

2015 Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Report

1. What is SSAF?

In October 2011, the Government passed legislation ([Guidelines](#)) allowing universities to charge a student services and amenities fee from January 2012.

The Student Services and Amenities Fee legislation sets out the categories of services that the collected fees can be spent on, as follows:

1. providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider;
2. supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students;
3. supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students;
4. caring for children of students;
5. providing legal services to students;
6. promoting the health or welfare of students;
7. helping students secure accommodation;
8. helping students obtain employment or advice on careers;
9. helping students with their financial affairs;
10. helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents;
11. supporting debating by students;
12. providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes) for students;
13. supporting an artistic activity by students;
14. supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students;
15. helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled;
16. advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (relating to their welfare, accommodation

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2. How much SSAF was collected in 2015?

In 2015, 10 students paid a Student Services and Amenities Fee amount of \$42.15 for each 3 credit point subject (0.125 EFTSL), up to a maximum amount of \$28. Australian students and students holding permanent humanitarian visas are eligible to defer the fee through the new HEAP scheme.

Total SSAF collected in 2015 was \$5,342.

3. How was SSAF spent in 2015?

A summary of the 2015 actual expenditure against the approved [2015 Expenditure Plan](#) is provided in the following table:

Service category	Project	2015 Allocation	2015 Actual
Student spaces, including informal study spaces and social spaces.	Creating new and improving existing student spaces. 5 year project (2012–2016):	\$1,028,000	\$1,028,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building 4 Humanities Indoor student spaces (completed) - Building 34 EES Outdoor student spaces (completed) - Building 25 Nursing Sciences Outdoor student spaces (2016) - Cairns Library Indoor student spaces (2016) 		
	JCUSA Capital Allocation	\$25,000	Nil
Improving the delivery of food and beverage services on campus	Outdoor student amenities/kitchenette at Mabro Library		

<p>Improving advice about university rules and procedures and</p>	<p>Sporting infrastructure</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>
<p>Support for student media</p>	<p>Improving information and advice about university rules and procedures and working towards ensuring that information is accessible for distance students. (*Due to delay in recruitment process – this allocation will carryes2w 25s –</p>		