

Open Universities Australia (OUA) provides access to Australian higher education degrees and subjects by higher education providers (universities).

Universities have their own admission rules and define eligibility for admission to some degrees and subjects.

Effective 1 January 2020, all OUA university partners require that OUA students applying to study must:

- be at least 16 years of age on the date of the application to a degree or enrolment in subject(s); and,
- provide a completed Parent or Guardian Consent Form where the student's age is under 18 years at the date of application to a degree or enrolment in subject(s).

OUA will attach your form to your application or enrolment so the university assessing your request can see your parent or guardian's consent.

This form covers all degree applications and subject enrolments until you reach 18 years of age.

OUA must store this information in your student record and attach it to any subsequent applications you make to study with OUA's university partners.

## How to complete this form

1. Read and Understand all sections of this form.
2. Fill all sections in BLOCK letters with a black or blue pen.
3. Please refer to the OUA privacy policy attached.
4. The Parent or Guardian Consent form does not authorize the Representative to complete questions relating to mandatory Government Higher Education Student statistics data collection or any HELP loan application form. If you wish to authorise your Representative the Representative to complete questions relating to mandatory Government Higher Education Student statistics data collection or any HELP loan application form. You must submit a 3rd Party Consent Form.
5. Please return this form to the Administration Team via email to [adminmailbox@open.edu.au](mailto:adminmailbox@open.edu.au) or post to:

Open Universities Australia  
Administration Team  
GPO Box 5387  
Melbourne VIC 3001

## Mature age content

The nature of some content in degrees and subjects means that there may be sensitive material or mature content not appropriate for students under the age of 18 years.

This content may include adult themes, sex or sexual references, coarse language, violence, drug use and or nudity.

If you are under 18 years of age, applying for admission to a degree and/or enrolling in associated subject(s) that contain mature content, you must complete this form with a parent or guardian and submit it for your request to be processed.

To view all degree and subject descriptions, visit [www.open.edu.au](http://www.open.edu.au). If you or your parent or guardian need further information, contact a student advisor on 13 OPEN (13 67 36) or +61 (3) 8628 2971.

## Course fees

OUA payment options for degree and subject course fees include:

- Upfront payment by credit card, and Commonwealth loans including:
- HECS-HELP for students in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)
- FEE HELP for students in Open Access Single Subjects.

If you are under 18 years of age and preparing to apply to degrees or enrol in subjects, you must complete this form with your parent or guardian.

When you submit the form, you agree to OUA's payment terms for all course fees.

## Student loans

The Australian Government Loan Scheme means paying for course fees an option via the HELP (Higher Education Loan Program).

Students pay their tuition fees for higher education degrees and subjects undertaken at approved universities with those in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) or degree program applying for a HECS HELP loan. Students in Open access single subjects commonly use a FEE-HELP loan.

A limit applies - it's the total amount of HELP debt a person can use in their lifetime. A student under 18 years of age can apply for a HELP loan which will reduce their lifetime HELP balance for the time it takes to pay back the debt.

Refer to the HELP information booklet for more information. You can download a copy from [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au) where you can find out about how to repay your HELP loan, or talk to the Chatbot, Edy, ready to answer your HELP related queries.

Students must start repaying their HELP debt through the Australian tax system once their income is above a certain level - the minimum compulsory repayment threshold.

HELP debts are managed by the ATO.

You have an obligation to repay to the ATO the amount that the Government has loaned you, regardless of whether you complete your studies and regardless of where you live, even if you have moved overseas.

For more information about HELP debt visit:

[www.ato.gov.au/getloaninfo](http://www.ato.gov.au/getloaninfo) or phone 13 28 61.

For all students under 18 and applying for a HELP loan, parental consent is required to agree to the terms and conditions of the HELP loan.

## Parent or Guardian consent requirement

Where a student is under 18 years of age, their responsible parent or guardian must:

- Consent to the student listed herein participating in higher education level learning and engaging with content delivered and assessed by OUA's partner universities which may contain mature content; and,
- Agree to and co-sign the application and terms & conditions for a student loan (where applicable). This is a condition of the government loan application; or,
- Agree to the payment terms for upfront payment by credit card.

By signing this form, you will be identifying yourself as the student's parent or guardian, will be agreeing to the student's participation in subjects containing mature content, and agreeing to payment terms of all associated course fees.

## Student details:

(Please provide your full name as used on official documentation)

OUA ID (if known):

Family name:

Given name:

Date of birth:

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## Parent or Guardian's details:

(Please provide your full name as used on official documentation)

Family name:

Given name(s):

Relationship to the student:

## Contact details

Contact number:

Email address:

## Anticipated payment terms

FEE-HELP

HECS-HELP

Upfront payment (credit card)

## Declaration

- I confirm that I am the responsible parent or guardian of the student named on this form.
- I hereby grant permission for the student named on this form to apply and/or enrol through Open Universities Australia.
- I consent to the student applying to the degree and/or enrolling in subject(s); and I understand that that the degree and/or subject(s) may contain mature content.
- I give permission for the student to participate in the learning and associated assessments (where applicable) delivered by OUA's partner universities.
- I agree to the payment terms and conditions for all course fees until the student reaches 18 years.

## Parent or Guardian's approval

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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