

## Overview

If you're doing three or four subjects a semester, the cost of purchasing textbooks starts to become as daunting as your future HECS/FEE HELP debt. The UTS LSS offers semester long book loans for financially disadvantaged students in the core and approved elective law subjects which they are enrolled in known as the Clayton Utz Textbook Equity Scheme (TES).

“The TES is a great program that significantly helps reduce the costs of uni each semester. It takes the hassle out of buying and reselling textbooks, making it easier to transition into new subjects at the start of a semester. The TES has definitely made an impact on my ability to afford my Law subjects and just makes life that much easier. If you receive Centrelink payments or have another source of financial disadvantage, I definitely recommend applying for the TES.” Lydia A

## History

The Clayton Utz TES began out in 2011 thanks to a start up donation by LexisNexis Australia. Since then, the UTS LSS has continued to expand this initiative both in terms of increased sponsorship and replacing outdated textbooks from the UTS LSS Clayton Utz TES library. This year the Scheme is sponsored by Clayton Utz.

## Eligibility details

You will be eligible to apply under the TES for a semester-long loan of prescribed law textbooks in core subjects if you are:

- A local student, citizen, Permanent Resident (PR) or Permanent Humanitarian Visa (PHV);
  - Currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor course at UTS;
  - Enrolled to study one of the core or approved elective law subjects in the current semester.
- Are applicable under any of the following categories:
- Receiving a Centrelink payment (e.g. Youth Allowance, Newstart, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Family Tax Benefit Part A and/or B, Disability Pension, etc.)
  - Low Income Health Care Card
  - Pensioners' Concession Card
  - UTS Diversity Access Scholarship (or a scholarship related to financial hardship)
  - Been accepted to UTS under the Schools Recommendation Scheme (for first year students only)
  - A financial member of the UTS Law Students' Society, or you agree to become a member.

If you are eligible and wish to apply for the Clayton Utz TES, please fill out this application form.

A single TES application is valid for one year, allowing students to only need to notify the Equity Director of required textbooks in subsequent teaching sessions for the remainder of the year. Conditions apply.

The UTS LSS values your privacy. All applicants' personal details will be treated with confidentiality.

Please note that we have limited funding to support students and we may not be able to offer assistance to everyone.

The Clayton Utz TES runs on a case by case basis. The number of books available will be dependent on the number of successful Clayton Utz TES applicants and available funds. A combination of new and second hand textbooks (in good condition) will be available but subject to demand and sponsorship.

Successful applicants may not have access to all required texts, particularly if a subject requires multiple texts. In the event of this, only the primary required text will be distributed. Subsequent required texts will be allocated on a discretionary basis depending on availability.

We rely upon the support of Clayton Utz and fellow UTS Law students in order to run the TES program. Please consider donating your used textbooks to the LSS.

### **Conditions**

We ask that you treat the textbooks loaned under the Scheme with respect, as they remain property of the LSS. This includes not highlighting and/or marking the books purposefully. This may incur penalty or refusal to loan books in future at the discretion of the Equity Director in consultation with the VPSJ.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to reasonably cooperate with the Equity Director to organise the return of the textbooks at the end of exams of the semester the book was loaned for. Failure to do so may also inhibit the offender's eligibility in future.

The textbooks are only on loan for a single semester. If they are required for subsequent semesters, the student must notify the Equity Director as soon as possible.

Please read the full terms and conditions of the Clayton Utz TES as linked above, or by contacting the Equity Director at [equity@utslss.com](mailto:equity@utslss.com).