GENERAL PURPOSE / OVERSEAS STUDY LOAN

FEES
No set up fees are charged.

INTEREST RATES
Full repayment of the loan is required by the cessation of the current course. Cessation of the current course is defined as the date UWA records that the Student completes, withdraws, is excluded from, relinquishes by death or otherwise his/her enrolment status at UWA. No interest is repayable on the loan if it is fully repaid by that date.

If the loan is not fully repaid by the agreed due date, an interest of 12% p.a. will be applied on the remaining balance, until the loan is repaid in full. Interest is calculated on the monthly balance outstanding and charged monthly. In addition, the student will not be allowed to graduate, re-enrol in further studies, or obtain an academic transcript, until the loan is fully repaid.

Interest is calculated on the monthly balance outstanding and charged monthly. There is no penalty for extra repayments or early clearance of the loan.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GUARANTEES

This information overleaf tells you about some of the rights and obligations of yourself and the lender. It does not state the terms and conditions of your contract.

IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS OR YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION YOU SHOULD GET LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE KEEP THIS SUMMARY SAFE; YOU MAY WANT SOME INFORMATION FROM IT AT A LATER DATE.

The University of Western Australia is exempt from most of the provisions of the Credit Code in respect of this loan agreement. Only sections 56(1) (Increase in guarantors liabilities), and 70-74 (Reopening unjust transactions) apply.
1. **What is a guarantee?**

   A promise by you that the person who is getting credit under a contract will keep to all terms and conditions. If that person does not do so you promise to pay the lender all money owing on the contract as soon as the money is asked for.

2. **What do I need to provide?**

   We need evidence to support your eligibility to guarantee a loan, such as proof of income; proof of real estate ownership and/or car ownership and any other assets.

3. **How do I know how much the debtor is borrowing and the credit charges?**

   These details are on the copy of the contract or offer that the debtor signed. You should have been given a copy of the contract or offer before you signed the guarantees papers.

4. **What documents should I be given?**

   - The document you are reading now
   - A copy of your contract
   - A copy of the contract or offer signed by the debtor

5. **What other information can I get?**

   If you have guaranteed repayment of a contract, you can write to the lender and ask for;

   - an extra copy of your contract of guarantee,
   - an extra copy of the debtor's contract,
   - a copy of any other document signed by the debtor (for example, a mortgage) or by you,
   - a statement of the debtor's repayments under the contract,
   - details of the insurance cover financed by the debtor's contract.

   When writing to the lender, you must pay any reasonable fee that the lender charges. The lender will write back to you within 14 days after receiving your request.

   NB. The lender will only give you this information once in any period of 3 months.

   You can write to the lender and ask for the net balance due (pay-out figure) under the credit contract guaranteed by you. You will get this information within 7 days after the lender receives your request. If you want to, you can also ask for details of how the balance is worked out.

   NB. The lender will only give you this information once in any period of 3 months.

6. **Can I cancel any contract of guarantee?**

   You may be able to under certain circumstances. For exact details you should seek legal advice.
IF THE DEBTOR DEFAULTS

7. Do I get any warning that the lender wants to take action against the debtor?

In most cases yes. You get the same warning as the debtor. You get a notice in writing telling you why the lender wants to take action against the debtor. It also tells you what the debtor has to do to stop the action. The debtor will have at least one month to try and fix up the problem. You should discuss the matter with the debtor immediately.

8. Can the lender take action against me without taking action against the debtor at the same time?

No, except where:

- the debtor cannot be found,
- the debtor’s financial affairs are being handled under bankruptcy law or, a court has declared that action can be taken against you without action being taken against the debtor.

9. If the debtor cannot be found and the lender intends to take legal action against me, do I get any warning?

Yes. You get a notice giving you at least 14 days warning.

10. Exactly how much do I have to pay the lender if the debtor defaults?

You have to pay what the debtor owes the lender, plus the lender’s costs in having you honour your contract of guarantee.

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11. What can I do if I am asked to pay out the contract and I cannot pay it all at once?

- Talk to the lender and see if some arrangement can be made about paying.
- There are other people, such as financial counsellors, who may be able to help.

12. If I pay out money for a debtor, is there any way I can get it back?

You can sue the debtor. But remember, if the debtor cannot pay the lender, he or she probably cannot pay you back for a while, if at all.

13. What happens if I go guarantor for someone who is under 18 when they sign a contract?

You are responsible for the full debt if the contract of guarantee has a clear and obvious warning near your signature.

The warning had to tell you that the courts might not let you sue the debtor if you have to pay out the contract for him or her.

14. Do I have any rights and obligations?

Yes. the law does give you other rights and obligations. You should also READ YOUR CONTRACT carefully.
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Got a Question? Find the Answer...@ http://www.ask.uwa.edu.au

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