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Glenn Taylor Scholarship Program Guidelines

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1. About the OCTEC Limited Glenn Taylor Scholarship

The OCTEC Limited Glenn Taylor Scholarship program (the 'Program') is intended to improve access to and completion of educational courses for students commencing a new course of study from Central West NSW.

The program objectives are to provide support to regional students:

- engaging in tertiary study at qualification levels from Certificate IV and above;
- able to undertake their preferred course of tertiary study, irrespective of their location; and
- completing their course of study, relative to their peers.

The OCTEC Limited Glenn Taylor Scholarship will improve educational attainment and skills development opportunities for rural and regional students. Through tertiary study and internship opportunities, Scholarship Recipients can obtain important job-related skills, as well as strengthening their foundational literacies, socio-emotional skills and higher-order cognitive skills. They will be better equipped to adapt to the changing nature of work in a technologically advanced economy.

Operating with the support of OCTEC Limited's general Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) endorsement under the Australian Taxation Office Scholarship Fund guidelines, the program will provide money to eligible recipients by way of a scholarship.

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2. Process overview

Application period

Applicants complete and submit a scholarship application.



Application Assessment

OCTEC Limited checks all applications for eligibility and assesses eligible applications.



Scholarship Recipient Selection

OCTEC Limited decides which applications are successful.



Scholarship Outcomes Notification

OCTEC Limited will advise applicants of the outcome of their applications.



Scholarship Agreements Finalised

OCTEC Limited enters into a Scholarship Agreement with successful applicants.



Scholarship Program Undertaken

Scholarship Recipients undertake their scholarship programs as set out in their Scholarship Agreements. OCETEC Limited will manage the Scholarship by working with Scholarship Recipients, monitoring their progress and making payments.

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3. Scholarship

3.1 Purpose of Scholarship payments

Scholarship payments are intended to assist the Scholarship Recipient with the financial costs of undertaking their Eligible Course of Study to cover items such as:

- School/university fees
- textbooks
- uniforms
- travel
- boarding or living costs
- other related educational expenses e.g. computer/software costs

3.2 Scholarship duration and payment

3.2.1 Ongoing payment

A Scholarship can support a minimum course duration of six months full-time and a maximum course duration of four years full-time (or the part-time equivalent).

A scholarship will need to be re-applied for on annual basis.

Scholarship Applicants can only apply for one Eligible Course of Study in one round. For example, it is not possible to apply for Scholarship for two different six-month courses in a single application round.

Scholarship funding is available for a maximum of four years full time only, including if a Scholarship Recipient:

- is undertaking full-time study over a longer period,
- changes their course of study while in receipt of a Scholarship.

3.3 Financial benefits

Scholarship Recipients will receive total Scholarship payments of up to \$80,000, based on course length and type of study or training (refer to the table below)

As an example, a four-year (or more) Scholarship Program can include:

• up to \$80,000 in study assistance (\$20,000 per year)

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The following tables indicate the maximum total a student can receive depending on the length of their study and mode of study:

Full-time study

Scholarship length	Study
	Assistance
6 months	\$10,000
1 year	\$20,000
2 years	\$40,000
3 years	\$60,000
4 years	\$80,000

Part-time study

Scholarship	Study
length	Assistance
1 year	\$10,000
2 years	\$20,000
3 years	\$30,000
4 years	\$40,000
5 years	\$50,000
6 years	\$60,000
7 years	\$70,000
8 years	\$80,000

Note: The above amounts are represented as gross figures.

4. Scholarship selection process

4.1 Application process overview

Applicants must submit a complete application, including supporting documentation, to OCTEC Limited.

Applications submitted are checked for compliance with the eligibility conditions described at Section 5.

Eligible applications are assessed, which includes consideration of the selection criteria (Section 6), by OCTEC Limited.

Based on this assessment, OCTEC Limited decides which Scholarship Applicants receive a Scholarship.

Scholarship are allocated to eligible applicants until the Scholarship pool has been exhausted. Priority or special consideration may be given to students in the categories included in Section 6.

