

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Student Start-Up Scholarships

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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Will students currently receiving Start-Up Scholarships, or students who may enrol in the future and apply for Youth Allowance, have the option to opt out of receiving the new Start-Up Loans?

- a. What is the process for an individual student opting out?

Answer:

The Student Start-up Loan will be a voluntary income contingent loan. Students will be able to apply for the Student Start-up Loan in three different ways. Students can apply for the loan:

- for the loan for the relevant half-year;
 - for the full calendar year (paid in two half yearly payments); or
 - for the whole of their course (paid in two half yearly payments).
- a. Students will be able to opt-out of receiving future loans at any point by notifying the Department of Human Services.