Information Technology Procedure - Purchasing and Disposal

Section 1 - Purpose

(1) This procedure supports the Information Technology Policy and sets out processes for the purchase and disposal of information and communication technology (ICT), including software, computing, telephony and peripheral devices, at Charles Sturt University (the University).

Scope

(2) This procedure applies to all University employees.

Section 2 - Policy

(3) See the Information Technology Policy

Section 3 - Procedure

Part A - Standard technology purchases

(4) Unless an exemption applies, standard University information and communication technology equipment must be purchased through the University's Computer Shop, in accordance with the Information Technology Policy and Delegation Schedule D - Facilities and Information Technology and the Finance Procedure - Procurement. This includes but is not limited to:

a. computers e.g. desktops and laptops
b. monitors and other accessories
c. servers
d. telephony devices e.g. VoIP handsets
e. smart drives
f. printers
g. software licences.

(5) The costs associated with standard technology purchased by individuals and organisational units are borne by the organisational units.

(6) The Computer Shop will:

a. negotiate with vendors to ensure best value for technology that is to be made available for purchase through the Computer Shop
b. ensure the technology included within the approved standard catalogue is fit for purpose

c. request vendors and preferred suppliers provide a standard level of service via service level agreements to the University.

(7) Staff purchasing standard technology must:

a. seek approval from the appropriate budget centre manager
b. provide budget centre account details for purchases to be charged to
c. complete the Computer Shop order form.

(8) Any technology outside the approved standard catalogue requires prior consultation with the Division of Information Technology. Requests for non-standard items must be submitted through the IT Service Desk or via the New Technology Request process. Approval will be subject to security, risk, and integration assessments, and may require approval by the Chief Information and Digital Officer or delegate.

Exemptions

(9) Standing exemptions, as approved by the Chief Information and Digital Officer (or delegate) for a class of technologies, for an organisational unit, or otherwise. Exemptions will be subject to appropriate security, risk, and expenditure considerations, and in accordance with relevant delegations.

a. Peripheral items may be ordered by organisational units directly from the University's preferred suppliers or as otherwise set out in the Finance Procedure - Procurement.
b. Other exemptions where approved first by the Computer Shop.

Mobile devices

(10) Mobile devices may be approved for eligible employees for genuine business needs (see Delegation Schedule D - Facilities and Information Technology for approval authorities).

(11) Mobile device entitlements are limited to:

a. senior, executive or senior executive leaders – (e.g. Band 6 and above)
b. those required for personal safety where a shared device is not practical
c. those required for critical emergency response where a shared device is not practical
d. shared resources for use within a team (e.g. on-call staff).

(12) Staff are limited to one SIM enabled device per person. If both a phone and tablet are required to undertake duties, the tablet will be Wi-Fi only and use the phone hotspot to access the internet.

(13) Where there is a specific use case for a SIM enabled tablet device aligned to research or other outdoor activity, the budget centre manager can apply to the approval authority for exemption, noting clause 10.

(14) The mobile device must be purchased from the approved mobile device list on the Computer Shop website. Exceptions to this require approval from the appropriate budget centre manager and the Chief Information and Digital Officer.

(15) University-owned mobile devices that are connected to a cellular network must be connected to the University approved mobile telephony service provider under the NSW Government Rate Plan and are provided standard with:

a. unrestricted access (restrictions can be applied upon request)
b. international data roaming disabled. If international data roaming is required for official overseas travel, users

must log an IT Service Desk Request.

(16) For any mobile device connected to the cellular network, usage will be billed against the supplied account code. Monthly charges will detail the device number and amount.

(17) Data usage will be monitored by the Division of Information Technology.

(18) All staff allocated a mobile device must take:

a. reasonable steps to minimise call and data costs
b. responsibility for the device's security and maintaining its good working order.

(19) The Computer Shop will:

a. maintain a list of approved mobile devices on the Computer Shop website
b. register the mobile devices with the University approved mobile telephony service provider.

Multifunction devices

(20) Multifunction devices (MFDs) are the preferred option for all new printing devices. Staff requesting an MFD must:

a. check there is not an MFD in the vicinity that could be used (the Chief Information and Digital Officer (or delegate) may refuse requests if they consider there to be sufficiently accessible MFDs available at a location)
b. contact the Computer Shop for available models. Non-standard business requirements must be discussed and agreed upon with the Computer Shop prior to purchase
c. seek approval from the appropriate budget centre manager.

