
Deferment Policy

Definition of Course Deferment: -

Student delays or postpones the Course (or any Modules)

Maximum Deferment Period : -

Equivalent duration of the course (e.g. a 12 month course will have a maximum deferment period of 12 months)

The policy on Deferment:

- A student who requests for Deferment must either have their existing contract terminated or sign an addendum to reflect the changes.
- All request must be made in writing. Verbal notice is not accepted.
- For all terminated Student Contracts, a new student contract will be signed based on the procedures for executing student contracts. The Refund Policy shall apply unless as otherwise agreed between the School and the Student.
- Any deferment would be addressed on a case by case basis and the School will have the final decision on whether the deferment is approved or rejected.
- For students that are under 18 years of age, written consent from the parent / legal guardian must be obtained.
- Submitting the request does NOT automatically result in an official deferment. Students must ensure that they receive a formal notice / confirmation form the Institute regarding the outcome of their request for deferment.

Conditions for Granting Deferment

- The School will have final say in all deferment cases. This will be based on availability of the Schedules and Classes.
- Students can apply for deferment of semester / unit ONLY ONCE. Extension of deferment period will only be considered should there be very valid reasons and additional supporting documents provided by the student.
- In applying for deferment, student has to take note of the course completion timelines. Students must ensure that there is sufficient time for them to complete their studies according to the timeline.

- Course Completion Timeline:
 - Students must complete their course within the following timeline from the date of class commencement:
 - Within 1 year for course duration up to 6 months
 - Within 2 years for course duration up to 1 year
 - Within 4 years for course duration up to 2 years
 - Within 5 years for course duration up to 2.5 years
- Offering of units / courses are subject to availability. The school reserves the right to offer similar unit(s) in replacement of discontinued unit(s).

Student's Pass Status

For Student's Pass holder, Deferments are subjected to ICA's approval of the new Student's Pass.

The School will inform ICA in the event of any Deferments. Student's Pass will be cancelled.

Timeframe for assessing and processing Deferment

The entire Deferment process, from point of application to the final outcome, should not be more than 4 weeks. If the final outcome is not in favour of the applicant, respective staffs are to handle each situation according to the School's dispute resolution policy and procedure.

Communication of Deferment Policy and Procedures

Communication of the school's deferment policy and procedures will be through the Student Handbook, School's official website to all students, including prospective students.

Course Deferment Procedure

For La Trobe University Courses

1. Student to submit Leave of Absence Form by La Trobe University
2. Approval of Course Deferment by University
3. Issue Letter to Effect Course Deferment

Note: Students are to ensure that addendum to PEI Student Contract has been signed.