

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Rhiannon, Lee provided in writing

VET-FEE-HELP - enrolments

Question

What processes are in place to ensure that students accessing VET-FEE-HELP are in fact enrolled at the registered provider eligible to access the system, and not actually studying at another RTO – whether it be a subsidiary, parent or part company?

Answer

Only approved VET FEE-HELP providers can offer VET FEE-HELP loans.

A VET FEE-HELP provider may outsource some or all of the delivery of training to another Registered Training Organisation (RTO). This is called a partnership arrangement or a third party arrangement.

The VET FEE-HELP provider awards the qualification and the VET FEE-HELP provider remains responsible for the quality and the student experience and learning outcomes.

Only VET FEE-HELP providers receive VET FEE-HELP payments for students' fees which have been deferred through a loan. Payments are made based on reported student liabilities from a VET FEE-HELP provider. Non approved RTOs do not have access to the Department of Education and Training's data and payment systems.