

Communiqué – Update on the TASC Fee Regulations Review

As a valued stakeholder the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) is seeking to update you on the TASC Fee Regulations Review.

Sessional staff are a critical part of the senior secondary exam process and our students' success. DECYP and TASC truly value their expertise in setting, critiquing, supervising and marking.

DECYP would like to thank everyone who provided feedback to the 2024 consultation process on the TASC Fee Regulations. Getting these payments right is critical for staff retention and attraction, and to ensure high standards are upheld during the exam process.

Update on Exam Staff Roles and Payments in Schedule 2 of the Regulations

The external review of TASC exam processes is expected to provide relevant information about how the delivery of exams can be improved, including the exam staff role and payment structure.

Legislation has strict processes and deadlines that need to be met. Given the current TASC Fee Regulations expire on 30 June 2025, more time is required to incorporate the findings of the external review. Securing sufficient budget for the changes will also take further time.

This means that in 2025, the exam staff roles and payments will remain the same as last year, indexed as normal.

DECYP will continue its ongoing work with TASC to develop a new role and payment structure that is sustainable, contemporary and responsive to the needs of the workforce.

Significant work has already been undertaken to incorporate feedback from the consultation on the TASC Fee Regulations, which indicated that:

- The payment structure for exam staff needs to change to reflect the workload and responsibilities for some roles, particularly exam setting and marking.
- There is a need for clearer differentiation between 'basic' and 'complex' marking, setting and critiquing tasks to ensure complex work is compensated appropriately.

- Per-paper marking payments may cause inequity depending on the subject and exam structure. There may be a need for a base marking rate in addition to per-paper fees, especially for smaller subjects.
- There is a need to consider time-consuming tasks such as travel between multiple campuses for practical assessments.
- Clear communication about any changes to the exam staff roles and payments is critical to avoid confusion.

Your patience is appreciated while DECYP and TASC work through the findings of the external review and the budgetary options. DECYP and TASC will keep stakeholders updated about the progress of the changes.

Update on Fees Charged by TASC in Schedule 1 of the Regulations

The changes to fees charged by TASC consulted on through the 2024 process will be enacted on or soon after 30 June 2025.

This includes changes to the fee for registration/re-registration as an overseas students' education provider, the fee for providing a statement that compares a qualification issued overseas, and the fee for providing a statement of all recognised qualifications, with priority processing to be a 48-hour turn around (rather than 24-hours) and removing the postal charges from the Regulations (instead charging the Australia Post rate that applies at the time).

TASC will update stakeholders when the new fees are enacted.

Feedback on any aspect of this update can be provided to legislation@decyp.tas.gov.au