STATEMENT OF VET TUITION ASSURANCE

1. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SCHEDULE 1A TO THE Higher Education Support Act 2003 (the Act) and chapter 3 of the VET Guidelines, Challenger Institute of Technology ABN: 59 818 370 873 (the First Provider) must comply with the VET Tuition Assurance requirements. This is to protect VET students in the event the First Provider ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a VET student is enrolled. The meaning of ‘ceasing to provide a VET course of study’ is set out in the VET Guidelines. A copy of this is available from: www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2013L01509

2. IN THE EVENT THE FIRST PROVIDER CEASES TO PROVIDE a VET course of study in which a VET student is enrolled the VET student is entitled to a choice of either:
   a) an offer of a place in a similar VET course of study with a Second Provider without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (this is known as the “VET Course Assurance Option”).
   b) a refund of their up-front VET tuition fee payments and/or a re-crediting of any FEE-HELP balance for any VET unit of study that the VET student was enrolled or commences but does not complete because the First Provider ceases to provide the VET course of study of which the unit forms part (this is known as the “VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option”).

3. CHALLENGER INSTITUTE HAS MET THE VET TUITION Assurance requirements as specified in the VET Provider Guidelines through its current membership of the TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) Tuition Assurance Scheme (TAS). The TAFE Directors Australia Tuition Assurance Scheme is an approved scheme under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 and is underwritten by QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd. The contact details for TDA are:
   TAFE Directors Australia
   PO Box 707, Broadway NSW 2007
   Phone: (02) 9217 3180
   Email: memberservices@tda.edu.au
   Web: www.tda.edu.au

4. IN THE EVENT THAT CHALLENGER INSTITUTE CEASES to provide a VET course of study, the VET TA Administrator will send a VET student enrolled in the VET course of study a written VET Tuition Assurance Offer (the Offer) advising the VET student of the options available under the VET tuition assurance requirements. The Offer will include directions that the VET student must follow in order to notify the VET TA Administrator of the choice they have made for each affected VET unit. The VET TA Administrator will provide this Offer within twenty business days after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries that the First Provider has ceased to provide the VET course of study.

5. FOR THE PURPOSES OF VET FEE-HELP, ALL COURSES offered by the First Provider in accordance with the course requirements of clause 45 of Schedule 1A to the Act are covered by the Scheme as part of its membership of the Scheme.

6. A VET STUDENT MAY CHOOSE EITHER:
   a) The VET Course Assurance Option:
      • Under the course assurance option, a VET student will be offered a place in a similar VET course of study by the VET TA Administrator. If the VET student accepts this option, the VET TA Administrator will make all necessary arrangements to ensure a VET student is able to enrol with the Second Provider in the similar VET course of study. This offered VET course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification without any requirement on the part of the VET student to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (that is, units that the VET student had commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered). A VET student will receive full credit from the Second Provider for any VET units of study successfully completed at the First Provider.
      • The Second Provider nominated by the VET TA Administrator may have different VET tuition fees to the fees the VET student would have paid for VET units of study which were part of the VET course of study the First Provider ceased to provide but which the VET student had not yet started studying.
   b) The VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option:
      Under the VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option, the VET TA Administrator undertakes to pay the VET student the total of any up-front VET payments already paid by the VET student for any VET units of study the VET student had commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered. VET students selecting this option will also have their FEE-HELP balance re-credited for the uncompleted VET units.

Publication
The method this Statement of VET Tuition Assurance will be made public to VET students will be on Challenger Institute’s website: challenger.wa.edu.au. Challenger Institute will also advise VET students about where the Statement of VET Tuition Assurance may be obtained from as part of their enrolment information.