

Western Sydney Technology College

International Students Information Session

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Purpose of this meeting

- Inform students about how the Tuition Protection Service can assist
- Present information on visa matters
- Present information on getting a copy of your study record
- Identify other assistance available
- Show you how to use the TPS Online case management system





Western Sydney Technology College (Merage Group)

- Western Sydney Technology College closed on Monday 11 March 2024
- Western Sydney Technology College did not meet its obligations to students and the Tuition Protection Service (TPS) activated on Wednesday 13 March 2024
- We will be working to arrange for you to continue your studies with an alternative provider, or provide you with a refund of your unspent tuition fees





What is the Tuition Protection Service (TPS)?



Tuition Protection Service (TPS)

- Australian Government initiative within the Department of Education
- Student tuition fee protection scheme
- Supports students following an education provider closure by:
 - 1. arranging for students to continue their studies with an alternative provider

or

2. providing students with a refund of unspent tuition fees





TPS Operations Team



- Led by TPS Director
- Small team of around 16
- Located in Canberra





TPS Online system

- TPS Online is the system you will use to request and receive TPS assistance
- You can request a place with an alternative provider or request a refund in TPS Online
- We will show you how to use TPS Online later in this presentation
- TPS Online step-by-step instructions are on the TPS website





Continuing your studies with an alternative provider

- **Our priority**: To help you find a new education and training provider so you can continue your studies
- TPS Online contains a list of alternative courses at different providers nearby
- You will need to contact the new provider to enrol with them. The provider will upload an offer in TPS Online that you will need to accept. The TPS will pay what is owed to you by Western Sydney Technology College *directly to your new provider*
- If you have already enrolled at a new education provider, you can receive a refund of your unspent tuition fees from the TPS through TPS Online
- Alternative courses may cost more or less than your current course. If costs are higher, you will need to meet those costs





Unspent tuition fees

• Unspent tuition fees are the fees that you paid to Western Sydney Technology College for education or training that you did not receive:

For example, if you paid for 10 weeks of tuition and only attended classes for 7 weeks, the remaining 3 weeks are your **unspent** tuition fees.

- The TPS can provide you with a refund of any *unspent* tuition fees that were paid to Western Sydney Technology College for your tuition
- If the TPS does not identify any suitable alternative courses for you, or if you have already enrolled at a new provider, you will receive a refund of your unspent tuition fees





Unspent tuition fees

- Your refund can be paid to:
 - your personal bank account
 - another nominated bank account (e.g. a family member)
 - your new education provider (if you have secured a placement in an alternative course)
 - your education agent.
- If you would like your agent to receive your refund on your behalf, you must request and return an *Authority to Act* form by emailing <u>support@tps.gov.au</u>





TPS website: www.tps.gov.au



For information about the Western Sydney Technology College closure, click on *Education Provider Closures*





Visa Matters

- Visa applications and status
- Visa Application Charge exemption
- Students under 18
- Work conditions
- Travelling home
- Contacts and further information





Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Information session on education provider closures

Department of Home Affairs

What will we cover?

- Visa applications and status
- Visa Application Charge (VAC) exemption
- Work conditions
- Travelling home
- Contacts and further information

What is my status?

- International student visa holders need to maintain enrolment in a course that is registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) at all times while in Australia.
- You can continue staying in Australia on your valid student visa if you enrol with another provider to study a course at the same level.
- Students affected by a provider default are afforded an extended period of three months in which to finalise a new enrolment.
- If you have a student visa application that has not yet been decided and your provider has closed, the Department of Home Affairs will contact you to request a new CoE from another provider. Your application will be assessed based on the new course you have chosen to study, and you will be afforded additional time to provide a new CoE.

Do I need a new visa?

- You will need to apply for a new student visa if:
 - You enrol in an alternative course, which will finish after the expiry date of your current student visa; or
 - You enrol in an alternative course that is at a lower Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level than your previous course.
- You can check the expiry date of your student visa by viewing your visa grant notice or by using the Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) service at <u>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details</u> <u>-and-conditions/check-conditions-online/visa-holders</u>.

