

# Have an education debt?

You can still benefit from salary packaging by:

- ✓ Increasing the value of your take home pay – meaning more in your pocket
- ✓ Paying your education debt off with a portion of your tax savings
- ✓ Reducing the time taken to pay off your education debt

## > Savings example

For example, John is a health professional that earns \$60,000 a year and has a student HELP debt. By salary packaging \$9,010 towards living expenses, John reduces his taxable income and increases his take home pay by \$1,395. The student HELP repayment amount that John is required to pay becomes \$1,983, which is an increase of \$483 a year. This extra amount is covered by the tax saving that John makes by salary packaging, meaning he is effectively paying off his student HELP debt with money he would otherwise be paying as tax.

	Without salary packaging	With salary packaging
Gross salary	\$60,000	\$60,000
Pre-tax living expenses (e.g. rent/mortgage), salary packaged	\$0	(-\$9,010)
Share of Savings	\$0	(\$1,878)
Tax paid (incl. Medicare) <sup>1</sup>	(-\$11,167)	(-\$7,411)
Student HELP debt repayment <sup>1</sup>	(-\$1,500)	(-\$1,983)
Living expenses (e.g. rent/mortgage)	\$9,010	\$0
Take home pay	\$38,323	\$39,718
<b>Difference in take home pay</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>+\$1,395</b>
<b>Time to pay off student HELP debt<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>18 years</b>	<b>13.6 years</b>

## > How to get started

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<sup>1</sup> FY 2022/2023 numbers taken from Australian Taxation Office website. <sup>2</sup> This has been calculated based on the average nursing student HELP debt cost of \$27,000. Without salary packaging: \$27,000/ 1,500 = est. 18 years to pay back student HELP debt. With salary packaging: \$27,000/1,983 = est. 13.6 years to pay back student HELP debt. NSW Health strongly recommends that you obtain independent financial advice prior to entering into, or changing the terms of, a salary packaging arrangement. All benefits available to employees for salary packaging are subject to Share of Savings (as per your employer's policy, half your savings from salary packaging are to be shared with your employer via Share of Savings).