

How much is the Compulsory Student Services Fee?

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The Compulsory Student Services Fee (CSSF) supports a wide range of services designed to enhance your experience at NMIT. These services foster a supportive and inclusive environment, helping students achieve academic success and personal well-being.

What is the CSSF?

The CSSF is a non-tuition fee charged to NMIT students based on their study load (credits). It helps fund student support services and activities as outlined by the [Tertiary Education Commission \(TEC\)](#), ensuring services meet the needs of all students while complying with government guidelines.

For 2025, a 6% fee increase has been determined to maintain and improve current service levels.

Year	Fee per credit	Full-time fee (120 credits)
2024	\$2.05	\$246.00
2025	\$2.17	\$260.76

The fee is subject to annual review, and NMIT actively consults students on how these funds are allocated. Apprentices and trainees can opt out of paying this fee.

What can the CSSF be spent on?

At NMIT, the CSSF funds services across Tertiary Education Commission (TEC)-approved categories:

- Advocacy and Legal Advice
- Careers Information, Advice, and Guidance
- Counselling Services
- Employment Information and Services
- Financial Support and Advice
- Health Services
- Clubs, Societies, Sports, and Recreation
- Childcare Services
- Media
- Sport, Recreation, and Cultural Activities

Where does the money go?

In 2023, \$347,200 was collected in Compulsory Student Services Fees and \$518,800 was distributed against the approved categories:

Service Category	Amount allocated	What this covers
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Advocacy and Legal Advice Programme Representation	\$246,000	<p>Independent support provided by Learner Services and SANITI for students facing challenges, including academic, personal, or financial issues.</p> <p>Services include guidance on tenancy, legal matters, and StudyLink issues.</p>
Sports, Recreation, and Cultural Activities	\$202,800	<p>Events and initiatives to foster campus engagement and multicultural inclusion.</p> <p>Activities include Orientation Week, Graduation events, and cultural celebrations like Matariki and Diwali.</p>
Employment and Career Advice	\$70,000	<p>Career guidance, CV writing support, and connections with local employers for internships and work placements.</p> <p>NMIT ensures transparent fund management, with regular reviews to prioritize services that matter most to students.</p>

Your feedback matters

As part of our commitment to transparency, NMIT seeks student input annually through surveys and consultation sessions.

We encourage you to have your say in shaping these services by participating in upcoming consultations and surveys.

Connecting with your Programme Representatives and SANITI president to share your feedback is another way for you to provide feedback.

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