

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Diploma Improvements

Which Diplomas have had improvements made?

Improvements have been made to:

Diploma of Engineering

Diploma of Information Technology

What are the improvements?

The number of units in the above mentioned diplomas are reduced.

Standard (3 semester) and Accelerated (2 semester) modes have been reduced from nine to eight subjects.
Extended (4 semester) mode has been reduced from 12 to 11 subjects.

Why have these improvements been made?

In consultation with UTS, UTS:INSEARCH has revised the course content and as a result students will now undertake fewer subjects and still receive the same 48 credit points towards their UTS degree.

How will this benefit students?

This study load is equivalent to first year of the UTS degree and allows for more study time.

The improvements also allow for a better sequencing and flow of information. Restructuring the subject sequence will help to improve the outcomes of subjects with pre-requisites, and also allow time for students to build up their study and technical skills before undertaking more content heavy and technical subjects.

When will these improvements take place?

Diploma of Engineering and Diploma of Information Technology improvements will take place from Semester 2, 2016.

Please note changes in assumed knowledge for the Diploma of Engineering

Students studying the Diploma of Engineering should have competencies equivalent to those of final year high school subjects in Mathematics, Physics and/or Chemistry. Please, refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions - Required Knowledge for Diploma of Engineering](#) for details.

UNIT FEE CHANGES DUE TO DIPLOMA IMPROVEMENTS

What impact do these diploma improvements have on course fees in 2016?

The overall diploma course fees have not changed for 2016. However, due to the reduction in the number of subjects, the price of each subject has increased. Therefore students will now have to pay the difference in first semester fees, as outlined in the table below.

Engineering and IT Diplomas	Accelerated (2 semesters)	Standard (3 semesters)	Extended (4 semesters)
2016 Diploma fee	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$34,500.00
Original semester fee requested in Offer Letter for June or October 2016 intake	\$14,000.00	\$9,333.33	\$8,625.00
Revised semester fee required to be paid for first semester for June or October 2016 intake	\$14,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$9,409.05
Difference in first semester fees now payable	\$0.00	\$1,166.67	\$784.05
Original subject fee	\$3,111.11	\$3,111.11	\$2,875.00
Revised subject fee	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,136.30

How does this affect students already holding an Offer Letter?

Students with Offer Letters issued before 10 June 2016 for the Diploma of Information Technology and the Diploma of Engineering, Standard and Extended modes only, will need to be issued with a new Offer Letter before they accept their offer and make payment.

If you have access to OOS, please re-generate the Offer Letter through OOS to receive an updated Offer Letter which will specify the new fees.

If you do not have access to OOS, please contact the Student Admissions team and request a new Offer Letter to show the revised fees. You can contact the Student Admissions team by calling +61 2 9218 8689 or emailing registrar@insearch.edu.au.

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How does this affect admitted students?

Students who have already paid the first semester fee for the Standard or Extended modes of the Diploma of Information Technology or the Diploma of Engineering starting in June or October 2016 will need to pay a difference in fees before enrolment. Our Student Admissions team will be in contact with students to arrange this.

Students who will start the Accelerated Diploma of Information Technology or Accelerated Diploma of Engineering will be unaffected.

How does this affect students that are enrolled?

Students who are already enrolled in the Standard and Accelerated modes of the above courses are not affected.

Students who commenced the Extended Diploma of IT or the Extended Diploma of Engineering in March 2016 will be invoiced with the appropriate fees.