Do I need a new visa?

- The Visa Application Charge (VAC) will be waived for students affected by an education provider closure if you apply within 12 months.
 - You must hold a student visa, or your last substantive visa must have been a student visa.
 - When you apply let us know you have been affected by a provider default and attach evidence of your enrolment with the new education provider, such as your CoE.

Students under 18

- You must maintain welfare arrangements at all times as a condition of your student visa if you are under 18.
- If your education provider issued a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) to take responsibility for your welfare in Australia, you must seek alternative enrolment immediately and make alternative welfare arrangements.
- If you will turn 18 soon, you will still need to ensure you have appropriate arrangements in place until you turn 18.

Work conditions

Condition 8105 – Work restriction

- All student visa holders have this condition on their visa. Normally there are two main scenarios to consider:
 - 1. Study has started you can work 48 hours per fortnight
 - 2. Study has not yet started you cannot work if you have not commenced your course, unless you held a visa when you applied for your student visa and your previous visa permitted you to work.
- If you are on a Bridging visa (BV), you will need to refer to the conditions attached to your BV regarding work and other conditions

Travelling home and delays

- You can travel home and return to Australia while you arrange your enrolment and commencement in another course. You must have a valid student visa to enter Australia on your return.
 - If you have applied for a student visa and you are awaiting a decision, you must have a valid Bridging Visa B to travel.
- Students affected by a provider default have up to three months to finalise a new enrolment.
- If it takes longer than three months to finalise your enrolment, the Department of Home Affairs may further extend its special arrangements on a case-by-case basis. You must provide relevant information for consideration.

Further information and contacts

- Further information about your student visa: <u>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500</u>
- Queries or concerns about visa arrangements: <u>http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/</u>
- Specific information on education provider defaults: <u>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/education-provider-default</u>
- Global Service Centre: 9am-5pm Monday to Friday In Australia: 131 881 Overseas: +61 2 6196 0196



Australian Government

 Australian Skills Quality Authority

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• Getting a copy of your study record







When closing, a registered training organisation (RTO) is expected to issue:

- an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) testamur and record of results to any student who has completed the requirements of the relevant qualification, or
- a statement of attainment to a student who has not completed the requirements of a qualification, but has completed one or more units of competency.

You will need evidence of the competencies you have achieved to transfer and continue the rest of your training at another RTO. The easiest way to do this is to provide the new training provider with a statement of attainment.

If you have been unable to obtain either a statement of attainment or testamur, ASQA may be able to assist you with a letter and transcript confirming competencies that you have achieved. This confirmation is only possible if ASQA holds records of competency completion from the closed RTO.

www.asqa.gov.au/students/student-record

Contact details for ASQA

- www.asqa.gov.au/students/how-asqa-can-help-students
- www.asqa.gov.au/students/student-record

- Phone from in Australia: <u>1300 701 801</u> between 9am to 7pm (AEDT) Monday to Friday
- Phone from outside Australia: <u>+61 3 8613 3910</u>



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• Support for international students







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https://www.study.nsw.gov.au/live/support-services



How to use TPS Online

- Accessing TPS Online
- Using TPS Online to receive assistance from the TPS
- Summary of tasks you must complete in TPS Online













TPS Online: Log-in page

	ANIS
Student Login	Provider Login
Log in using the details that we emailed you	Log in using your PRISMS credentials
Usemame	Logon ID
Password	Password
]
Remember my username	Remember my logon ID
log in	log in

Log in using the username and password emailed to you from TPS Online.

If you have forgotten your log in details, click *forgotten your username/password*.





TPS Online: Change your password

Australian Government Fuition Protection Se ou are here: <u>Home</u>	Welcome View/update my details	
	CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD	Change my password
Welcome to the TPS	Your password poods to be changed	
The TPS can assist you to either:	Tour password needs to be changed.	
 complete your studies in another course or with another education provider; or 		
receive a refund of the unspent component of your tuition fees.		
As you work through this process you may be prompted for the following information:		
Proof of identity		
A valid passport or Australian driver's licence.		
If you are under 18 years of age, proof of guardianship.		
Proof of payment		
A copy of the written agreement with your provider.		
Copies of receipts, payment advice or bank statements.		
Visa status		
Evidence of student visa.		

