

The Academy of Queensland Ballet Fee Policy 2027

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1 About this Policy

1.1 Purpose

To outline the principles for all matters relating to the Academy of Queensland Ballet Program fees for all full and part-time professional training programs it provides. The Academy of Queensland Ballet's policies and procedures are authorised by Queensland Ballet.

1.2 Scope

This policy and its related procedures apply to all students with current enrolment in the Academy of Queensland Ballet's Programs or, in the case of prior enrolment, where the relevant fee liability was incurred while they were enrolled, or is directly related to their prior enrolment.

1.3 Principles

Program fees are determined using thorough benchmarking of national and international professional ballet and other performing arts training organisations. Queensland Ballet considers the cost of course delivery as well as strategic and commercial considerations. Fees vary based on content, inclusions and resources required to deliver each program.

1.4 Definitions

The program – includes the Clark Graduate Program (including a repeat year), Academy Levels 3-1 and Associate Levels 9-4 and Associate Program+ Levels 7-1

Study period – the period the program fees cover. For all programs, the standard study period is one calendar year (comprising two Semesters). Late enrolments will have a reduced study period with fees charged at a pro rata rate.

Nominated responsible Payer – hereafter called **the Payer**, is the person (e.g., parent/carer) who nominates and declares at enrolment to be responsible for full payment of the student's Program fees.

Program fees – hereafter called **the fees**, are the scheduled amount/s payable by the Payer, for a student to be accepted, enrol, and participate in the program for the study period. Program fees are non-refundable and do not include additional expenses incurred during enrolment including, but not limited to, audition registration fee, dance and school uniforms, excursions/incursions, academic costs, and/or homestay costs for those living away from home.

Bursary – funds awarded as fee credit following successful application in the annual Scholarship Bursary and Award Scheme (SBAS), which enable increased accessibility to the Academy of Queensland Ballet's full-time programs (Clark Graduate Program, Academy Levels 3-1), addressing barriers associated with financial hardship, diversity, and/or regionality. Bursary application procedures, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions sit outside of this policy and are provided during the enrolment process.

Talent scholarships and awards – funds awarded as fee credit to current or prospective students, by a judging panel or at the Director of the Academy's discretion, and may relate to expenses pertaining to fees, academic costs and/or living expenses.

Fee credit – an amount awarded by or on behalf of Queensland Ballet including a bursary, scholarship, award, discount or approved fee waiver, which reduces the balance of fees owing.

Domestic student – A student who is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia, citizen of New Zealand or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa.

International student - A student who does not meet the domestic definition above.

Withdrawal from the program – a parent/carer (or student over 18 yrs) decides to end their student's enrolment prior to the end of the study period for any reason. Written advice must be provided by the parent/carer (or student if over 18 years of age), and a withdrawal form completed.

Withdrawal notification date - the date that written notification of withdrawal is received.

Exclusion from the program – a student's enrolment is terminated by the Academy of Queensland Ballet prior to the end of the study period, for reasons pertaining to one or more enrolment agreement breaches. (e.g., behaviour, failure to pay fees).

Assessment from the program – a student's enrolment is ceased due to an unsuccessful probationary assessment.

2 Late audition registrations and enrolments

- 2.1. Approved applicants who submit a late audition registration after the scheduled closing date, will still incur the audition registration fee relevant to that program.
- 2.2. For students enrolling outside of the annual enrolment period for each of these programs, a late enrolment fee will be incurred and payable.

- 2.3. The late enrolment fee is an additional, non-refundable, enrolment processing fee and will not be considered a fee credit or deducted from the total annual fees owing.

3 Invoicing and communication

- 3.1. Fees will be invoiced by Queensland Ballet/Edstart and are non-refundable once due.
3.2. Fee waivers may be issued for specific circumstances. See "Fee Waivers 5.4"
3.3. Withdrawing students are still liable for fees until the end of the current enrolment semester. See Section 6.
3.4. Fees are invoiced to the Payer in Australian dollars and include GST (Goods & Services Tax).
3.5. Fees due for the study period (the Revised Annual Balance), are determined by deducting any fee credits applicable (see Section 5), from the Annual Program fee.

