



Higher Education Careers Adviser Digital Information Kit

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Understanding Australia's higher education system and the study assistance that is available to prospective students, means students can make informed decisions about their higher education futures. To promote this, the Department of Education and Training (Department) will communicate directly with career advisers and provide resources, which will help to inform students about their higher education options. The *Tertiary education career adviser digital information kit* will be a digital suite of resources, which will be available for download and/or print from the *Study Assist* website. The suite of resources will provide consistent information to students Australia-wide and promote opportunity and equity among prospective students. The Department's work with CDA members is foundational in terms of student engagement.

The need for an information kit was identified based on student engagement data which tells us that more than 60% of students go to career advisers for their higher education information. Additionally, market research and visits to university open days in 2014-2016 found that both students and career advisers want to learn more about Australia's higher education system and what type of study assistance is available. The information kit upholds the CICA Professional Standards by:

- providing current and relevant resources that are easily accessible (Continuing Professional Development), and
- including resources for various target audiences to assist in providing non-discriminatory, current and accurate information in an impartial manner (Code of Ethics).

After this presentation, delegates will be able to:

1. Understand government assistance for financing tertiary study.
2. Apply resources from the information kit to workplace practice.