You must *change your password* to continue.





TPS Online: Change your password

ou are here: Home > Change password	
Help with this task	Enter new password
Password change Your new password must have: • at least fourteen (14) characters; and • three of the character types: uppercase, lowercase, numerals and symbols. Example: Password87% You must also choose a question and enter the answer. When you click save you will be returned to your home page.	New password (required) Confirm new password (required) Security question (required) Answer (required)

- Enter your new password twice
- Choose a security question and answer
- Click *save*.

Your new password must have **fourteen (14) characters** including uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols (e.g. !, \$ or #). If your new password does not meet the criteria, you will see this message:

tuitionprotectionservice.test.idc.hosts.network says
VALIDATION ISSUES
Please address the following issues before continuing:
Your new password must have:
- at least 14 characters.
Please refer to the security rules on the change password screen.
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TPS Online: Home page



Your home page will list any tasks you need to complete to progress your claim with the TPS.

Check your home page regularly for tasks to complete!



TPS Online: Your provider's obligation to you

YOUR PROVIDER'S OBLIGATION TO YOU

It is important for you to know whether your previous education provider owes you any unspent tuition fees at the date the default occurred and, if this is the case, has the provider fulfilled its obligation to you.

To tell us about your provider's obligations to you, please click the "next" button to start.

It is important to know whether your provider owed you a refund of any unspent tuition fees at the date of the default and whether the provider fulfilled its obligations to you.

On your home page, click *next* on **YOUR PROVIDER'S OBLIGATION TO YOU**.





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TPS Online: Your provider's obligation to you

Help with this task	Provider obligation	ns
Provider obligations	Your course details	
Please indicate whether your previous provider owed you any unspent tuition fees at the time the default occurred.	Provider	The ABC School of Learning Pty Ltd (CRICOS/RTO/TEQSA number)
	Course	Name of course you were enrolled in (course code)
	Location	Campus name
	Date of default	10 Jan 2023
	Your provider's obli At the date of default my pr did not owe me u owed me unspen	gation to you ^{ovider} inspent tuition fees t tuition fees

On the date of the default, did your provider owe you any *unspent* tuition fees?

- If you select *owed me unspent tuition fees*, you will need to provide proof of payment documents.
- If you select *did not owe me unspent tuition fees*, the financial assessment process will end. You will only be able to browse alternative courses.





TPS Online: Your provider's obligation to you

Outcome

O My provider has offered me a place in an alternative course at their own expense, which I have accepted.

- My provider has refunded all of my unspent tuition fees.
- O My provider has only refunded some of my unspent tuition fees.
- My provider has not refunded any of my unspent tuition fees.

save

Return to my home page

Select the option that applies to you.

Click *save*.





TPS Online: Proof of your identity

PROOF OF YOUR IDENTITY

For you to receive tuition protection assistance from the TPS, you are required to provide us with proof of your identity.

It is recommended you provide us with a scan or photo of your photographic identification - either your passport or driver's licence.

Before you start, you may need to scan documents and save them on your computer to upload.

Please click 'Start' to begin.

To receive any assistance from the TPS, you must provide proof of your identity.

On your home page, click *start* on **PROOF OF YOUR IDENTITY**.





START

TPS Online: Upload your proof of identity document

Help with this task	Step 1 of 3 - Upload proof of identity document
Proof of identity	
You need to prove your identity. The acceptable documents are a passport and/or a driver's licence.	Document C:\fakepath\passport.pdf Browse
If you are the guardian of a student under 18 years of age, you must also provide evidence of guardianship.	next
Note: You may need to scan your documents and save them to your computer first.	Return to my home page
To upload a document:	
1. click Browse to locate the document on your computer;	
click next to upload the document and navigate to the next screen, where you will be able to upload another document.	