Unsuccessful Scholarship Applicants for one round may submit a new application in a future Scholarship round. The eligibility and selection criteria will still apply, and students are not guaranteed a Scholarship.

4.2 When to apply

Scholarship application round details, such as the opening date, and current Program Guidelines, are published on the OCTEC Limited website.

4.3 Completing the Scholarship application

A complete application must include:

- a completed an application form which can downloaded from the OCTEC Limited website;
- supporting documentation (refer to below).

If more than one application from the same Scholarship Applicant is received by OCTEC Limited, only the latest application received will be assessed. If an application for a Scholarship Applicant is received after a previous application has been assessed and is deemed unsuccessful, OCTEC Limited will assess the new application.

4.4 Supporting documentation

Applicants must submit the following documentation with their completed application form:

- evidence of Australian citizenship, permanent residency, holding a permanent humanitarian
 visa or being a New Zealand citizen living in Australia;
- proof of residence in the regional area defined as the Far West NSW (see Section 5.1);
- evidence of financial need (see Section 5.3); and
- evidence of eligibility for Other considerations (see Section 6).

4.5 Questions during the application process

Questions during the application process must be directed to OCTEC Limited.

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4.6 Notification of application outcomes

OCTEC Limited will advise Scholarship Applicants of the outcome of their application via email following assessment.

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5. Scholarship eligibility criteria

Applications must meet all eligibility criteria to be considered for assessment.

5.1 Scholarship Applicant eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Scholarship, the Scholarship Applicant must:

- be an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident, holder of a permanent humanitarian visa, or a New Zealand citizen living in Australia;
- not have commenced their Eligible Course of Study prior to the eligible Commencement Period;
- provide evidence to demonstrate their financial need;
- be an individual or group of individuals and have a permanent home address (for example, family home for school leavers) in the regional area defined as the Central West NSW ¹ (population base 212,962) and Far West Orana (population base 115,566) by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2021.
 - If a Scholarship Applicant relocates to a major city to study, evidence of relocation from their permanent regional home address to study must be provided.
 - The Scholarship Applicant must not have relocated to a major city more than 3 months prior to commencing the chosen course of study.

A scholarship awarded to students is usually conferred for reasons of merit (such as academic achievement) or for reasons of equity:

- The basis of merit can include non-academic criteria, where they are sufficiently connected with the educational objectives i.e. Football skills (where football is part of the curriculum)
- Reasons of equity would cover students who are experiencing socio-economic disadvantage or hardship, or suffering disability. Other reasons may include special needs flowing from:- age, gender, ethnicity or geographic location, depending on the particular education being promoted

A scholarship will not be eligible where the awarding is not truly on the basis of merit or equity. For example, the following eligibility criteria do not target on the basis of merit:-

- Current enrolment at a particular school or college
- Membership of a club or association
- Employment by a particular employer
- Promising to become an employee of a particular employer
- Membership of a religion
- Race or ethnicity

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¹ The ATO guidelines for eligible DGR scholarships, bursaries or prizes specify that the award must be open to individuals or groups of individuals in a region of at least 200,000 people.

5.2 Eligible Courses of Study

Eligible Courses of Study are those that meet the following requirements listed under Eligible Providers, Accredited Courses, Field of Study, Level of Study, Commencement Period and Mode of Study.

Eligible Providers

Scholarship Applicants must propose and undertake their course of study at an Eligible Provider.

An Eligible Provider is either a:

- registered training organisation (RTO) registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) or the Training Accreditation Council Western Australia (TAC)², or
- higher education provider registered with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).³

Accredited courses

The course of study must be accredited, and the Eligible Provider must be accredited to deliver the course.⁴

Field of Study

The program will support students studying any discipline.

Level of Study

The course of study must be classified at one of the following Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) levels:

- Level 4 Certificate IV;
- Level 5 Diploma;
- Level 6 Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree;
- Level 7 Bachelor Degree;
- Level 8 Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma;
- Level 9 Master Degree;
- Level 10 Doctoral Degree (PhD).

Note: Only courses at the levels indicated in the list are eligible. For example, short courses and bridging courses are ineligible.

