition fees for that subject refunded to the nominated payee within four weeks of AIB's confirmation of withdrawal.

#### 1.2. Students who wish to withdraw after the Census Date

- (a) Students who wish to withdraw from one or more subjects after the relevant Census Date must confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing, or verbally which is subsequently confirmed in writing) in order to withdraw from the relevant subjects.
- (b) Students who have nominated to pay using FEE-HELP will incur the FEE-HELP debt for enrolled subjects. Students who have pre-paid tuition fees will not be eligible for a refund.
- (c) No refund or re-credit of FEE-HELP debt will be granted to a student whose enrolment is terminated after the Census Date for failure to comply with AIB's policies including, but not necessarily limited to, withdrawal without notice, unacceptable conduct and unsatisfactory progress.
- (d) An application can be made to refund the tuition fees or re-credit FEE-HELP debt if the student believes the withdrawal was due to Special Circumstances – refer to Student Review Procedures for Re-crediting a FEE-HELP Balance and Refund of Fees Procedure.

(e) Students who wish to withdraw from a subject for medical/compassionate reasons, should refer to Withdrawal and Deferral Policy and Procedure.

### 2. International Students

### 2.1. Students on payment plans

### (a) Students who wish to withdraw from the course

- (i) Students who wish to withdraw from the course on or before their first subject Census Date must, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the course to AIB (in writing, or verbally which must subsequently be confirmed in writing) before the enrolment in the relevant subjects will be cancelled and withdrawn. Consequently, as the student is no longer enrolled in the course, the payment plan will be cancelled without any financial penalty to the student.
- (ii) Students who wish to withdraw from the course after their first subject census date but on or before any subsequent subject Census Dates must, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the course to AIB (in writing, or verbally which must subsequently be confirmed in writing) before the enrolment in the relevant subjects of the course will be withdrawn. The student will:
  - A. receive a refund, equal to the excess of course fees received over course fees for subjects incurred provided the student has undertaken at least three (3) subjects or
  - B. receive a refund, equal to the excess of course fees received over course fees for 3 (three) subjects if student has undertaken less than three (3) subjects.

#### (b) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject

- (i) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject on or before their subject Census Date must, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing or verbally which must subsequently be confirmed in writing) in order to withdraw from the subject. The student will:
  - A. not receive a refund and the payment plan will remain unchanged but
  - B. have their course fees for the relevant subject put into fees in credit.
- (ii) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject after their subject Census Date must confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing, or verbally which is subsequently confirmed in writing) in order to withdraw from the subject. The student will:
  - A. not receive a refund and the payment plan will remain unchanged and
  - B. forfeit their course fees for that subject.
- (iii) Students who wish to withdraw from a subject on medical/compassionate grounds should refer to Withdrawal and Deferral Policy.

#### 2.2. Students who have paid their course fees upfront.

## (a) Students who wish to withdraw from the course

(i) Students who wish to withdraw from the course on or before their first subject Census Date must, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the course to AIB (in writing, or verbally which must

subsequently be confirmed in writing). Consequently, as the student is no longer enrolled in the course, the student will have pre-paid course fees refunded within four (4) weeks of AIB's confirmation of withdrawal.

(ii) There are no refunds for students who wish to withdraw from the course after their first subject Census Date.

# (b) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject

- (i) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject on or before their subject Census Date must, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing or verbally which is subsequently confirmed in writing) in order to withdraw from the subject. The student will:
  - A. not receive a refund; but
  - B. have their course fees for relevant subject put into fees in credit.
- (ii) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject after their subject Census Date must confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing or verbally which is subsequently confirmed in writing) in order to withdraw from the subject. The student will:
  - A. not receive a refund; and
  - B. forfeit their course fees for that subject.
- (iii) Students who wish to withdraw from a subject on medical/compassionate grounds should refer to Withdrawal and Deferral Policy.

## 2.3. Students who have paid their course fees one stage (four subjects) at a time.

### (a) Students who wish to withdraw from the course

(i) Students who wish to withdraw from the course on or before their subject Census Date must, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing or verbally which is subsequently confirmed in writing) before the enrolment in the relevant subjects will be cancelled and withdrawn. Consequently, if the student is no longer enrolled in the course, the student will be refunded an amount equal to the excess of course fees received over course fees for subjects incurred.

### (b) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject

- (i) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject on or before their subject census date, within this timeframe, confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing or verbally which is subsequently confirmed in writing) in order to withdraw from the subject. The student will
  - A. receive a refund.
- (ii) Students who wish to withdraw from the subject after their subject Census Date must, confirm their withdrawal from the subject to AIB (in writing or verbally which must subsequently be confirmed in writing) in order to withdraw from the subject. The student will:
  - A. not receive a refund
  - B. forfeit their course fees for that subject.
- (iii) Students who wish to withdraw from a subject on medical/compassionate grounds should refer to Withdrawal and Deferral Policy.

## 2.4 Students who change country of residence during the course of their study:

Students who change country of residence during a course of study, when that change of location may impact the course fees payable, will not be entitled to a refund of any course fees already paid.

# 2.5 Students withdrawn by AIB from a course of study:

Students may be withdrawn from a course of study by AIB as per the Withdrawal and Deferral Policy and Procedure. In this situation, a Student will be entitled to a refund for Subjects paid but not commenced.

### **Related Forms:**

Student Refund Request Form

## Responsibility:

**Finance Director** 

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