	Example
Annual Program fee	\$6,000
Less PlayOn! Credit	-\$200
Less fee credit/s (e.g. bursary)	-\$300
Revised Annual Balance	\$5,500

- 3.6. Invoices will be issued in February and July each year. This equates to two invoices, one per Semester. The second semester invoice will not be due and payable until Semester 2.
3.7. The Payer of a student who for any reason repeats a program level, is obliged to pay for each enrolment in that level, as per the fee schedule relevant to each study period, with the exception of the Clark Graduate Program which can be repeated for a lesser fee as per the fee schedule for the year in question.
3.8. Communication regarding invoiced amounts is managed by email or phone between Queensland Ballet, Edstart and the Payer. All communication from the Payer to Queensland Ballet should include the student's name, program and level.

4 Invoice Payment options

- 4.1. Upon enrolment, families will be requested to nominate the person responsible for the student's fees (the Payer).
4.2. All fee payments from 2026 onwards are to be made to Queensland Ballet via our fee management partner Edstart, which will offer the Payer a wide range of free payment options with the flexibility to spread payments across the year.
4.3. The Payer is required to set up an Edstart account to facilitate the payment of fees to Queensland Ballet. The Payer will be able to indicate their preferred payment frequency and tailor a payment arrangement during the account setup process. Upfront payment is also an option, however this is not incentivised via a discount. The Payer authorises the Academy to share relevant information with Edstart to facilitate account establishment.
4.4. Queensland Ballet does not accept direct payments for student fees – all payments will need to be made via Edstart.
4.5. Communication regarding fee payments is managed by Edstart. Queensland Ballet will provide a copy of student invoices to Edstart when they are issued and the Payer will receive communications from Edstart with payment instructions. Contact will be initiated by Edstart to arrange payment by the account finalisation dates each semester.
4.6. All payments will be handled by Edstart according to their terms and policies, including non-payment of debts. Full details will be available from Edstart once invoices are issued.
4.7. Options to extend student fee payments over a longer period are also available via Edstart, This is outside the core arrangement between Queensland Ballet and Edstart, and the Payer will incur a small financing fee for the use of these longer-term options.

5 Fee Relief/credits

5.1 How fee relief works

- 5.1.1. A fee credit is an amount awarded by or on behalf of Queensland Ballet including a bursary, scholarship, award, discount or approved fee waiver, which reduces the balance of fees owing. With the exception of fee waivers and PlayOn! vouchers which can happen during the year, all other credits will be reflected in the semester invoices sent to Payers in February. PlayOn! voucher credits will be applied to the first semester invoice after redemption.
- 5.1.2. Scholarships, bursaries, awards, and fee waivers are all awarded and/or approved by Queensland Ballet for a specific study period and will be distributed as a fee credit against the student's fees, reducing the balance due.
- 5.1.3. Fee credits will, at the discretion of Queensland Ballet, be allocated in proportion to the outstanding fees at the time of award.
- 5.1.4. Fee credits cannot be deferred, transferred to others, or redeemed as cash.
- 5.1.5. At the time of publication of this policy, Queensland Ballet is a registered activity provider and accepts Play On! Sports Vouchers as per the Terms and Conditions set by the Queensland Government.

5.2 Scholarships

- 5.2.1. Thanks to the generous support of our visionary donors, supporters and partner organisations, Queensland Ballet is able to offer scholarships, bursaries and awards to full-time students each year through our Scholarship, Bursary and Award Scheme (SBAS).
- 5.2.2. Part or full talent scholarships and awards may also be offered to students in part-time programs, at the discretion of the Director of Queensland Academy, at any point during the continuum of audition, enrolment, and level to level progression.

5.3 Bursaries

- 5.3.1. Part or full bursaries are distributed through an annual SBAS application process each November, providing fee relief for the upcoming period of study. It is recommended that families take advantage of this early opportunity to apply for financial assistance prior to the commencement of the period of study. As a not-for-profit organisation, once the pool of SBAS funds is awarded, it is unlikely that additional financial assistance will be available during the year. All families of Academy Program Levels 3-1 and the Clarke Graduate Program will receive details about the SBAS process prior to applications opening.
- 5.3.2. Bursaries for students in the Associate and Associate+ Programs are not currently available.