Commencement Period

Scholarship are available to students who have commenced, or will commence, their study at any time within the 2023 academic year (Semester 1, Semester 2, Trimester 3).

Mode of study

Scholarship Recipients may undertake study on a full-time or part-time basis. A full-time study l	oad
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is as defined by the Eligible Provider of the Eligible Course of Study. Part-time Scholarship are reduced proportionally per semester as shown by the tables in Section 3.3: Financial Benefits.

A Scholarship Recipient may change from full-time to part-time study, or vice versa, with the agreement of OCTEC Limited.

The study must be undertaken in Australia, unless a special exemption is given by OCTEC Limited (for example, to allow for a student exchange experience).

Study must be delivered in English, unless a special exemption is given by OCTEC Limited (for example, to allow for a student exchange experience).

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5.3 Financial need

Scholarship Applicants are considered to be experiencing financial need if they satisfy any one of the following four conditions listed in the table below. The documents which can be used as evidence of financial need are listed for each category. Applications without the required evidence are not considered.

Successful Scholarship Applicants must continue to demonstrate financial need, by satisfying one of the conditions below, for the duration of their Scholarship Program.

Financial Need Category	Evidence
1. A person currently	A copy of a Centrelink letter or current Income Statement showing
receiving an eligible	receipt of any one of the following benefits (Category 1 list):
Centrelink benefit or concession card.	a. ABSTUDY Living Allowance
concession card.	b. Austudy
	c. Carer Payment
	d. Disability Support Pension
	e. Low Income Healthcare Card
	f. Newstart Allowance
	g. Parenting Payment Single
	h. Parenting Payment Partnered
	i. Special Benefit
	j. Youth Allowance.
	k. Farm Household Allowance
	Note:
	Scholarship Applicants using Low Income Healthcare Card as
	evidence must provide a copy of their card (both sides) showing
	their full details and card expiry date.
	If the Scholarship Applicant is providing the Centrelink letter, it
	must have been issued no more than three months prior to the
	date of document submission for the Scholarship application.
2. A person expecting to	Scholarship Applicants must indicate on their application form the
receive an eligible Centrelink	Centrelink benefit or concession card they will apply for (the
benefit or concession card	benefit or concession card must be on the above Financial Need
on commencing their Eligible	Category 1 list).
Course of Study.	Scholarship Applicants must provide proof of a successfully
	submitted Centrelink Application for one of the benefits listed in
	the Category 1 list.
	Note:
	Scholarship Applicants must provide evidence of their
	approved benefit in the form of a Centrelink Income Statement,
	Health Care Card or Pension Card in order to meet financial
	eligibility requirements prior to being eligible to receive a
	Scholarship offer.

Financial Need Category	Evidence
3. A dependent whose parent or guardian is in receipt of: a) A Health Care Card with the student's name on it;	 Scholarship Applicants expecting to receive Youth Allowance or Austudy should note that Centrelink applications for these payments can be made up to 13 weeks before starting the course, and they are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid any delays in receiving their Centrelink payments. Applicants facing extreme financial need should contact the Department of Social Services/Services Australia to request that their Centrelink application be prioritised. For 3 a) a copy of a Centrelink Healthcare Card showing the names of the parent or guardian and the dependent (both sides of the card); OR For 3 b) both
OR b) A payment listed in Financial Need Category 1.	i. a copy of a Centrelink letter or current Income Statement showing receipt by the parent/guardian of any one of the benefits in Financial Need Category 1 AND ii. evidence that the applicant is under the age of 22, together with a statement confirming that they meet the definition of 'dependent' as published by the Department of Social Services/Services Australia.
4. A person whose income documents demonstrate financial need.	The Applicant's last eight weeks of payslips.

6. Selection criteria

Scholarship Applicants must address the selection criteria (including the Statement of Case on pages 3-4 of the application) to be considered for a scholarship.

Capability

Applicants must provide a written response describing the following:

- a past educational achievement, or achievements, which indicate the Applicant's ability to undertake their Eligible Course of Study; and/or
- a past work achievement, or achievements, which indicate the Applicant's ability to undertake their Eligible Course of Study.

