



# Application for a student (temporary) visa

**Read these notes and the information forms 981i *Applying overseas for a student visa* and 982i *Applying in Australia for a student visa* before you fill in this form.**

If you wish to apply to enter Australia as a student, complete in ENGLISH and BLOCK LETTERS this form 157W *Application for a student (temporary) visa*.

You must answer all questions which you are required to answer. The application may be decided on the basis of information in the application. Failure to answer all questions may result in the application being refused. The provision of information which is incorrect may result in cancellation of your visa. For information on the making and processing of visa applications, see the information form 1025i *Visa Applications*. If you need more space to answer any question, write the details on a separate sheet, sign it and attach it to the application form. It is in your interest to provide documentary support for your application and to submit these documents when you lodge your application. A decision on your application will be made on the basis of all the information you provide, your circumstances at the time the application is made and the legal requirements which apply at that time. If your circumstances change in any way after you make your application you must inform us of the new circumstances.

**Applicants who provide false or misleading information may either have their applications refused, or their permission to remain in Australia cancelled.**

### About the information you give on this form

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) is authorised to collect information provided on this form under the *Migration Act 1958*. The information provided will be used for assessing your eligibility for a student (temporary) visa to travel to and enter and/or remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants in settling in Australia or for ensuring compliance with visa conditions.

The information you provide is normally disclosed to agencies authorised to receive information relating to border control, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services law enforcement and taxation. It will also be disclosed to the State or Territory agencies responsible for regulating education providers. In addition, the relevant registered education provider(s) may be told whether or not your visa has been granted. Information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal Information*, available from DIMA offices or from where you collected this form, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

### Charges

Your completed application form (together with the correct visa application charge) can be lodged at the nearest Australian Mission if applying outside Australia, or nearest DIMA office if applying in Australia. The visa application charge is not refundable. If you have paid enrolment or tuition fees and your visa application is unsuccessful, it is your responsibility to obtain a refund of fees.

### Photographs

If applying outside Australia, please enclose four (4) recent passport size photographs of yourself and all family members included in this application.

### Members of the family unit

The term **member of the family unit** covers spouse, dependent children of the applicant or spouse who are unmarried and have not turned 18 and fiancé intending to marry the holder of a student (temporary) visa within three months of arriving in Australia. **School age dependants** are dependent children of the applicant or spouse who are unmarried and are aged between five and eighteen.

If you are planning to join a student in Australia, as a member of the family unit, you will need to complete this form.

If you are a student from a non-gazetted country and will be in Australia for less than 12 months and are undertaking a course of study of less than twelve months duration, members of the family unit may not accompany you to Australia.

### Student (temporary) visa criteria

To be granted a student (temporary) visa you must:

- ♦ be a genuine applicant for entry and stay in Australia as a student
- ♦ be accepted for a full-time course of study that is registered by the Australian Government for overseas students
- ♦ be of good character
- ♦ be of sound health
- ♦ have no outstanding debts to the Commonwealth of Australia
- ♦ seek temporary entry to study in Australia and abide by your visa conditions
- ♦ have sufficient funds to support yourself and members of your family unit in Australia, for the duration of your course
- ♦ if a full fee paying student, have paid the Overseas Student Health Cover (health insurance) for you and any accompanying members of your family unit
- ♦ have made adequate arrangements for the education of any school age dependants (between the age of 5 and 18) and obtained an official Confirmation of Enrolment for Overseas Students (COEOS) form for these dependants.

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### **Conditions that apply to a student (temporary) visa**

The following conditions are the most common ones attached to student (temporary) visas. You should not lodge an application for a student (temporary) visa unless you believe you can meet these conditions:

- ♦ you must leave Australia before your visa expires as it is not valid for the grant of permanent residence
- ♦ you must satisfy course requirements and maintain a valid enrolment
- ♦ you and members of your family unit must not work unless you have been granted permission to work after commencing study in Australia. If permission to work is granted, you are limited to 20 hours a week while your course is in session
- ♦ where permission to work is given to any members of the family unit, they must not work more than 20 hours a week at any time during their stay in Australia. Dependants of Masters or Doctorate students who have been granted permission to work have unrestricted work rights
- ♦ members of the family unit of students from non-gazetted countries undertaking non-award courses and who are not government sponsored cannot be granted permission to work
- ♦ you may only change your education provider after the first twelve months of your principal course, even if you are undertaking a prerequisite course or courses. If your principal course is less than 12 months, you must remain with your provider for the duration of that course. You may apply to DIMA to change your education provider during the first year of study only in exceptional circumstances
- ♦ students and their dependants must inform their education provider within seven days of their arrival in Australia of their current residential address and must advise any changes of address within seven days
- ♦ adequate health insurance cover must be maintained.

