



ADDENDUM 2

to the Grant Opportunity Notice GO8470 – New Colombo Plan Scholarship Program 2027 Round released on 9 June 2026.

DFAT provides the following information to assist prospective grant applicants. This includes answers to questions received by the New Colombo Plan (NCP) Secretariat between 18 June and 12 pm AEST 3 July 2026.

Questions and Answers:

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1	Can I undertake my internship or language training component in a different city from my study component, provided they are still within the same host location?	Yes, you are permitted to undertake different components of your program in different cities within the same host location. 'Host location' refers to the geographic location(s) in the Indo-Pacific in which the scholar undertakes their scholarship program, as listed in section 5.6.1 of the NCP Scholarship Guidelines. Moving to a new city within your approved host location to begin an internship or language training component is perfectly acceptable.
2	If I hold a diaspora visa or long-term heritage residency card (such as an Overseas Citizen of India card) for my proposed host location, will this affect my eligibility for a scholarship?	Under section 4.1(c) of the NCP Scholarship Guidelines, you cannot be a citizen or permanent resident of your host location, and you are prohibited from participating in the program using a diaspora or family reunion visa. You must contact the host location's official immigration authorities directly to confirm if their laws allow you to enter on another visa type (e.g. regular student visa). If their rules do not permit this, you must select a different eligible host location.
3	No places were available under my home university's exchange partnership with my host institution, so I plan to participate as a fee-paying student. Will the NCP reimburse me for any fee-paying tuition or study abroad fees paid to my Australian home university?	The NCP will not reimburse you for any tuition or study abroad fees paid to your Australian home university. Under section 5.5.2 of the NCP Scholarship Guidelines, DFAT will pay all tuition fees directly to the host institution (or an approved non-profit university-led consortia).
4	Are the Program Support and Administration (PSA) funding amounts listed in the Guidelines guaranteed, fixed	The PSA funding amounts are fixed entitlements per awarded scholar based on their



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	amounts per scholar, or are they indicative "up-to" maximums, and how do universities claim this funding?	confirmed study pathway, not indicative 'up-to' maximums. To receive this funding, universities must submit a request for payment to the NCP program services provider once the scholar has signed their scholarship agreement, with submissions due no later than 28 February 2027. Under Section 5.10 and Section 12.2 of the NCP Scholarship Guidelines, universities must retain adequate records of how they spent the PSA funding and must submit evidence of their supporting activities through an institutional Round completion report.

All other information as set out in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines dated 9 June 2026 remains unchanged.

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