Applicants may support their response by attaching additional documentation, but only where it is relevant and provides evidence of claims made in the written response. Evidence could include academic transcripts, awards or referee statements.

Note that the educational and/or work achievements need not specifically relate to the Eligible Course of Study.

Other considerations

Additional consideration can be given to Scholarship Applicants from one or more categories below. These applicants may be prioritised for receipt of a scholarship.

Category	Evidence
People from areas of high unemployment. *Information on areas of high unemployment are indicated on the Labour Market Information Portal through an address search:	Permanent home address (for example, family home for school leavers) at time of application as stated on the application form. Note the details on permanent home address at Section 5. Scholarship Applicant eligibility
https://lmip.gov.au/maps.aspx?layer=Employment Regions®ion=EmploymentRegion	<u>criteria</u> .
2. People from remote and very remote areas. *Remote and Very Remote areas as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2016. These websites may assist in determining your location: https://itt.abs.gov.au/itt/r.jsp?ABSMaps or <a aiatsis.gov.au="" family-history="" href="https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/heal</td><td>Permanent home address (for example, family home for school leavers) at time of application as stated on the application form. Note the details on permanent home address at Section 5. Scholarship Applicant eligibility criteria.</td></tr><tr><td>workforce-locator#hwc-map 3. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.</td><td>Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Heritage.</td></tr><tr><td>*Further information is available on the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies website: https://aiatsis.gov.au/family-history/you-start/proof-aboriginality	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are not required to provide evidence if they do not wish to be considered under this category.
4. Women studying in fields with low female representation. *Determined by the proportion of female	Proposed course of study as stated on the application form.
students in the narrow field of study as indicated in Department student statistics.	
5. People with disability.	A written statement from a registered health professional attesting to the applicant's condition.
	People with disability are not required to provide evidence if they do not wish to be considered under this category.
6. People affected by natural disasters, such as	Permanent home address (for example, family home for school leavers) at time of application

Category	Evidence
recent drought, flood and bushfire	as stated on the application form.
	In the event a student has been affected by natural disaster, the event must have occurred within the preceding two years of applying for a scholarship.

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7. Scholarship Recipients

7.1 Acceptance of Scholarship offer

Successful Scholarship Applicants must enter into a legally binding Scholarship Agreement with OCTEC Limited.

If there are unreasonable delays by a successful Scholarship Applicant in entering into a Scholarship Agreement, the Scholarship offer may be withdrawn, and the Scholarship may be awarded to another successful Scholarship Applicant. The Scholarship Applicant will be advised prior to the scholarship being withdrawn.

Scholarship Recipients must provide evidence of enrolment in their Eligible Course of Study. OCTEC Limited will confirm this information with the successful Scholarship Applicant following the Applicant's higher education provider's census date. Please note that different higher education providers' have different census dates.

Scholarship Applicants who applied under Financial Need Category 2 (expecting to receive an eligible Centrelink benefit or concession card on commencing their Eligible Course of Study) must provide evidence of applying for an eligible Centrelink benefit or concession card. The Applicant will receive a conditional scholarship offer until the appropriate evidence is provided. No Scholarship payments are made until the Scholarship Recipient provides evidence of receiving an eligible Centrelink benefit or concession card.

Scholarship Recipients should not make financial commitments in reliance on being awarded a Scholarship.

7.2 The Scholarship Agreement

The Scholarship Agreement states the maximum Scholarship amount to be paid and the timeframe over which it is paid, reflecting the value of study assistance corresponding to the course length and mode of study.

If a Scholarship Recipient fails to meet the obligations of the Scholarship Agreement, OCTEC Limited may terminate the Scholarship Agreement. The Scholarship Recipient must return any unspent Scholarship payments.

Scholarship Recipients must continue to demonstrate financial need by satisfying one of the Financial Need Categories (see Section 5.3: Financial Need) for the duration of their Scholarship Program. Ongoing financial need will be demonstrated through a Participation Report as outlined under Reporting below.

