

Covid-19: Hardship Assistance

PURPOSE

This fund has been set up to provide temporary financial assistance to current Unitec students who are facing, or have faced, financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hardship means any suffering, deprivation or financial challenge due to the COVID-19 pandemic that is interfering with your ability to progress with your study.

ELIGIBILITY

The Funding is only available for costs incurred and anticipated for the period **23 March 2020 to 30 June 2021**.

Unitec will give priority to Learners who are facing the greatest hardship from the impacts of COVID-19.

The maximum amount of funding per application will be \$3000.

Please note: this is the maximum amount and payments approved for each application may be less than this amount and are based on impact to the applicant, their circumstances and proof provided.

Applications will be assessed, and amount determined by a panel of Unitec staff.

To be eligible for Covid-19: Hardship assistance in line with TEC's guidelines:

- you must be a currently enrolled domestic student (a New Zealand citizen, or holder of a New Zealand residence visa)
- you must have experienced, or be experiencing, financial hardship due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- You must be able to provide proof of this hardship and the circumstances leading to the hardship (i.e. personal job loss, reduction of work hours, parent's employment being impacted [where you are living with and are dependent on your parent], or partner's employment has been impacted etc.)
- You must agree to the terms of this funding (in the application form)
- You must supply any additional documentation, or proof requested by Unitec in relation to your application