Your student (temporary) visa will list the conditions that apply specifically to you. A breach of a visa condition may result in cancellation of permission to stay in Australia.

### **Special rules for some students**

If outside Australia, you usually lodge your application for a student (temporary) visa **after** you have enrolled in a course and paid the tuition fees to the education provider. However, you must lodge your application for a Student (Temporary) Visa **before** you enrol in a course and pay the tuition fees if you are not government sponsored and you are not a citizen of a country included in the list of gazetted countries. A list of gazetted countries is set out in the information form 981i *Applying overseas for a student visa*.

In these cases a preliminary assessment will be made on your application for a student (temporary) visa and you will be advised of the outcome of that assessment by the Immigration Section of the Australian Mission. If the assessment is satisfactory you will be advised by letter when to confirm your enrolment at the institution where you intend to study.

**A number of factors will be considered when assessing your application and these are listed in the information form 981i *Applying overseas for a student visa*. You should read this information form and assess your prospects before lodging an application for a student (temporary) visa.**



# Application for a student (temporary) visa

# Form 157W

- ◆ Please attach a recent passport photograph of:
  - ◆ yourself
- AND
- ◆ all members of the family unit included in this application

**1 Are you applying**  for yourself  
 for yourself and family  
 as a member of the family unit of a student in Australia

**2 How many people are included in this application?**

### Your personal details

**3 Your surname**  
 In English   
 Ethnic script

**4 Your given names**  
 In English   
 Ethnic script

**5 Your previous names (including maiden name)**

**6 Your sex**  Male  Female

**7 Your marital status:** Never married  Married  Divorced   
 Separated  De facto  Widowed

**8 Your date of birth** (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

**9 Your place of birth**  
 Town   
 State/Province   
 Country

### Your citizenship details

**10 Your present country of citizenship**

**11 Do you hold any other citizenship?**  
 No   
 Yes  > Which countries?

### Your passport details

**12 Do you have a passport?**  
 No   
 Yes  > Passport number   
 Valid until:  DAY MONTH YEAR

### Identification numbers

**13 Where applicable, give your identification numbers:**  
 Identity card   
 Social Security Card   
 Chinese commercial code   
 Alien registration

**14 If you have any other identity number required by your government, give details:**  
 Type of number   
 Your number   
 Type of number   
 Your number

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## Previous visa applications

### Warning

In general, a person can only hold one visa at a time. If you are granted a visa while you already have another, the first visa will cease automatically when the new visa is granted.

**15** Have you or any other person included in this application previously applied for any type of Australian Visa? Yes  No

Do you currently hold a visa? Yes  No

Are you currently awaiting a decision on another visa application? Yes  No

Provide details below

Name

Date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Type

Place

Application: Refused  Granted

Visa number (if granted)

Name

Date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Type

Place

Application: Refused  Granted

Visa number (if granted)

## Your address details

**16** Your postal address for correspondence

  
  

**17** Country of usual residence

**18** Your residential address in your home country

  
  

**19** Your telephone numbers in your home country

Home (  ) (  )

Work (  ) (  )

**20** Residential address in Australia (if known)

  
  

**21** Other addresses where you and others aged sixteen years and over included in this application have LIVED TOGETHER for two years or more during the last ten years (Addresses before sixteenth birthday are not required)

  
  

Period

  
  

Period

  
  

Period

**22** Give details of any immediate relatives in Australia (ie parents, spouse, child, brother, sister)

Name

Relationship

Date of birth

Address

  
  

Status in Australia (e.g. temporary or permanent resident)

