



Department of  
**Jobs, Tourism, Science  
and Innovation**

# Western Australian Premier's WA Certificate of Education (WACE) Bursary 2024

## Guidelines

Addendum 1 – 18 September 2024



## 1. Addendum 1 – 18 September 2024

Applicants are advised of the following Addendum to the Western Australian Premier's WACE Bursary (Bursary) Guidelines.

This Addendum is reflected in the updated guidelines, 'Western Australian Premier's WA Certificate of Education (WACE) Bursary 2024-25 – Updated 18 September 2024'

### 1.1. Stream 1 and 2 Merit Criteria

As per section '1. Introduction and Background' of the Guidelines, amendments have been made to the Merit Criteria as underlined:

Stream	Merit Criteria
<b>Stream 1 (University)</b>	This Bursary is available to students who <u>intend to enrol</u> or are enrolled in one of the five WA universities. Students must have demonstrated <u>academic excellence</u> and have participated in extracurricular activities, community service, leadership or projects demonstrating entrepreneurial thinking in the past three years. The Bursary amount is a one-off payment of <b>\$20,000</b> .
<b>Stream 2 (University pathway program)</b>	This Bursary is available to students who <u>intend to enrol or have enrolled</u> in a packaged university program to complete a course at a WA Tertiary pathway provider to meet the academic entry requirements of the applied WA university bachelor's degree. Students will also have participated in extracurricular activities, community service, <u>leadership or projects</u> where they demonstrated leadership or entrepreneurial thinking in the past three years. Funding will be distributed in a one-off <b>\$5,000</b> payment while the student undertakes their pathway studies and a further one-off payment of <b>\$15,000</b> once the student has commenced studies <u>and passed census date</u> at their chosen WA university. The total Bursary amount totals <b>\$20,000</b> .



## 1.2. Key Dates

The '2. Key Dates, Times and Terms' heading has been renamed to "2. Key Dates and Terms", and the table in this section has been replaced with the following list:

*The following list outlines planned selection dates for reviewing scholarship applications. These are indicative dates and may be subject to change.*

### **Selection dates:**

7 February 2025

30 June 2025

## 1.3. Eligibility Criteria

As per section '3. Eligibility Criteria' of the Guidelines, one amendment has been made to the eligibility criteria of Category 1 as underlined below:

"The applicant has accepted an offer from a WA university or WA tertiary pathway provider for an onshore full-time enrolment as an international student, with studies commencing in the 2024 or 2025 academic year."

## 1.4. Key Documents to attach as part of the application

As per section '3. Eligibility Criteria' of the Guidelines, an addition has been made to the Category required for the Confirmation Enrolment (CoE):

*"All categories (1, 2 and 3) must supply a CoE to JTSI after they have enrolled in a WA institution, and if they are shortlisted."*

## 1.5. SmartyGrants website

As per section '5. How to complete an application' of the Guidelines, the application form hyperlink has been updated under Step 1:

"Go to <https://ie.smartygrants.com.au/WACEBursary>"

## 1.6. Assessment and Notification Process

As per section '6. Assessment and Notification Process' of the Guidelines, amendments have been made as underlined:

"Applicants will receive a notification via email that their application has been shortlisted for further assessment or unsuccessful.

Successful applicants will receive a congratulatory letter from the Premier of Western Australia. Once the successful applicants have arrived in Western Australia and have their



enrolment confirmed past census date, JTISI will progress contractual agreements (Financial Assistance Agreements, or 'FAAs') with each of the successful applicants."

## 1.7. Terms & Conditions

As per section '8. Terms & Conditions' of the Guidelines, amendments have been made as underlined:

If you are a successful grant applicant, in order to receive bursary funding, you will need to enter into a legally binding Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) with the State of Western Australian, acting by and through JTISI. Requirements set out in these Guidelines and the General Terms and Conditions will be reflected in a FAA. The terms and conditions of the FAA will not be negotiable at the time a funding offer is made.

The state will not accept liability for any damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses claimed or incurred by the successful applicant in connection with this grant.

## 1.8. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

As per section '11. Frequently Asked Questions' of the Guidelines, the following amendments have been made:

***"I don't hold a student visa, but I am enrolled to commence my course at a Western Australian tertiary institution . Will I qualify for this payment?"***

*Yes, you can apply for the bursary at any stage, even before you have your student visa. However, your bursary payment will not be processed until you have commenced your studies, confirmed your full-time enrolment as an international student at an eligible institution in Western Australia, and past census date.*

## 1.9. Disclaimer

As per section '9. Disclaimer' of General Terms and Conditions, the following additions have been added:

*The provision of financial assistance by the State Government is at its absolute discretion. Nothing in the application process or the selection process shall give rise to any legal relationship or any other obligations between the applicant and the State.*