



Safety Net Grant Scheme Information for Students

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

Introduction

The purpose of the University of Tasmania's Safety Net Grant Scheme is to provide emergency financial assistance to eligible students who are experiencing financial hardship which is adversely affecting their education. The main criterion for assistance under the Scheme is that a student demonstrates a genuine need and that their capacity for continued study may be in jeopardy due to financial hardship.

The Scheme will not fund the payment of the following costs:

- Library and parking fines
- S & A Fees
- HECS or course fees.
- Payments to Credit Card accounts

As the Scheme draws on a limited pool of funds, the University makes no representation or warranties as to the availability of funds for assistance under this Scheme for students.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible a student must:

Be currently enrolled in an "Award" Course

Be at risk of discontinuing their study

Demonstrate exceptional financial hardship

Demonstrate an ability and intention to complete their course of study

Confidentiality

Members of the Committee and all other staff who are either directly or indirectly involved in administration of the Scheme will maintain confidentiality and discretion in all matters relating to the Scheme.

Safety Net Grant Scheme Committee

The Committee comprises nominated representatives from:

- The Tasmania University Union (two votes)
- Support and Equity (one vote)
- Financial and Business Services (one vote)
- International Services (one vote)

The Committee meets on a weekly basis, or as required. Students shall have the right to a review of a decision as described in the 'Review of Decision' section of this policy.

Review of Decision

You have the right to request a review of a Committee decision. To request a review you must provide a request in writing and provide any additional information which may be relevant. The application will be reviewed at a meeting of the Review Committee at which you can appear and/or you have the right of representation.

Important information for you

To ensure your application is processed in an efficient manner, please use the following as a checklist.

1. Have you completed all sections of the application form?
2. Have you attached to your application relevant information that can be used to better inform the Committee of your circumstances?
3. Have you attached all your accounts/overdue notices to the application?
4. Have you attached other supporting documentation that may have contributed to your exceptional financial hardship, such as unexpected air fares, car repairs, etc?
5. Have you made an appointment with an Interviewing Officer to discuss your application?

Contacting your Student Organisation – Tasmania University Union

Hobart	6226 2855
Launceston	6324 3776
North-West	6430 4936

If you need assistance from a Student Counsellor

Contact Student Services	Campus/Centre
	Hobart – 6226 2697
	Launceston – 6324 3787
	North-West – 6430 4949

Glossary of Terms

Financial assistance refers to the allowable assistance available through the University's Safety Net Grant Scheme.

Student refers to a student currently enrolled in and undertaking an Award course at the University of Tasmania.

Committee refers to the University's Safety Net Grant Scheme Committee.

Scheme refers to the University's Safety Net Grant Scheme.

Interviewing Officer refers to designated representatives of the Tasmania University Union who conduct the student's application interview and make a recommendation to the Committee on the application.

Review Committee refers to the Safety Net Grant Scheme Review Committee. The Review Committee comprises the Statewide TUU President, the Manager of UTAS Student Services and the UTAS Manager of Financial and Business Services (or their authorised delegates). The Review Committee meets on an as needs basis to review applications and to review the procedures and guidelines pertaining to the Scheme.

