

Student Levy

The Student Levy, or Compulsory Student Services Fee, is the fee paid by an enrolled student for student support services provided by the University.

The fee is \$7.86 per point (on average that works out to be \$943.20 per year for a typical undergraduate taking eight papers in a year). Both international and domestic students pay the same amount. Postgraduates are charged the same fee per point as undergraduate students.

The fee is collected at the same time that tuition fees are billed. For first year students whose fees are being covered under the Fees-free government policy, your Student Levy will also be covered by this initiative for the first year of your study.

Each year, the University collects approximately \$24m in student levies.

The Education Amendment Act (2011) directs universities on the categories of services that the student levy can be used to fund, these are explained on this page.

Sport, recreation and cultural activities (\$4,290,000): covers a broad range of activities including sporting programmes, competitions and support, awards for extra-curricular success like Blues Awards, support for overseas competitions and events including reorientation and end of year volunteer celebrations. The levy is also used to subsidise student memberships at the Recreation Centre.

Facilities and infrastructure (\$8,916,000)

Facilities and infrastructure improvements delivered in 2019 included the upgrading and relocation of a number of retail spaces including Shadows and Relax Cade. Future improvement plans include creating a student kitchen and lounge on Level 2 of the Kate Edgar Building, a refresh of the Quad and upgrades to the Student Union building.

Advisory services and pastoral care (\$2,902,000): includes services which provide non-academic advice and pastoral care throughout different parts of the student experience. It includes orientation programmes, mentoring, religious spaces and support, international student support and support advisors.

Health and Counselling Services (\$2,836,000): primarily this is about providing health care (like doctors and nurses) and related welfare services such as counselling and disability services.

Careers information, advice and guidance (\$1,936,000): this focuses on developing students' career literacy and building their employability skills, to support student retention and successful transitions into the workplace. It also includes connecting students with employers through virtual and on-campus events and activities, so students can grow their employer knowledge and networks.

Clubs and societies (\$1,671,000): is all about supporting over 200 student clubs and societies, this includes provision of direct funding to student groups, organisation of expos, and co-ordination of equipment, resources, workshops, administrative assistance, facilities and support.

Childcare services (\$105,000): the levy subsidises childcare for students at the University's six Early Childhood Centres.

Advocacy and legal advice (\$628,000): includes advocating on behalf of individual students and groups of students, and providing independent support to resolve problems. This primarily includes AUSA's Advice Hub and executives, along with designated spaces to undertake these activities.

Media (\$375,000): supports the production and dissemination of information by students to students in journals, blogs, newsletters and publications such as Craccum.

Employment information (\$173,000): includes the provision of information about employment opportunities during study, such as Student Job Search.

Financial support and advice (\$111,000): includes the provision of hardship, textbook and dental grants, along with financial advice from AUSA and the University.

*figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand

Consultation process

The Student Consultative Group is the consultation forum for the levy. This group is made up of student and staff representatives and is chaired by the Vice-Chancellor. This group makes recommendations to the Finance Committee and Council in September. Council sets fees in October.

Students can talk directly with their representative on the SCG to make their views known on the levy. To find out who is on SCG, visit the [website](#).

Comparison

NZ\$ (GST inclusive)	Canterbury	Massey (Manawatu)	Massey (Albany)	Otago	Waikato	Victoria	Auckland	AUT
Building Levy		\$ 30.20						\$ 76.00
Student Assistance						\$ 27.60		
Welfare & Recreation		\$ 76.30	\$ 157.10					
Student Services	\$ 870.00	\$ 582.20	\$ 582.20	\$ 830.02	\$ 734.00	\$ 822.00	\$ 943.20	\$ 760.00
Student Association								
Foundation Levy		\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00					
TOTAL - 2020	\$ 870.00	\$ 689.10	\$ 739.30	\$ 830.02	\$ 734.00	\$ 849.60	\$ 943.20	\$ 836.00
TOTAL - 2019	\$ 827.00	\$ 703.00	\$ 752.40	\$ 813.74	\$ 700.00	\$ 817.60	\$ 847.20	\$ 717.00
% change vs. 2019	5.2%	-2%	-1.75%	2%	4.8%	3.9%	11.3%	16.6%

*based on full time study (120 points)