



Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) 2018 Report

What is SSAF?

From January 2012, Australian higher education providers began charging students a compulsory fee to support services and amenities of a non-academic nature. The Student Services & Amenities Fee (SSAF) is designed to improve non-academic services and amenities for students, such as recreational activities, employment assistance, financial or legal advice, child care, and food catering, through increased funding. It was introduced through the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Act 2011, which was passed by the Australian Parliament in October 2011.

What can we spend SSAF on?

The Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Act 2011 specifies the services on which the funding can be applied, as outlined below. The Act also stipulates that the university must adhere to the Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines which set benchmarks for student access to services such as health and welfare information, advocacy and orientation programs. The SSAF can be spent on the following services¹:

- providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider;
- supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students;
- supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students;
- caring for children of students;
- providing legal services to students;
- promoting the health or welfare of students;
- helping students secure accommodation;
- helping students obtain employment or advice on careers;
- helping students with their financial affairs;
- helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents;
- supporting debating by students;
- providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes) for students;
- supporting an artistic activity by students;
- supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students;
- helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled;
- advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described);
- advocating students' interests in matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described);
- giving students information to help them in their orientation; and
- helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation and employment.

¹ "Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Act 2011", Australian Government Federal Register of Legislation, <https://www.legislation.gov.au/details/c2011a00130>



The funding must not be spent on supporting a political party or the election of a person as a member of a political party at any level of government.

How much SSAF was collected in 2018?

A full-time student in 2018 paid a maximum of \$298. SSAF is calculated by load therefore part-time students do not pay the full amount. Please refer to the Payment Information page on the University's website to view details of who paid the SSAF in 2018.

Total SSAF collected in 2018 was **\$4,734,467**

2018 SSAF Expenditure Summary

Area	Items	Amount in 2018 \$ (AUD)
Students Association	Funding to support the operation of the University of South Australia Students' Association, USASA. USASA deliver the key functions of student representation and voice, student advocacy, support for social & academic clubs, off-campus social activities, student media and magazine.	1,627,329
Student Engagement Activity (Uni-Wide)	Funding to support the delivery of the University's Student Engagement strategy and the activities of the Student Life Team who deliver the strategy and coordinate non-academic student experience activities across UniSA. Key activities include the delivery of all on campus events including wellbeing initiatives across multiple campuses of the University.	903,929
Student Engagement Activity – Divisions	Business School; Education, Arts & Social Science; Information Technology, Engineering & Environment; Communications & Marketing.	220,000
Student Engagement Activity – Division Resourcing Internships/Placements	Business School; Information Technology, Engineering & Environment; Education, Arts and Social Science	312,067
Students' flu vaccinations		36,514
Careers Strategy	Funding to further implement the key initiatives of Leadership and Volunteering in the Community including the services delivered by Careers Services.	771,528



Area	Items	Amount in 2018 \$ (AUD)
UniSA Sport	Funding to support UniSA Sport and the delivery of the University's sport strategy including supporting student recreation and sport clubs, participation in university games events, delivery of on campus events and sport activities and generally promoting the benefits of sport and a healthy lifestyle.	301,000
Whyalla Activity Fund	Funding to support student experience events & activities at the Whyalla campus.	17,834
Mt Gambier Activity Fund	Funding to support student experience events & activities at the Mt Gambier campus.	20,000
Student Orientation and Transition	Development and implementation of Orientation Week, Campus Fair Days, and a range of orientation activities and resources.	153,700
Student Insurance	Personal Accident Insurance for Students.	46,027
Student Experience Projects	Funding to support projects across the University, designed to enhance the experience for all students at UniSA.	321,454
TOTAL		4,731,382