Reporting

Scholarship Recipients must provide a written Progress Report following each semester of their Eligible Course of Study. This must include:

- evidence of the Scholarship Recipient's continued enrolment in their Eligible Course of Study;
- units of study attempted and successfully completed to date, in the Eligible Course of Study;
- evidence of continued financial need e.g. change in employment status and/or personal circumstances.

If a Scholarship Recipient ceases undertaking their Eligible Course of Study, they must notify OCTEC Limited immediately.

If a Scholarship Recipient ceases receiving, or receives a different Centrelink benefit or concession card, they must notify OCTEC Limited immediately.

Leave of absence/deferral

In certain circumstances, scholarship payments may be deferred for up to six months. A Leave of Absence/Deferral request must be made directly to OCTEC Limited prior to the Recipient's tertiary education provider's census date.

Under exceptional circumstances a further Absence/Deferral request may be considered. The exceptional circumstance must be outside the control of the recipient and will require documentary evidence supporting it from a professional(s) qualified to provide it.

Adequate progress

Scholarship Recipients must make adequate progress in their Eligible Course of Study.

Adequate progress in a Scholarship Recipient's Eligible Course of Study is defined as:

- successfully completing all the requirements of 50 per cent or more of units of study attempted
 for the course, whether the Recipient is enrolled in a full time or part time Eligible Course of
 Study;
- remaining Enrolled in their Eligible Course of Study; and
- continuing to meet the eligibility criteria for the Scholarship program.

OCTEC Limited may, at its discretion, take Scholarship Recipient's individual circumstances into account when considering action in response to instances of underperformance.

7.3 How the Scholarship payment is paid

Scholarship payment is paid to Scholarship Recipients by OCTEC Limited.

Each scholarship payment is for one half-year period. Once a Scholarship Agreement has been executed, OCTEC Limited makes the first scholarship payment no less than four weeks after the Scholarship Recipient's enrolment has been confirmed following the Recipient's higher education provider's census date.

Subsequent scholarship payments are made for the duration of the Scholarship, no less than four

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weeks after the census date and upon receipt of the Scholarship Recipient's Progress Report for the previous semester.

7.4 Receipt of other support

Scholarship Recipients are permitted to receive support or financial assistance from other sources while participating in the Program, provided they continue to fulfil the Program's ongoing financial need requirement (see Section 8.2 The Scholarship Agreement). This may include, but is not limited to, income from employers, assistance from other Government programs and Scholarships from other education and training providers.

The exception to this is that Scholarship Recipients cannot also be in receipt of scholarship funds from the Commonwealth Scholarship Program for South Australia, except if there is a demonstrated need (e.g. severe financial hardship). A successful Scholarship Applicant may apply to receive funds from both programs and decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

7.5 Scholarship payments and taxation

Scholarship Recipients should note that:

- Study assistance provided to full-time students is exempt from income tax as per Section 51.10, 2.1A of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth).
- Study assistance provided to part-time students is considered assessable income and is <u>not</u> income-tax exempt.

7.6 Scholarship payments and social security payments

Merit or equity-based Scholarship awarded to enable a student to study at an educational institution are treated as exempt income for social security purposes as per Section 8(8) (zjd) of the *Social Security Act 1991* (Cth), to the extent that the payment does not exceed the person's threshold amount for that year.

8. Program Roles and Responsibilities

8.1 Scholarship Applicant responsibilities

Scholarship Applicants are responsible for:

- submitting an accurate and complete application form (including required supporting documentation); and
- ensuring their proposed course of study meets all the requirements to be considered an Eligible Course of Study.

8.2 Scholarship Recipient responsibilities

Scholarship Recipients are responsible for:

- adhering to the terms of the Scholarship Agreement and the Program Guidelines;
- making adequate progress in their Scholarship Program;
- submitting a Progress Report to OCTEC Limited.

8.3 OCTEC Limited responsibilities

OCTEC Limited is responsible for:

- promoting the Program;
- administering the application rounds and selecting Scholarship Recipients;
- monitoring Scholarship Recipients to confirm adherence to the terms of the Scholarship Agreement;
- administering Scholarship payments, including making payments to Scholarship Recipients;
- monitoring Program outcomes;
- Program reporting.

