

Update for Careers Advisors - No.3 2018

Welcome to our fees-free update, bringing you answers to some of the most common questions.

If there's anything else you'd like to know, check out the FAQs on the [fees-free website](#).

Fees-free

Fees-free is managed by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). Students can check if they can get fees-free study at www.feesfree.govt.nz.

Students who are New Zealanders and will finish school in 2018, may qualify for a year of fees-free tertiary study or two years of industry training in 2019.

Find out more about the [eligibility for fees-free](#).

How to check if a student can get fees-free study

Students can go to www.feesfree.govt.nz and enter their National Student Number (NSN) to check. The majority of secondary school students should receive a 'yes - you are eligible' response.

If a student receives a 'we are not sure' response, they may need to provide further information to TEC. The fees-free website will let them know what they need to do.

How does a student apply for fees-free?

Students don't need to apply for fees-free.

Once the student has enrolled, TEC will check the student's details and if eligible, will pay the fees directly to the tertiary education provider or industry training organisation. They can pay up to a maximum of \$12,000 incl GST per year.

Does a student still need to apply to StudyLink?

If a student only needs their fees paid they won't need to apply for a Student Loan unless their fees are over \$12,000.

If a student wants to apply for a Student Allowance or the living and course-related costs parts of a Student Loan they'll still need to apply to StudyLink.

We hope this information is useful for you and your students.

If you've got any further questions you can check out the [fees-free website](#) or call the fees-free helpline on 0800 687 775.

Year 13 students - sign up for information

Go in the draw for 1 of 5 \$50 book vouchers

In term three we'll be starting a six-week email series to students, who have signed up to receive our emails.

In the series we'll talk about the costs of study, budgeting, how allowances and loans work and what they need to know about fees-free study.

We'd appreciate if you could email your Year13 students and encourage them to sign up before Monday 13 August, so they can get these updates.

All Year13 students who sign up before 13 August will go into the draw to win 1 of 5 \$50 book vouchers - which could be helpful for next year's text books.

Make sure your [Year 13 students sign up](#) to get these emails. Even if they're not sure what they want to do. If they don't end up getting support from StudyLink, we'll stop sending them emails.

There's also a sign up link on the [StudyLink homepage](#).



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