5.4 Fee waiver applications during enrolment

- 5.4.1. In the event of exceptional financial circumstances (definition in 5.4.2), the Payer may apply for a part or full fee waiver prior to or during the period of study:
- 5.4.2. Exceptional financial circumstances recognised by Queensland Ballet, are previously unforeseen, significant impacts or changes in circumstance, which are deemed outside of the family's control, and which adversely affect the Payer's ability to meet the conditions of the recurring payment option, or to pay the balance of the fees owing.
- 5.4.3. The Payer must submit a fee waiver application within the eligible application period which is at least 14 days prior to the next payment due date.
- 5.4.4. Queensland Ballet may waive the requirement for a fee waiver application to be made before the end of the application period, on the grounds that it would not be, or was not possible for the application to be made before the end of that period.
- 5.4.5. Fee waiver applications are to be completed online via a dedicated link, supplied to the Payer upon request and must be accompanied by supporting evidence to demonstrate the extent to which the family's circumstances meet the recognised exceptional financial circumstance definitions.

- 5.4.6. Fee waiver applications will be assessed by the Academy's Sub-Committee of Queensland Ballet's Board on a quarterly basis. Results will be issued by email, within ten working days of assessment.
- 5.4.7. Fee relief is not available in the event of circumstances which prevent a student from completing part of a program including for example, time off due to illness or injury, family commitments, etc.
- 5.4.8. Associate Program+ students who are unable to attend one or more scheduled termly visits for any reason, may be offered where possible, an alternative week to attend. If an alternative week cannot be agreed upon by the parent/carer and the Academy, the Payer will not be eligible for a refund or fee credit.

5.5 Sibling discounts

- 5.5.1. Sibling discounts are offered as a 5% reduction in fees for a second child (younger), and 10% fee reduction for a third child (youngest). Sibling discounts are only accounted for after other credits have been applied.

6 Debt upon exiting following withdrawal from the program

- 6.1. In the event of a student withdrawing from the program and therefore being unable to complete the full period of study due to a recognised exceptional circumstance (definitions at Section 7.2 and 7.3), the Payer has no claim to a refund of fees already paid; must pay all outstanding fees up to and including the time the recognised circumstance impacted their ability to complete the Program; and may apply for a part or full fee waiver for any balance of fees owing to the end of the study period.
- 6.2. In the event a student withdraws from the program for reasons other than a recognised exceptional circumstance, or receives a notification of a declined fee waiver application, the Payer will be liable to pay all fees owing for the current study period/year, ie. the end of the billing semester in which the student was officially withdrawn – applicable for the Academy Program Levels 3-1, Academy Associate Program, Clark Graduate Program and Associate Program+.

7 Fee waiver application following withdrawal from the program

- 7.1. There are only two types of exceptional circumstances recognised by Queensland Ballet which are deemed outside of the student or family's control, under which the Payer may be eligible to apply for a part or full fee waiver upon withdrawing from the Program:
- 7.2. Exceptional medical circumstances - includes ongoing or recurring injuries, illnesses or other medical condition/s verified by a professional medical practitioner, that substantially impact the student's ability to continue in the Program.
- 7.3. Exceptional financial circumstances – includes previously unforeseen, significant impacts or changes in circumstance, which are deemed outside of the family's control, and which coincide with and/or contribute to, the student's withdrawal from the Program and prevent the Payer from paying the balance of the fees owing.
- 7.4. Payers of withdrawn students wishing to apply for a part or full waiver of fees owing for the remainder of the study period, must submit a fee waiver application within the eligible application period of 14 days from the date written notification of intent to withdraw the student is received by the Academy of Queensland Ballet.
- 7.5. Fee waiver applications following withdrawal are to be completed and submitted online, via a dedicated link supplied to the Payer upon request, and must be accompanied by supporting evidence, to demonstrate the extent to which their circumstances meet one or more of the recognised exceptional circumstance definitions above.
- 7.6. Fee waiver applications will be assessed by the Academy's Sub-Committee of Queensland Ballet's Board on a quarterly basis. Results will be issued by email, within ten working days of assessment.

- 7.7. Queensland Ballet may waive the requirement for an application to be made before the end of the application period, on the grounds that it would not be, or was not possible for the application to be made before the end of that period.
- 7.8. If a fee waiver application is declined, the Payer is liable to pay all fees owing.

8 Debt upon exiting following exclusion from the program

- 8.1. In the event of a student being excluded from the program, the Payer has no claim to a refund of any fees paid, nor will they be eligible for a fee waiver on any balance of fees owing.
- 8.2. Within 60 days of the date of exclusion from the program, any fees in arrears and all fees due must be paid for the current study period/year, calculated on a pro rata weekly basis, up to and including:
 - the end of the semester in which the student receives an exclusion notification – Academy Program Levels 3-1 and Academy Associate Program.
 - 12 weeks ahead from the date of receipt of an exclusion notification – applicable for the Clark Graduate Program.

