



Free Fees – NZSFW FAQs

1. Which NZSFW courses are eligible?

All NZQA courses commencing after 1 January 2018 are eligible. This includes:

- Certificate in Cookery (Foundation) (60 credits)
- Certificate in Cookery (Advanced) (120 credits)
- Certificate in Food & Beverage, Barista, Wine & Spirits (60 credits)
- Certificate in Hospitality & Event Management Level 5 (60 credits)
- Certificate in Professional Wine (Sommelier) (30 credits)

These courses are eligible if studied full time or part time.

2. Which NZSFW course are not eligible?

- All short courses – e.g. Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ), Food Safety, WSET courses etc.

3. How do I find out if I am eligible?

To be eligible for fees-free for 2018, you must:

- be enrolling in courses that commence in 2018, leading to a qualification that is funded by the Tertiary Education Commission, recognised by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority or Universities New Zealand, and is at New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) level 3 or above; and
- be either a New Zealand citizen, or an Australian or New Zealand resident who has lived in New Zealand for at least three years while holding a residence class visa, or a refugee or protected person, or a sponsored family member of a refugee or protected person; and
- not be currently enrolled in a school at the start date of the course or programme; and either
 1. have been enrolled in a school at any time during 2017 or 2018; or
 2. not have previously undertaken more than 60 credits (half a year of equivalent full-time tertiary education, 0.5 EFTS) at level 3 or above on the NZQF, including tertiary education at an equivalent level undertaken in any other country, but excluding any tertiary education undertaken while enrolled in a school

To check if you are eligible, please visit <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz>. You will need your national student number (NSI)

4. Are there any age requirements?

No, there are no age requirements or restrictions.



5. What do the free fees cover?

The fees-free policy for tertiary education will pay for your tuition fees.

This does not include course equipment – such as knives, chef's uniforms or personal equipment. For further information on course equipment please refer to the relevant course page on foodandwine.co.nz

6. Can I carry fees-free over to another year?

You can spread your fees-free over multiple years if you are studying at a provider; however, you cannot "bank" your 2018 fees-free. This means if you start study in 2018 and are eligible for fees-free study, you cannot opt to pay for some of your studies yourself and "bank" your fees-free study to use later.

If you decide to withdraw at a later date it may affect your future fees-free allowance.

6. What do I do if I am eligible for fees-free, but I have already enrolled in study or training for 2018?

You don't have to do anything to access fees-free. The Tertiary Education Commission will pay your fees directly to New Zealand School of Food & Wine.

7. What do I do if I find I am eligible for fees-free, but I have already taken out a student loan for my fees for 2018?

StudyLink advises that you should do the following:

- Log in to your MyStudyLink account and change the 'Pay fees' field in your loan application to 'No' (NB don't cancel your loan application completely if you will still need other support from the loan like the living costs and course-related costs)
- If you were only taking out a loan to pay your fees, and your fees are less than or equal to \$12,000, you may choose to cancel your loan application. Call StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 to talk about cancelling your application.

8. Do I still need to apply to StudyLink to access fees-free study?

No, the fees will be paid directly to NZSFW. But if you wish to apply for a student allowance or the two non-fees parts of a student loan (living costs and course-related costs) for 2018, then you will still need to apply to StudyLink.

It is your choice whether to apply for a student allowance or loan living costs and course-related costs, but if you plan to do so StudyLink encourages prospective students to apply by 16 December 2017, and to provide supporting documents promptly (you can apply online). This will ensure that applications can be assessed in time for the start of the 2018 academic year.



9. What do I do if I have already paid fees to NZSFW when I was eligible for fees-free?

If you have already paid fees for 2018 and find out that you didn't have to do this because you are eligible for fees-free, you should approach NZSFW and ask for a refund. You are entitled to a refund of the amount you have paid to do a course starting on or after 1 January 2018.