(21) The Computer Shop will:

a. liaise with the organisational unit and recommend an appropriate model to meet business requirements
b. obtain approval from the Senior Manager, Applications (or delegate) for student use MFDs and printers
c. order the agreed MFD or printer via the University's preferred supplier on behalf of the organisational unit.

(22) Once an MFD or printer has been purchased, the preferred supplier will provide the consolidated usage data file to the Division of Finance for charging.

Part B - Disposal or redeployment of technology

(23) Organisational units are encouraged to update technology to ensure currency and warranty. Technology may be subject to a service fee for devices that are retained beyond the expiry of the warranty.

(24) University-owned technology that is no longer required by an individual or organisational unit must be:

a. disposed of via the Computer Shop, or
b. redeployed (transferred or cascaded) within their section/organisational unit.

(25) The organisational unit must inform the Computer Shop where information technology is redeployed within the section/organisational unit.

(26) University staff are prohibited from:

a. removing non=portable University-owned technology from the university premises without approval by the

relevant portfolio band 6 delegate.

b. taking University-owned information technology when leaving the University
c. donating or selling University-owned technology to others
d. disposing of the technology in landfill or in any other manner.

Disposal

(27) If the surplus technology is to be disposed of, the technology owner must complete the asset disposal form and follow normal University asset disposal processes as set out on the Division of Finance website. Technology that was purchased through the Computer Shop must also be disposed of through the Computer Shop via a request through the IT Service Desk for the technology to be collected.

(28) Disposal arrangements for multifunction devices are to be requested via the Computer Shop. Disposal costs will be borne by the organisational unit that owns the device.

(29) Before disposal, the Computer Shop will:

a. remove all confidential material from the machine
b. ensure software licensed to the University is removed to avoid breaches of copyright and agreements
c. destroy any personal information contained on technology
d. ensure that disposals are carried out in an environmentally responsible manner.

Transfer or cascade

(30) If the technology is to be redeployed via transfer, the responsible organisational unit must:

a. log an IT Service Desk Request asking for the technology to be renamed to the new University staff member or organisational unit, and update account codes if required
b. update their asset register
c. complete and authorise the asset transfer/loan form if the technology is moving to another organisational unit.

(31) The Computer Shop will:

a. rename the technology for the new user or organisational unit
b. update the account code within the Computer Shop database.

(32) If the technology is to be redeployed via cascade, the responsible organisational unit must:

a. log an IT Service Desk Request asking for the technology to be cascaded to another University staff member, or select the 'replace existing machine' option on new purchase order forms
b. paying the cascade fee (if applicable)
c. updating their asset register.

(33) The Computer Shop will:

a. schedule the cascade activities to be undertaken
b. install a new image (where necessary) and rename the computer or technology for the new user or organisational unit.

This document may be varied, withdrawn or replaced at any time. Printed copies, or part thereof, are regarded as uncontrolled and should not be relied upon as the current version. It is the responsibility of the individual reading this document to always refer to the CSU Policy Library for the latest version.

Section 4 - Guidelines

(34) Nil.

Section 5 - Glossary

(35) This procedure uses terms defined in the Information Technology Policy, as well as the following:

a. Asset register - means the register maintained by organisational units to record minor assets (items costing less than $10,000) as per the Finance Procedure - Procurement.
b. Budget centre manager - as defined in the Delegations and Authorisations Policy.
c. Cascade - means to transfer technology from one staff member to another staff member within the same organisational unit.
d. Information and communication technology - means computers and devices used to store, process and receive data, including desktop computers, laptops, monitors and docking stations.
e. Mobile device - means a University supplied mobile phone or tablet devices.
f. Peripheral items - means items attached to a computer to complete tasks. Examples include:
    i. keyboards and mice
    ii. portable projectors
    iii. USB drives
    iv. external hard drives
    v. portable screens
    vi. network cables
    vii. document cameras
    viii. CD and DVD discs
    ix. hands-free handsets and headsets.
g. Multifunction device (MFD) - means a network-attached all-in-one printer, scanner and photocopier.
h. Service level agreement - means a contract between a service provider and customer, specifying what services will be provided.
i. Software – means software licensing for both installed software and software provided as a cloud service.

Status and Details

Status	Current
Effective Date	9th February 2026
Review Date	9th February 2031
Approval Authority	Chief Operating Officer
Approval Date	9th February 2026
Expiry Date	Not Applicable
Unit Head	Alex Tegg Chief Information and Digital Officer
Author	Hannah Madden Executive Officer
Enquiries Contact	Computer Shop