ACPET has had its Australian Students Tuition Assurance Scheme (ASTAS) approved by ASQA as “an alternative fee protection measure of equal rigour” as outlined in the Standards for NVR Registered Training Organisations, Section 11.3(e), Option 5 and Section 22.3(e), Option 5. This TAS covers domestic VET students who are not enrolled in VET FEE-HELP courses. It can be used by RTOs as an alternative fee protection mechanism to taking fees in arrears, or having to change fee payment arrangements to reduce the amount received in advance.

The annual fee payable will be determined by Category (size of provider), Risk level (based on an annual ACPET risk assessment) and Type of cover (Type A or B – see right for details).

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### About the scheme
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### Students covered by the scheme and their responsibilities
The scheme covers a member for domestic students only enrolled as a full or part-time student in approved programs.

### ASTAS fees and the application process
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### ASTAS cover shall be required in respect of each State or Territory of delivery and details of each delivery location provided.

### Membership benefits
- ASTAS-HE/ASTAS-VET: Members with approval or applying to be a HE FEE-HELP and/or VET FEE-HELP provider.
- *Income derived from ALL local student fees in the covered courses.
- *Level of risk is assessed by ACPET in response to the information provided by member.

### Category | Annual Gross Income | Low Risk | Medium Risk | High Risk
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Cat 1 | Up to $500,000 | $1,110 | $2,220 | $4,440 |
Cat 2 | Between $500,000 and $3M | $2,220 | $4,440 | $8,880 |
Cat 3 | Between $3M and $15M | $4,440 | $8,880 | $17,760 |
Cat 4 | Between $15M and $30M | $8,880 | $17,760 | $35,320 |
Cat 5 | Above $30M | $17,600 | $35,520 | $71,040 |

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Members with more than 75% of courses offered by five or more other ACPET members in the same state or territory.

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Members with more than 25% of courses offered by less than five other ACPET members in the same state or territory.

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Cat 1 | Up to $500,000 | $1,780 | $3,560 | $7,110 |
Cat 2 | Between $500,000 and $3M | $4,440 | $8,880 | $17,760 |
Cat 3 | Between $3M and $15M | $8,880 | $17,760 | $35,320 |
Cat 4 | Between $15M and $30M | $13,320 | $26,640 | $53,280 |
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