

Title: Savvy student – know your census date

About the video

The Australian Government can assist you with HECS loans to pay for your study but you need to know that each course or unit has a census date. If you want to withdraw from a course without incurring a HECS debt, you need to do it by this date. Find out when it is as it differs for each course, unit and institution. If you've provided your tax file number to your provider and you've passed the census date, you will have a HECS debt. Before you study, go to studyassist.gov.au.

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Music playing

Female speaking:

Are you a student:

[The video opens on a silhouette of a student's head. You can see their shoulders.]

Female speaking:

considering university, Tafe, college or tertiary study?

[The camera zooms in to show a row of different building, large and small. One of the following words is under each building: university, TAFE, college, tertiary study.]

Female speaking:

Did you know the Australian government can assist you with HECS loans to pay for your studies?

[The camera pans over the top of the buildings to show that they spell out the words 'HECS'.]

Female speaking:

But if you do access a HECS loan, you need to be aware that each and every course or unit has a census date.

[A form with the title Request for HECS loan floats across the screen. The camera zooms out and the words 'census date' appears on screen as a handwritten logo.]

Female speaking:

If you want to withdraw from a course without incurring a HECS debt, you need to do it by this date.

[The camera zooms out and zooms back to the page of a blank calendar. The words census date is written, and circled, on a spot towards the end of the calendar. The word enrolled is written on a spot at the beginning of the calendar and x symbols are marked on each day between the two.]

Female speaking:

The census date is important. Find out when it is as it differs for each course, unit and institution.

[The calendar zooms out and the buildings reappear in frame, all with different calendars above them and with different dots on each calendar to depict the census date.]

Female speaking:

The Australian government can help you pay for your studies but it's important to understand,

[In the end frames, the camera zooms out to show the silhouette of the student's head again...]

Female speaking:

if you've provided your tax file number to your provider and you've passed the census date, you will have a HECS debt.

[The camera zooms out to show the student with a bunch of other students enjoying a course as they study together.]

Female speaking:

Before you study, go to studyassist.gov.au.

[End frame titles appear with the words: For information about HECS go to studyassist.gov.au.]

Female speaking:

Authorised by the Australian Government, Canberra.

[The end frame is a black screen with the words spoken in End frame titles appear.]

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