Student visa holder tip sheet

Changing courses

Can I transfer to another course or education provider?

If you have completed at least six months of your principal* course, you can obtain a new confirmation of enrolment (COE) for a different course with another education provider. Make sure you notify your current education provider of your transfer.

If you have not completed at least six months of your principal course, you may still change to another course with the same provider. However, if you wish to enrol with a different education provider, you will need to obtain a release letter from your current education provider. Once a release letter is issued, you may enrol with another education provider.

What can I do if my provider refuses my deferral / release request?

You should first access the internal appeal process with your education provider. If you are still not satisfied, you can appeal the provider's decision at an external complaint handling body, see the making complaints student visa holder tip sheet for more information.

** A principal course is the highest qualification course in which the visa was granted. This is usually the final course on the confirmation of enrolment (COE) that was submitted with the visa application for which the student visa was granted*.

Further information is available at www.immi.gov.au/students/