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IPART seeks comments on the following

17. How should the current annual fee for apprentices and new entrant trainees be converted to a fee per qualification? Should a flat fee across all qualification levels be maintained for apprentices and new entrant trainees?

If you do go down the road of flat fee per course I think the fee should be broken down into a percentage per year. If an apprenticeship is 3 years and the fee is \$300.00 then \$100.00 per year. Reasons being;

- We (and I believe TAFE do the same) don't start training an apprentice until they have paid their annual fee, most apprentices don't have much money, and struggle to pay the annual fee, which pushes back their start date. This can have an effect on the start date of the NSW Training Plan Proposal in which we have 28 days to start training and put in a result.
- If an apprentice pays their annual fee with one RTO then changes after 6 months to another RTO the second RTO would miss out on the fee.

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19 How should government payments to Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) for delivering entitlement and purchased training be staged over the period required to complete the qualification or part-qualification?

20 How should student fee payments be staged over the period of study?

21 Should the current payment arrangements under the Apprenticeship and Trainee Training Program (ATTP) and Strategic Skills Program (SSP) be maintained? If so, should the staged payment of student fees also match these arrangements?

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The other way would be to "pay per module completed" but would this create more paperwork for the RTO and more stress on the overloaded STS system?

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Yes would be easier.

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No should be across the board