International Student Information Sessions

National Code 2007 Changes

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Why Have The Rules Changed?
- Federal Government reviewed the laws that govern how education providers provide education to international students in 2005
- A new National Code was written to address the issues raised in the review
- New Rules came into effect on 1 July 2007

How Does this Affect Me?
- ALL education providers in Australia must follow new rules
- Changes to Student Visa Conditions
- Changes to enrolment requirements
- Changes to other rules

Full Time/Part Time Study Rules

Previous Rules
- Must maintain full time enrolment unless in final session
- 18 credit points per session acceptable
- Most international students extend their course duration (extend Confirmation of Enrolment)

New Rules
- Complete course within duration on COE
  - Timeframes set on CRICOS as 12 credit points per intake
- No longer Full Time/Part Time or “acceptable loads”
- Enrolling to complete your course in the set duration
- Extension of course duration only allowed in restricted circumstances
Full Time/Part Time Study Rules

• What does this mean for you?
  – Most International Students will need to complete 12 credit points per intake or 24 credit points per session

Can I extend my course duration?

– International students are only able to extend their course duration in restricted circumstances

Reasons for extension of course duration

– Under compassionate and compelling circumstances
– Activation of Intervention Strategy
– Approved leave of absence or deferral of studies

Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances (1)

– Defined as "generally those [circumstances] that are beyond the control of the student and which have an impact upon the student’s course progress or well being”.
– Specific information available on International Student Website
– Submit an Application to Reduce Study Load via SOLS until the Census Date (last day to withdraw without Financial Penalty)
– Available from Friday 6 July 2007

Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances (2)

– Two types of applications
  LEVEL 1: Variation of enrolment from 24 credit points to 18 credit points in a session
  LEVEL 2: Variation of enrolment from 24 credit points to a part time load

Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances (3)

– LEVEL 1: Variation of enrolment from 24 credit points to 18 credit points in a session
  – Submit appropriate documentation
– LEVEL 2: Variation of enrolment from 24 credit points to a part time load (or 12 credit points to part time load in an intake)
  – Submit appropriate documentation PLUS Evidence of Academic Support
  • Needs to be from Course Coordinator or Deputy Dean
**Full Time/Part Time Study Rules**

- **Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances (4)**
  - All applications will be assessed and students will be notified by SOLSMail.
  - Applications are **NOT** automatically approved.

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**Scenarios**

- As an international student you are having problems coping with the 12 credit points you are enrolled in an intake. What should you do?
  1. See your Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officer (SEDLO)
  2. See your Course Coordinator
  3. Already received help and have academic support to reduce study – apply to Reduce Study Load via SOLS

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**What is a SEDLO??**

Ann-Maree Smith

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**Full Time/Part Time Study Rules**

- **Intervention Strategy (1)**
  - If you have failed 50% or more over two intakes (failed 2 or 3 subjects) you will be placed on a Course Progress Status.
  - If you are on Probation you are required to submit a statement to your Deputy Dean explaining your poor progress.
  - Can also ask for an intervention strategy.
  - Deputy Dean only person able to approve an Intervention Strategy.

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**Full Time/Part Time Study Rules**

- **Intervention Strategy (2)**
  - The Intervention Strategy may include:
    - Prescribed Programs (restricted load, specific subjects, or study plans)
    - Leave of Absence
    - Language and learning support
    - Referral by Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officer (SEDLO) to appropriate services and other personal support options (internal and external to UOW)
    - Academic Advice from Associate Dean, Sub Dean, or delegate as appropriate to circumstance
    - Existing Faculty based remedial programs and arrangements (PASS, etc.)
Leave of Absence Rules

- **Previous Rules**
  - Only able to take leave in VERY restricted circumstances
    - Bereavement
    - Medical circumstances

- **New Rules**
  - Able to take leave in more circumstances
    - Compassionate and Compelling
      (definition is same definition as previous)
    - Provide appropriate original or original certification evidence of circumstances

Scenario

- You are an international student and wish to return home for Intakes C and D to look after your sick mother. Your mother has just had a knee replacement. Can you take leave?

Enrolment Suspension and Termination

- **New Rules**
  - New timeframes that have been implemented
    - All students now have 20 working days to appeal cessation of enrolment
    - Appeals to commence investigation within 10 working days
  - Advise students of external appeals
  - Report to DEST appeal information

Course Credit

- **New Rules**
  - As course credit may alter your course duration
    - This may result in decrease the your allowed course duration
  - A new COE will be issued when credit is placed on your record
  - You are required to accept course credit – SOLSMail will be sent
  - If a new COE required will be automatically emailed to your University email within 10 working days

Changing Provider Rules

- **Previous Rules**
  - Student visa condition 8206
  - Required to stay at their principal provider for 12 months
  - Can apply for Letter of Release
Changing Provider Rules

- New Rules
  - Students able to change providers after 6 months study at principal provider
  - No longer student visa condition – up to institutions
  - Student Visa Condition was listed off all Student Visa’s on 1 July 2007
  - Specific parameters on release policy and procedures
  - Specific information available on Website
  - Apply now via SOLS (Available Friday 6 July 2007)

Questions?

- Please ask your questions
  
  WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!!
- Write questions on pink slips
- Can elect to ask questions in Mandarin

Still Have Questions?

- International Student Website
  
  www.uow.edu.au/student/international/
- StudentCentral
  
  1300 ASK UOW (1300 275 869)