

# **Brisbane College of Horticulture**

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REFUND POLICY

#### **POLICY – STUDENT DEFAULT**

Any student wanting to request a refund for whatever reason must do in writing and within 14 days of the incident taking place, or whatever the reason may be.

Application for a refund must be made in writing and addressed to the Principal, clearly stating the reason for the cancellation and sent to:

Brisbane College of Horticulture PO Box 3417 Sunnybank South LPO Sunnybank Hills Qld 4109

Or via email to:

## Enrol@bnb.qld.edu.au

Registration fees, student kit fees, administration fees and fees paid to education agents are non-refundable.

A full refund of the course fees will be given by the College only up to twenty eight (28) days prior to the nominated course commencement date. If less than twenty eight (28) days notice is given of the intention to withdraw from the course then a 50% refund will be given. If you fail to commence with or without notifying the College, no refund will be available except in special circumstances.

"Special circumstances" under which a refund will be considered and which are beyond the student's control:

- o In the case of serious illness verified by a medical certificate
- Family or personal tragedy
- o Acts of God
- Acts of Government authorities, for example where the student is prevented from commencing studies in the agreed course of study.
- o Where a student's Visa has not been granted

If required / or BCH agrees to refund monies paid, it will do so within 4 weeks of receiving written application for refund. The refund will include all course fees paid (less the

registration fee, student kit, fees paid to education agents).

If a student withdraws from a course of study after commencing, for any reason outside those specified under "Special Circumstances" no refund will be given, and the student will be held liable for any unpaid fees as a result of the withdrawal.

Brisbane College of Horticulture agrees to refund all monies paid, where the course of study has been cancelled prior to commencement in accordance with the scheduled commencement date. In such cases, payment will be made within 2 weeks (14 days). All monies paid shall be refunded in full.

The College will provide the student with a written statement detailing how the amount of the refund has been calculated. All refunds will be paid to the person who enters into the contract with the Academy (the Student) unless they provide written direction to the provider to pay the refund to someone else. Under no circumstance will the refund be paid to an education agent. All refunds will be paid in the currency in which the fees were paid.

NOTE: This agreement, and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the right to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws. BCH's dispute resolution processes do not circumscribe the student's rights to pursue other legal remedies.

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## **POLICY – PROVIDER DEFAULT**

In the unlikely event that the Brisbane College of Horticulture is unable to deliver your course in full, you will be offered a refund of all the course money you have paid to date. The refund will be paid to you within 2 weeks of the day on which the course ceased being provided.

Alternatively, you may be offered enrolment in an alternative course by the BCH at no extra cost to you.

You have the right to choose whether you would prefer a full refund of course fees, or to accept a place in another course. If you choose placement in another course, we will ask you to sign a document to indicate that you accept the placement.

If the college is unable to provide a refund or provide a placement in an alternative education service, the Tuition Protection Service (TPS) Director will provide in writing, the student with one or more options for such alternative courses at no cost. The student must in a period of 30 days after the end of the college's obligation period submit in writing if accepting the alternative course. If the student is not accepting a place in an alternative course then the TPS Director would pay out of the Overseas Students Tuition Fund (OSTF) an amount equal to the amount that the college has calculated to satisfy the refund requirements to the student.