8.4 Conflict of interest

Scholarship Applicants

Scholarship Applicants must declare, as part of their application, any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or that, to the best of their knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

A real or perceived conflict of interest may arise if the Scholarship Applicant has a:

- professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process;
- relationship with, or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the Scholarship Applicant from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently; or
- relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives funding under the Program.

If a Scholarship Applicant later identifies that there is an existing or perceived conflict of interest, or that a conflict of interest might arise in relation to their application, the Scholarship Applicant must inform OCTEC Limited in writing immediately.

OCTEC Limited

All personnel of OCTEC Limited must declare, on an ongoing basis, any perceived or existing conflicts of interest to the OCTEC Board of Directors.

A real or perceived conflict of interest may arise if any personnel of OCTEC Limited have a:

- professional, commercial or personal relationship with a Scholarship Applicant;
- relationship with, or interest in, an organisation that is likely to interfere with or restrict OCTEC
 Limited from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently.

8.5 Privacy: confidentiality and protection of personal information

Scholarship Applicants' and Recipients' personal information is treated according to the Australian Privacy Principles and the *Privacy Act 1988*. This includes informing Scholarship Applicants' and Recipients':

- what personal information will be collected;
- why Scholarship Applicants' and Recipients' personal information is collected; and
- to whom Scholarship Applicants' and Recipients' personal information will be given.

Scholarship Applicants and Recipients are required, as part of their application, to consent to use and disclosure of personal information for the purposes of the Program. Disclosure includes disclosure by OCTEC Limited to the OCTEC Board of Directors and may include publication of personal information of successful Scholarship Applicants.

Personal information will only be used by OCTEC Limited for the purposes of administering the Program.

9. Glossary

Term	Definition
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)	The national policy for regulated qualifications in the Australian education and training system. It incorporates the quality assured qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework.
Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)	The <u>Australian Bureau of Statistics' classification of educational activity</u> by the level and field of the activity.
Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)	The <u>Australian Bureau of Statistics' geographical framework</u> . Its Remoteness Structure classifies Australia into major cities, regional or remote areas based on the area's relative remoteness from services (e.g. health, education or retail).
Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)	The national regulator for Australia's vocational education and training sector.
Eligible Course of Study	Courses eligible for support through a Scholarship. Courses of Study must meet the eligibility requirements listed under Section 5.2 – Eligible Courses of Study.
Eligible Provider	A registered training organisation or higher education provider that meets all the eligibility criteria outlined at Section 5.2 Eligible Courses of Study – Eligible Providers.
Full-time study	As defined by the Eligible Provider of the Eligible Course of Study.
Higher education provider	A provider registered by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) to offer an accredited higher education course.
Progress Report	A report completed by the Scholarship Recipient and given to OCTEC Limited showing continued eligibility for the Scholarship and adequate progress in the Eligible Course of Study.
Personal Information	Has the same meaning as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth).
Program	The OCTEC Limited Glenn Taylor Scholarship Program.
Registered Training Organisation (RTO)	Has the same meaning as in the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011.
Regional or remote area	An area classified as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard.
Scholarship	Means Scholarship payments and other support provided to Scholarship Recipients.

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Term	Definition
Scholarship Agreement	The agreement between the Scholarship Recipient and OCTEC Limited detailing the Scholarship Recipient's responsibilities relating to the Scholarship Program and outcomes that must be achieved. It also sets out the arrangements for the payment of funding for the Scholarship Program to the Scholarship Recipient.
Scholarship Applicant	A student that has submitted a completed application for the Program to OCTEC Limited.
Scholarship Program	The combined study and internship components of the Scholarship.
Scholarship Recipient	A successful applicant with a signed scholarship agreement with OCTEC Limited for the Program.
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics A list of ASCED fields of study considered to be STEM under the Program is at Section 5.2 Eligible Courses of Study - Field of Study.
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)	The national regulator for Australia's higher education sector established under the <i>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011.</i>
Tertiary education	Any qualification on the Australian Qualifications Framework for which a Scholarship is available, i.e. Certificate IV to Doctoral Degree.
VET	Vocational Education and Training.