

# COURSE TUITION ASSURANCE

ICHM offers the both the SHA Diploma (VET) as well as the Degree program under the provisions of the Higher Education Support Act, HESA. HESA requires that ICHM provides its Australian students protection against the inability of the College to deliver the course for which the student has enrolled. While there are a number of ways that this protection can be provided, ICHM has chosen to join the ACPET Tuition Assurance Scheme.

ACPET is the Australian Council of Private Education Providers. Since 1994 it has offered a Tuition Assurance Scheme for overseas students, and since May 2004 it has offered protection to Australian students undertaking higher education courses.

As a member of ACPET, ICHM has specifically joined its Australian Student Tuition Assurance Scheme, ASTAS.

If ICHM was unable to continue to deliver its bachelor degree course, Australian students could be efficiently relocated in a comparable course with another ACPET ASTAS member or another approved provider.

Secondly, membership in the ACPET ASTAS means that there is a means whereby students may receive a payment equivalent to any student contribution amount or tuition fee paid for any unit of study that remains undelivered.

Note that repayment would only be applicable if the student chose not to relocate to a comparable course.

Students would get full credit for units of study that they have completed.

Students would either get tuition without charge for units of study for which they had paid for but not received, or they would get their money back.

It is possible that the charge of the other provider would vary from the tuition fees of ICHM. It is also possible that the alternate course would be in another city, and students would be responsible for any relocation expenses. Students may be responsible for texts or materials required by the new education provider.

Students are not obliged to enrol in the course in which they are offered enrolment under the ACPET ASTAS, but if they enrol in a different provider, there is no obligation for that provider to offer full credit transfer for the units of study completed.