Deferment ? International and Domestic Direct Postgraduate Applicants

What do we mean by deferment?

If you receive an offer to enrol in a degree at UNSW but for whatever reason you cannot start straight away, you can defer or delay starting your degree for up to 2 years.

Who can defer?

If you got an offer to study a postgraduate program at UNSW and you haven’t been given a deferment for the same (or a similar) degree before, then you can defer your degree.

How do I defer?

This depends on where you are up to in the offer acceptance process:

1. You haven’t yet logged in to myUNSW to accept or defer your offer

   You simply defer your offer through the myUNSW Accept Online process. Follow the instructions for accepting your offer - Deferment is one of the options in ?Accept Online?.

   When you request deferment online you can save or print the screen for your records. Once your deferment has been processed by the Admissions Office you will be emailed a new offer letter. If you haven’t received your new offer letter within 5 days call the UNSW Admissions Office on +61 (2) 9385 3656 or make an enquiry at enquiry.unsw.edu.au.

2. You have accepted your offer via myUNSW but have not enrolled in any courses

   If you have already accepted your offer and then decide before you enrol in any courses that you want to defer you will need to contact the Admissions Office via enquiry.unsw.edu.au and request a deferment. You must apply to defer no later than the census date (15 March for Term 1 2020 intake, 28 June for Term 2 2020 intake and 11 October for Term 3 2020 intake).

3. You have accepted your offer via myUNSW and are enrolled in at least one course

   If you have already accepted your offer and enrolled in at least one course and then decide that you want to defer you can request a deferment via myUNSW’s online Program Leave/Discontinuation service. Log into myUNSW and go to My Student Profile tab > My Student Services channel > Online Services > Program Leave/Discontinuation. Complete the online form for ?Program Leave?. You must apply to defer no later than the census date (15 March for Term 1 2020 intake, 28 June for Term 2 2020 intake and 11 October for Term 3 2020 intake).

Can I defer and start my degree later in the year?
The flexibility we provide at UNSW means that most programs can be deferred to start in either Term 1, Term 2 or Term 3. Please note that not all programs are available to commence in Term 2 and Term 3. For some programs the full range of courses offered in Term 1 may not be offered in Term 2 and Term 3. Depending on your choice of courses, you may need to wait until Term 1 of the following year to enrol in some courses. For further information in relation to restrictions on mid-year enrolment, contact your Faculty Office.

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**Do I have to pay to defer?**

No. It does not cost anything to defer your degree.

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**How do I take up my deferred place?**

You simply follow the information in your new offer letter.

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**Further information**

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