

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Student Fees and the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)

Question

Where do Australian students rank, in relation to other countries, for costs of university fees?

Answer

The average tuition fee in Australia was USD 4473, behind the US (USD 8202), Japan (USD 5152), Korea (USD 4773) and Canada (USD 4761).

The UK had higher tuition fees than Australia at the bachelor degree level (USD 9019) but classified all higher education institutions as “government-dependant private” institutions.

France’s fees were potentially higher, though the OECD only publishes a range and not an average tuition fee (USD 0 to USD 8313).

Please note:

The OECD converts national currencies to USD using Purchasing Power Parity for GDP to enable international comparisons.