You will need to upload a photo of your passport (preferable) or driver's licence from your device to prove your identity.

- Click *browse* and select the file you wish to upload
- Click *ok* and then *next*.





TPS Online: Review your proof of identity document

Help with this task	Step 2 of 3 - Review your proof of identity documents	
Proof of identity All the documents you have uploaded for proof of identity are listed here.	Once you have finished uploading your proof of identity documents, please click next to continue.	
This screen allows you to view and if required or delete documents. You can also add another document.	Proof of identity document view delete	
	Name	passport.pdf
	Date uploaded	30 Jan 2023 10:30:19AM
	Add another document	
	next	
		<u>Return to my home page</u>

View the document you uploaded to make sure it is the right document.

If you have uploaded an incorrect document, click *delete* and then *add another document*. If you are happy with the document, click *next*.



TPS Online: Submit your proof of identity document

Help with this task	Step 3 of 3 - Submit your proof of identity for assessment
Proof of identity Read the declaration and click each checkbox to acknowledge that you have read and understand the statements. Once you submit your document/s, the TPS will review them and notify you via email when your proof of identity has been approved.	Once you are happy with the proof of identity documents you have uploaded please submit it for assessment. To view or change information you have already provided, use the link(s) below. Review the proof of identity documents I uploaded Declaration I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information I provide is true and correct in every respect. I declare that I will abide by the requirements of the TPS and associated legislative requirements. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence. Submit

Read the declaration.

If you are happy to proceed, tick all three boxes and click submit.





TPS Online: Review your contact details

REVIEW YOUR CONTACT DETAILS		REVIEW
Please click on the review button to	o view your contact de	tails and make corrections if necessary.
Cuition Protection Se ou are here: Home > Review contact details - Step 1 of 2	ervice	Welcome <u>Viewluodate my.details</u> <u>Change my.password</u> LOG OUT א
Help with this task	Step 1 of 2 - Review 5	7our details
Contact details 'our contact details must include at least one phone number, your mail address and street address.	Your contact details	
f the student is under 18 years of age, the guardian's contact Jetails are shown.	Email Australian mobile phone	student@student.com
f your contact details are incorrect or incomplete, please update iour contact details,	Can contact by SMS	Yes
	Other phone 	None 50 Marcus Clarke Street Canberra ACT 2600
	update my contact o	details

The TPS will send you any notifications or requests using your contact details in TPS Online.

On your home page, click *review* on **REVIEW YOUR CONTACT DETAILS** to make sure your contact details are correct.

Click update my contact details.





TPS Online: Update your contact details

Help with this task	Update your contact details	
Contact details You must complete all required fields and at least one phone number. When you have entered the correct details, click save at the bottom of the page.	Contact details Email (required) Isduent@student.com Email (confirmation) Isduent@student.com Australian mobile phone 1234697800 Can contact by SMS Yes Yes Other phone	
	Address Country (required) Australia Address (required) Iso Marcus Clarks Street	Update your contact details and click <i>save</i> .
	Suburb/City (required) Canberra State (required) ACT V Postcode (required) [2000]	
	SAVE	



TPS Online: Review your contact details

Help with this task	Step 1 of 2 - Review y	our details
Contact details Your contact details must include at least one phone number, your	Are these contact details correct?	
email address and street address. If the student is under 18 years of age, the guardian's contact	Email Australian mobile phone	student@student.com 0412345678
If your contact details are incorrect or incomplete, please update your contact details.	Can contact by SMS	Yes
	Other phone Address	50 Marcus Clarke Street
		Canberra ACT 2600 Australia
	yes, my contact deta	ails are correct
	no, update my conte	act details
		Return to my home page

After updating your contact details, you will be asked to confirm that they are correct.



TPS Online: Review your contact details

Step 2 of 2 - Review your details

Help with this task

Personal details

Your contact details must include at least one phone number, your email address and street address.

If the student is under 18 years of age, the guardian's contact details are shown.

If your contact details are incorrect or incomplete, please update your contact details.

