

Policy Name	Withdrawal from Studies Policy
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Responsible dept.	Student Administration
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PURPOSE

This policy is to support the fair assessment and processing of formal withdrawal from studies with the College for Adult Learning (CAL).

SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all CAL students.

POLICY STATEMENT

CAL offers a 30-day cooling off period to give students the ability to withdraw from studies if the course or services provided are not relevant or applicable for the student, or if the student has simply changed their mind about their career direction. Withdrawals requested inside 30 days of enrolment are eligible for refund of any fee paid excluding the administration fee of \$150.00 (please refer to CAL Terms and Conditions of Sale).

CAL appreciates that unforeseen challenges or changes (extenuating circumstances) may occur that give need for a student to withdraw from studies beyond 30-days from enrolment.

CAL assess each extenuating circumstance withdrawal request individually to ensure fairness and maintain privacy. CAL may request documented evidence to support or approve the extenuating circumstances withdrawal request (including but not limited to medical certificates, statement of financial position, legal documentation).

CAL supports a safe and positive learning environment for both students and staff and may choose to withdraw a student from studies to support that student's individual learning needs or as a result of academic or personal misconduct. Where a student is advised to withdraw from the course, the student will be provided with clear rationale for withdrawal.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Student Selection and Enrolment policy,
- CAL Student Handbook,
- Reasonable Adjustment Policy,
- LLN Policy,
- Student Conduct Policy,
- Access and Equity Policy.

PROCEDURE

1. Student requests withdrawal via contact to the office, student support or learning coach.
2. Student services will email the withdrawal form link and ask the student to complete in full, providing details of their need for withdrawal.
3. Withdrawal form is received by the Business Manager and assessed for status including
 - a. Length of time from enrolment/cooling off period,
 - b. Any extenuating circumstances advised by the student in their withdrawal request,
 - c. Resources accessed by and provided to the student,
 - d. Realistic ability to complete the course requirements.
4. The Business Manager will come to a decision on the request and advise the student of the outcome via phone or email.
 - I. Withdrawal approved,
 - II. Further evidence required to assess the case,
 - III. Withdrawal declined.
5. The Business Manager will action any finance changes or refunds and provide instruction to student services regarding further administrative actions.
6. If withdrawal is approved, the student will be issued a statement of attainment for any units completed within 30 days of withdrawal date.

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1	15/06/2018	Helen Sabell	June 2019
2	24/10/2019	Sarah Sabell	October 2020
Compliance References			
Statutory	<p>The <i>Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015</i></p> <p>Standard: Five 'Each learner is properly informed and protected'.</p>		
Industry	Vocational Education and Training (VET)		
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