9 Debt upon exiting following probation

- 9.1. Students enrolled on probation will initially be invoiced for the probation period only.
- 9.2. Full fees for the probation period must be paid. In the event of a student's enrolment ceasing due to an unsuccessful assessment during the probation period, the Payer has no claim to a refund of any fees paid, nor will they be eligible for a fee waiver on any balance of fees owing unless they meet the eligibility criteria at Section 7.2 or 7.3.
- 9.3. At the date of exiting the program, confirmed by the Director of the Academy, any fees in arrears and all fees due up to and including the end of the probation period, must be paid within 60 days.

10 International students

- 10.1. The Academy accepts international students in all Academy Programs.
- 10.2. Australian Government's immigration eligibility and visa regulations apply.
- 10.3. For Academy Associate Program students Levels 6-4, applications to become an international student in Queensland, and all associated matters are managed by the Department of Education International. Costs incurred sit outside of this policy and are not managed by Queensland Ballet.
- 10.4. Homestay placement and homestay fees for international students who join Academy Program are managed by the educational provider (such as Kelvin Grove State College) or by an external provider (such as Raymont College)
- 10.5. Program fees for international students are managed by Queensland Ballet.
- 10.6. International payers will be charged a \$20 bank transfer fee on any deposits from an overseas bank, in addition to the program fees.
- 10.7. Once invoices are issued, the nominated payer will need to have an Australian residential address for ID purposes in order to pay fees via Edstart. If this is not possible, Queensland Ballet will arrange a suitable alternative payment option.

11 Record keeping

All records relating to fees are stored confidentially in the student's file within Queensland Ballet's electronic financial and student management systems.

12 Program delivery disruption

If for any reason, the Academy is compelled to close during normal Program delivery, partial compensation will be considered but not guaranteed, for any period of study that may be lost through The Academy of Queensland Ballet's inability to operate.

13 Support for The Academy of Queensland Ballet and its students

The program fees Queensland Ballet collects only subsidise a portion of the Academy's operating costs. We are privileged to receive additional funding to underwrite the remaining expenses associated with our programs, comprised of support from the Queensland Department of Education, select corporate partners, and the generous gifts of individual donors.

The Academy of Queensland Ballet is dedicated to offering world-class, professional ballet and dance training programs, while also remaining accessible. We aim to ensure that eligible students are not excluded from participating in the Academy of Queensland Ballet programs due to financial or other prohibitive circumstances.

With utmost gratitude, Queensland Ballet accepts tax-deductible donations, which can be directed to the Academy of Queensland Ballet in support of financial assistance bursaries, talent scholarships, and/or operational expenses. If you would like to learn more about supporting the Academy and its students, visit please our [website](#) or contact Queensland Ballet's Foundation team on +61 7 3013 6666, or by email to foundation@queenslandballet.com.au.

14 2027 Fee Schedule

- 14.1. All amounts are listed in Australian Dollars and are inclusive of GST.
- 14.2. Fees listed are indicative of fees owing for each level, without consideration of fee credits or discounts which may be applicable to individual students. Where fee credits apply, invoices will be adjusted accordingly.
- 14.3. Where applicable, processing fees such as international bank fees or late enrolment fees will be added.

Late enrolments - non-refundable enrolment processing fee due at the time of acceptance of \$125.00 (Section 2.2)

International students - bank transfer fee of \$20 (Section 10.6)

Program	Level	Annual Fee (incl GST)	Semester 1 Fees	Semester 2 Fees
Clark Graduate Program	PPP	\$17,380	\$8,690	\$8,690
	PPP – second year	\$10,420	\$5,210	\$5,210
Academy Program	1	\$17,280	\$8,640	\$8,640
	2	\$17,280	\$8,640	\$8,640
	3	\$16,160	\$8,080	\$8,080
2027 ONLY	Level 4 in Level 3	\$13,360	\$6,825	\$6,825
Associate Program	4	\$4,550	\$2,275	\$2,275
	5	\$4,550	\$2,275	\$2,275
	6	\$4,550	\$2,275	\$2,275
Associate Program	7	\$3,620	\$1,810	\$1,810
	8	\$3,620	\$1,810	\$1,810
	9	\$3,620	\$1,810	\$1,810
Associate Program+	All levels 1-7	\$2,940	\$1,470	\$1,470

****For students enrolled in the Associate Program, the Associate Program+ yearly fees are discounted by \$350**

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