	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	
	academic	academic	academic	academic	academic	
	year	year	year	year	year	
Full-time locally-accredited self-financing associate degree programmes						
Means-tested loan						
Number of loan applicants*	7 430	9 135	11 044	10 676	12 389	
Number of applicants receiving loan <sup>#</sup>	2 658	3 436	3 934	3 614	2 909	
Loan amount disbursed (\$ million)	65.10	88.62	103.67	106.20	89.53	
Non-means-tested loan						
Number of loan applicants	4 195	5 045	6 192	5 827	7 399	
Number of applicants receiving loan a	2 469	2 942	3 632	3 196	3 900	
Loan amount disbursed (\$ million)	142.59	174.54	219.17	205.09	180.09	

Full-time locally-accredited self-financing higher diploma programmes						
Means-tested loan						
Number of loan applicants*	10 055	10 902	10 793	10 162	12 288	
Number of applicants receiving loan <sup>#</sup>	2 766	3 105	3 106	2 844	2 607	
Loan amount disbursed (\$ million)	67.98	79.38	82.13	85.10	82.10	
Non-means-tested loan						
Number of loan applicants	4 324	4 932	4 942	4 766	6 332	
Number of applicants receiving loan ^	2 572	2 858	2 996	2 763	3 520	

Loan amount disbursed (\$ million)	2008/09 academic year 142.70	2009/10 academic year 162.40	2010/11 academic year 170.54	2011/12 academic year 175.36	2012/13 academic year 163.79	
Full-time locally-accredited self-financing degree programmes						
Means-tested loan						
Number of loan applicants*	4 458	5 694	6 296	6 922	9 257	
Number of applicants receiving loan <sup>#</sup>	1 940	2 516	2 793	2 970	3 169	
Loan amount disbursed (\$ million)	47.72	63.85	71.59	84.94	94.99	
Non-means-tested loan						
Number of loan applicants	2 886	3 616	3 700	4 029	6 314	
Number of applicants receiving loan ^	1 814	2 266	2 397	2 434	4 152	
Loan amount disbursed (\$ million)	109.91	143.47	153.85	174.08	245.98	

<sup>\*</sup> Students apply for grant and loan concurrently under FASP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> Applicants for means-tested loans are required to go through SFAA's vetting, and the approval rate is about 80%. The number of students receiving loan was smaller than that of applicants because some of the students decided not to take out the loan offered after receiving a grant.

<sup>^</sup> After submitting a NLSPS application, some of the students were offered assistance under FASP and decided not to take out the non-means-tested loan offered.