

Support package offered to students

The government has released a support package aimed at assisting students financially in order to keep them engaged in education during the disruptions and restrictions that COVID-19 has presented.

Starting from 15 April 2020, this package can be applied for by fulltime domestic students and includes:

- Increasing the amount that student loan users can borrow for course-related costs from \$1000 to \$2000;
- Continuing support payments for up to eight weeks for fulltime students who are unable to study online;
- Ensuring that where students receive a partial fee refund in 2020 due to course discontinued due to COVID-19, their future student loan entitlements will not be affected;
- Ensuring that where students are unable to complete a course of study in 2020 due to COVID-19, their eligibility for the Fees Free scheme will not be affected.

This scheme is optional and applies to students who are either enrolled to study or planning to enrol to study in 2020.

To apply and for more information, please see the [StudyLink website](#).

Resources:

COVID-19: Tertiary student support package <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/covid-19-tertiary-student-support-package>> 14 April 2020

COVID-19 information for students getting Student Allowance or Student Loan <<https://www.studylink.govt.nz/about-studylink/news/2020/covid-19.html>>