

### **REFUND POLICY & PROCEDURE**

## 1. Policy:

This policy/procedure provides all staff and clients information on the refund arrangements that are in place within MultiSkills Training (MST).

The following procedures ensure all clients are treated fairly and with integrity when applying for refunds. All refunds applications are to be submitted to the Administration Manager and the following procedures followed in assessing the refund application.

All refund information is to be made available to clients prior to enrolment through:

- Student Handbook
- The RTO's website
- The Enrolment Form / Fee for Service Agreement which is completed and signed prior to acceptance into a course of study with MultiSkills Training.

### 2. Procedure:

### 2.1 Refund applications

- Any student wishing to apply for a refund must complete a 'Refund Application Form' (See Appendix A) and submit this form to admin@multiskills.com.au. The application form can be accessed by:
  - Contacting Administration
  - Visiting http://multiskills.com.au/policies-procedures
- All 'refund applications are to be assessed and approved by the Administration Manager
  and applications processed within fourteen (14) days of the application being placed. Where
  a student is entitled to a refund the Administration Manager is required to process the
  refund payment as required.
- Payment of a refund application cancels a student's enrolment.

Please note: Where the student breaches the MultiSkills Training Policies and Procedures no refund is payable.

#### 2.2 Refunds due to non-delivery of a course by MST

Tuition fees and/or material fees are to be refunded in full if the MST is unable to commence the course as agreed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Any 'unused tuition' fees are to be refunded where the MST is unable to complete the course due to unforeseen circumstances.

Where there is an instance of provider default in the above circumstances, MultiSkills Training may arrange for another course, or part of a course, to be provided to students at no (extra) cost to the student as an alternative to refunding course money. Where the student agrees to



this arrangement, MultiSkills Training will not be liable to refund the money owed for the original enrolment.

In the instance that MultiSkills Training can't provide an alternative course we will find another training provider for you to complete the relevant course as per your original enrolment at no extra charge.

### 2.3 Refunds based upon student application

Applications for refunds are to be processed by the Administration Manager within fourteen (14) days from the date of application.

Where a student is unable to complete their course they may be eligible for a refund of tuition fees and/or material fees. Where a student withdraws from the course without extenuating circumstances only a partial refund is payable.

A refund of tuition fees is only payable in certain circumstances and these circumstances and amounts are provided to students prior to confirming enrolment.

MultiSkills Training's refund arrangements are as follows:

Outline of Refund Arrangements	
The RTO is unable to commence the course for which the original enrolment and payment has been made.	Full refund or alternative placement in a course relevant to original enrolment
The RTO is unable to continue to deliver the course as agreed.	Full refund or alternative placement in a course relevant to original enrolment

Outline of Refund Arrangements (Skill Set Courses)	
Withdrawal prior to agreed start date	Full refund or alternative placement in a course relevant to original enrolment.
Withdrawal after course commencement	No refund*

Outline of Refund Arrangements (Full Qualification)		
Withdrawal prior to agreed start date	Full refund	
Withdrawal 1-3 weeks after course commencement	Full refund	
Withdrawal 3 + weeks after course commencement	Partial refund (pro-rated, total payment divided by total number of weeks attended)	

<sup>\*</sup> Students may have extenuating circumstances that prevent them from attending scheduled course dates that may include but are not limited to illness, family or personal matters, or other reasons that are out of the ordinary. Where evidence can be successfully provided to support the student's circumstances, course fees may either be transferred to the next available course where applicable, or a refund of unused course fees will be issued. This decision of assessing the extenuating circumstances rests with the Administration Manager and shall be assessed on a case by case situation.



#### 2.4 Appealing refund decisions

- All clients have the right to appeal a refund decision made by MultiSkills Training by accessing the complaints and appeals policy and procedure.
- Clients wishing submit an appeal of the refund decision should refer to the **Complaints and** appeals policy and procedure.
- This policy and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the client's right to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.
- The RTO's dispute resolution processes do not remove the client's right to pursue other legal remedies where they feel necessary.

#### 2.5 Further information

- If fees have been paid by a third party then refunds will be payable to that third party.
- Any information that the client provides MultiSkills Training or that MultiSkills Training
  collects about the client (including payments and refunds) can be given to authorised State
  and Commonwealth Agencies.



### Appendix A (Sample Refund application form



#### REFUND APPLICATION FORM

Indicates a required field

Date\*

Students Name

Course Start Date\*

Course\*

### REFUND ARRANGEMENTS (please choose one from the below)

Withdrawal with YES (full refund) The course was YES (full refund) more than three days notice prior NO (no refund) MultiSkills NO (no refund)

days notice prior to course commencement?

Extenuating YES (partial/full refund) Other (please circumstances NO (no refund) provide details)

#### Please note

- Where a student breaches MultiSkills Training Policies and Procedures no refund is payable
- Where a student withdraws from the course with extenuating circumstances a statutory declaration or supporting documents outlining circumstances is to be provided and the amount refunded will be at the direction of the administration manager
   To view MultiSkills Training policies and procedures please go to: <u>Policies & Procedures</u>

#### Refund into nominated account:

Account Name\*

Amount

Requested\*

Bank Name\*

BSB\*

Account Number\*

Applicant Date

Signature'

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#### Administration Use Only

Refund YES Refund YES Refund Paid YES

Application Processed NO Granted NO cancelled NO Cancelled

Name: Date

Please e-mail the completed form to admin@multiskills.com.au



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