If your personal details are incorrect, please use the link to send an email to the TPS Administrator. You may be required to provide proof of changes to your personal details.

Personal details	
Name	Sample student
Gender	Male
Date of birth	01 January 2000
Country of birth	China
Nationality	China
Country of passport	China
Passport number	AB12345678
Visa effective date	30 June 2022
Visa end date	30 October 2024
Visa sub class	Student - Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)
Enrolment (affected)	Affected enrolment (Code) Provider name (Code) Enrolment dates

Return to my home pa

yes, my personal details are correct

no, update my personal details

If your details are correct, click **yes, my personal details are correct**.

If any of your details are incorrect, click on *no, update my personal details*. You will be advised to send an email to <u>support@tps.gov.au</u>.







Please click the 'start' button to enter your proof of payment.

If your provider owes you a refund of unspent tuition fees, you must submit proof of payment documents.

On your home page, click *start* on **PROOF OF PAYMENT**.





Help with this task	Step 1 of 4 - Review our payment information
Payment information Please review our record of payments you have made to your provider and compare it with your own records.	Please review the payment information we have recorded in our systems. We need further information from you to complete our records.
We will ask you for a statement about your transactions with your provider and then we will ask you to upload documents that support your statement	next Return to my home page

Payments you made to your provider may have been recorded in our systems.

Click *next* to review our payment information.





Help with this task	Step 2 of 4 - Statement by student
Student statement Use the statement to respond to our questions in your own words. When you have finished your statement, click next to go to the next screen where you can upload documents that support your statement.	In your statement, please tell us about: Details of any payments you believe are incorrect. Details of any payments that are missing from our records. You will be given the opportunity to upload documents to support your statement in the next step. Student statement (required) I paid \$2000 to my provider for my course on 28 November 2022 and I have not yet started it. next

In the student statement box, please provide:

- details about all payments made to your provider (and your agent, if applicable) for your course; and
- a brief explanation of your individual circumstances.

Click *next* to begin uploading documents to support your statement.





Help with this task	Step 3 of 4 - Upload documents to support your statement
Proof of payment You must upload documents that support the statement you have	Please upload documents that support your statement. Documents may include:
Documents can be reviewed or deleted before you submit your proof of payment.	your written agreement with your course provider information about your student visa, for example your visa refusal letter
To upload your document: • click Browse to locate the document on your computer;	 anything else you think might assist us, such as email correspondence you may have had with your provider regarding your claim for a refund
 click next to upload the document and navigate to the next screen, where you will be able to upload another document. 	Document C:\fakepath\document.pdf
	next

Click *browse* to select documents to upload from your device.

Refer to the following checklist to ensure you upload all of the required documentation.

This task will be returned to you to upload additional documentation if necessary.





TPS Online: Proof of payment document checklist

You must upload the following documents for the TPS to calculate your unspent tuition fees:

- Provider and bank receipts for all payments made to your provider for your course
- Bank statements showing all payments made to your provider for your course. Bank statements must indicate who owns the bank account.
- Letter of offer outlining all payments due to your provider for your course
- Any other documentation (e.g. emails) that will assist us in assessing your financial claim.

Do you have an agent? If you have an agent, you must upload the following documentation:

- **Receipts or bank statements** for **all** payments made to your agent
- Receipts for all payments your agent made to your provider on your behalf. You may need to contact your agent to obtain these.
- Agent commission statement or invoice. You may need to contact your agent to obtain these.

Did you defer your course? If you deferred your course, you must upload the following documentation:

- Approval of deferment
- Your deferment form





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C. (Takepath/document.pu) Browse
next

Click *next* once you have uploaded all of the required documents.

Help with this task	Step 4 of 4 - Review your proof of payment	
Proof of payment Review your proof of payment, upload further documents and make any changes Once you submit your proof of payment, the TPS Administrator will start your financial assessment.	Summary Payments in our system: Your statement: Document(s):	View TPS record of payments "I paid \$2000 to my provider for my course on 28 November 2022 and" Change my statement document.pdf View Delete Upload another document
	submit	Cancel my proof of payment Return to my home page

Review your statement and your proof of payment documents.

