

Student visa holder tip sheet

Orientation visa information

Do you know your education provider's course attendance or progression policy?

You need to contact your student support officer at your education provider to enquire about their policy in regards to course attendance or progress. If your education provider determines that you have not met your course requirements or your attendance falls below 80 per cent you will be at risk of being reported to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship which could mean that your visa is considered for cancellation.

Stay with your principal education provider for six months of your principal course

You must stay with your principal education provider for at least six calendar months of the principal course for which your visa was granted. If you wish to transfer to another education provider you must be granted permission by your education provider and you will be asked to submit a letter of release for consideration. You should discuss this with your student support officer at your education provider.

Maintain current contact details

You must keep your contact details up to date at all times. When you change your address, get a new email or telephone number, make sure you update your details with your education provider within seven days.

Deferring your studies

If you have commenced your course and need to withdraw or defer your studies, your education provider may grant a deferral for compassionate or compelling reasons. You should discuss this with your student support officer.

Overseas student health cover

The department requires all international students and their families on dependant student visas have medical insurance for the full duration of the visa.

Working while studying

On a student visa you can work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight* during each session and unlimited hours during scheduled course breaks. You cannot start work until you begin your course in Australia.

**A fortnight means any period of 14 days commencing on a Monday and finishing at the end of the second Sunday. If you have a Postgraduate Research Sector (Temporary) (subclass 574) visa, no work limits apply once you have commenced your masters by research or doctorate course in Australia.*

What happens if I do not comply with my visa conditions?

If you have not complied with your visa conditions your visa may be subject to cancellation. If your visa is subject to cancellation you will be sent a notice of intention to consider cancellation to your last known address. Therefore it is essential to have your contact details updated. You should follow the instructions on the notice of intention to consider cancellation letter.

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