Date of arrival in Australia

**23** Give details of your closest relative in your home country (who is not accompanying you nor joining you in Australia)

Name

Address

  
  

Telephone  
(  ) (  )



## Your English language details

**27** At what level would you assess your current standard of English? (Please give documentary evidence of your current level of English if available)

Nil  Elementary  Intermediate  Advanced

## Australian study details

**28** Which course(s) in Australia do you wish to attend? (Please attach documentary evidence)

Course name

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body  
  
Postcode

Commencement date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Finish date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Duration

Have you enrolled? No  Yes

Course name

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body  
  
Postcode

Commencement date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Finish date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Duration

Have you enrolled? No  Yes

Course name

Name of education provider or training body

Address of education provider or training body  
  
Postcode

Commencement date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Finish date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Duration

Have you enrolled? No  Yes

**29** Give details of all your previous studies in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Course

Year

Name of education provider or training body

Course

Year

## Your employment details

**30** Are you currently employed?

Yes  > Name and address of your employer

Postcode

Commencement date (DAY MONTH YEAR)   
of employment  
(Please attach documentary evidence)

Does your employer support your application to study in Australia? No  Yes

Please attach a letter to this effect from your employer Not held  Held

Do you speak English in your current employment? No  Yes

Is English a requirement in your current employment? No  Yes

No  > Are you: a student   
unemployed   
other  > please describe

Why do you wish to undertake the course of study you have nominated?



Loan from a financial institution

> Name of financial institution

Address

Amount borrowed

How do you propose to repay the loan?

Other financial support or information relevant to your financial situation

> Give details

**34** If you have dependants who are neither accompanying you nor joining you in Australia, how will they be financially supported while you are in Australia? (Give full details)

### Additional information

**35** Is there any other information or documentation you would like to be taken into consideration?

Remember that a decision will be based on the information you provide in this application.

No  Yes  > Give details below and attach any relevant documents to Page 9

### Health and character details

**36** Have you, or any member of the family unit included in this application and who will be accompanying you to Australia ever had, or currently have tuberculosis or any other serious disease (including mental illness), condition or disability?

No

Yes  > Is the disease, condition or disability one that:

♦ requires or is likely to require medical, hospital or special care? No  Yes

♦ is likely to be a cost to the Australian community? No  Yes

♦ is likely to endanger the Australian community? No  Yes

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, provide all relevant details below

**37** Have you, or any member of the family unit included in this application and who will be accompanying you to Australia:

♦ been convicted of a crime or offence in any country? No  Yes

♦ been acquitted of any criminal or other offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? No  Yes

♦ been deported, removed, excluded from, or required to leave any country? No  Yes

♦ left any country voluntarily before being deported or removed? No  Yes

♦ been involved in any activities which would represent a risk to Australian national security? No  Yes

♦ ever committed, or been involved in the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights? No  Yes

♦ any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? No  Yes

If you answered Yes to any of the above, you must give ALL relevant details below. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

**38** Did you receive help completing this form?

No  Yes  > Provide details

Person's name

Their address

Migration agent registration number (if applicable)

Were you charged a fee for this help?

No  Yes



Attachments should be fixed here

### Payment details

#### 39 How will you pay your application charge?

Cheque  > Please check with the diplomatic mission where you intend to lodge your application whether or not you can pay by cheque

Cash  > Please do not send cash through the mail

Money order  EFTPOS (in Australia only)  > Not available for mailed applications

### Declaration

The following declaration must be signed and dated by all people over the age of 18 included in this application.

Parents/guardians must complete the declaration on behalf of any children under the age of 18 years or any person who lacks the legal capacity to sign on their own behalf.

40 I certify the information supplied on or with this form is correct. If granted a visa, I will abide by its conditions which I have read in the notes attached to this application form. I am aware that I must immediately advise DIMA if I become aware that any information provided in this form is incorrect or if there is a change in my circumstances at any time before I am immigration cleared in Australia.

Signature

Date

(DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Signature

Date

(DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Signature

Date

(DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

I am also satisfied with the reception, care and support arrangements that have been made in Australia for my dependent child under 18 years.

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

(DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

(DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

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