To make any changes, click change my statement or upload another document. Click submit to upload your statement and proof of payment documents.

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TPS Online: Apply for a refund

TASKS TO BE COMPLETED

APPLY FOR A REFUND

Click the apply button for a refund.

If the TPS determines that you are eligible for a refund of unspent tuition fees, you will need to apply for a refund.

On your home page, click *apply* on **APPLY FOR A REFUND**.





TPS Online: Apply for a refund

Help with this task	Apply for a refund	
Refund application Click submit application when you have entered all the details.	Refund details Name CoE	Student name Course name
	Transfer refund amount to my o Transfer refund amount to my r Bank account Bank location Australia	own bank account new provider's bank account
	Account name (required) BSB (required) Account number (required)	
	submit application	Return to my nome page

Select whether you would like the refund to be transferred to your own bank account or to your new provider (if applicable).

Provide the details of the bank account you would like your refund to be transferred to.

Check the information you have provided, then click *submit application*.





TPS Online: Browse alternative courses

Help with this task	Browse alternative courses
Alternative courses Providers who have been selected to offer you with a placement are listed on this page. You also have the option to find other providers yourself.	Sort courses by: Provider Location Field Duration Tuition fee Distance Show these courses on a map expand all
Please contact the provider directly either by phone or email to discuss your eligibility for enrolment. If you are accepted into a course, the provider will send you an offer via the TPS system.	Example Course 1
You must accept or decline an offer using the TPS system and only one offer can be accepted per enrolment.	Example Course 2
Note: If the course you select has a higher tuition fee than the defaulted course, you will be required to pay the difference.	Example Course 3 more detail

On your home page, click **browse** on **BROWSE ALTERNATIVE COURSES** to view a list of suitable alternative course options.

Click on the course links to see information about the course and the contact details for the alternative provider.



BROWSE ALTERNATIVE COURSES

TPS Online: Alternative provider contact details

IBC School of Learning (01010A)		Course details		
listed on this page.		Course name	Example Course 1 (123456G)	
You are able to contact the provider directly, either by phone or email, to discuss your eligibility for enrolment. If you are accepted into a course, the provider will send you an offer via the TPS system.		Course code	123456G	
		Course level	Senior Secondary Certificate of Education	
You must accept or decline an offer using the TPS system and only one offer can be accepted per enrolment. Note: If the course you select has a higher tuition fee than the defaulted course, you will have to pay the difference.		Course language	English	
		Duration in weeks	312 wks	
		Total course fee	\$20,000	
		Location	NORTH MELBOURNE	
ephone 0312345678		State	Victoria	
ail example@abclearnin	ig.vic.edu.au	Dual qualification	No	
bsite www.abclearning.com	n.au	Broad field of education	Mixed Field Programmes	
dress 123 Sample Street	E V/C 2051	Narrow field of education	General Education Programmes	
Australia	2 110 3001	Detailed field of education	General Primary and Secondary Education Programmes	
	0	Foundation studies	No	
Map Satellite a	Temporari.	Work component	No	
The ABC Scho	ool of Learning	Distance from affected course (km)	54.62	
31.66			Return to my alternate cour	

Contact the new provider to request enrolment using the contact details provided.

Your new provider will upload an offer in TPS Online. You must log into TPS Online and accept this offer.



TPS Online: Summary of tasks

- Log in to TPS Online
- ✓ Change your password



- Indicate whether your provider owed you a refund of unspent tuition fees on the date of the closure
- Provide proof of your identity
- Update your contact details
- ✓ If your provider owes you a refund of unspent tuition fees, upload your proof of payment documents
- ✓ If you are eligible to receive a refund of unspent tuition fees, apply for a refund
- ✓ Browse the alternative course list and contact alternative providers to request enrolment
- ✓ View and accept your alternative course offer from your new provider
- Check your emails and TPS Online regularly for notifications and tasks to complete. Be quick to respond to TPS requests!











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