THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Fact Sheet on International Fees Settings

For prospective applicants

1. The government are reviewing the fees setting of domestic fees for international PhD students.

2. A new fees setting will come into effect on 1 January 2028. Any international applicant who has not accepted an offer of place and applied for their student visa by this date will be covered by the new fees setting.

3. This new fees setting is under consultation and a model has not yet been established. It may include international fees for some PhD applicants. A first proposal for further consultation is expected by the end of 2026.

4. Any PhD student who is currently enrolled at the university OR who enrols in 2027 OR has accepted an offer of place and applied for their student visa before 1 January 2028 will pay domestic fees, and this will be honoured throughout their enrolment in the PhD.

5. If an international applicant receives an offer of place during 2027 that is valid into 2028 (all offers are generally valid for 9 months from issue) but has not yet accepted it and applied for their student visa before 1 January 2028, then they will be liable for the new fees setting.

6. We will publish further information on the new fees settings that will apply from 1 January 2028 when this becomes available.

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