Your Student Visa and You

Information for International Students

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International Student Website!

www.uow.edu.au/student/international

Student Administration and Visa Information available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week!

FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE
Further Enquiries?

Student Central

Ground Floor, Building 17

Phone: (02) 4221 3927

Fax: (02) 4221 4322

Email: studenq@uow.edu.au
Changes to rules governing International Students & their Study
Changes to Rules

♦ New Rules for International Students from 1 July 2007

♦ Information given in this Orientation is only current for Autumn Session 2007

♦ Students will be advised of changes as soon as possible
Changes to Rules

♦ Where to get Information?

www.uow.edu.au/student/international
Click on link under Current Issues

*There is no need to be anxious about the changes as the University is currently working towards implementing the new rules.*
Student Visas and Conditions
Student Visa Conditions

♦ Every visa has conditions that you **MUST** comply with

♦ Mandatory conditions are always in place, even if it is not listed on your visa label

**Check YOUR student visa to see what conditions you have!**

If you hold a non student visa, please take your passport to Student Central in Building 17 to update our records.
Student Visa Conditions

If you do not comply with your student visa conditions, your student visa may be cancelled!
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8202 – Meet Course Requirements

- Be Enrolled Full Time Every Session
- Must make Satisfactory Academic Progress for each Intake or Session of Study
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ What is Full Time Study?

• Click on link on website for list
  www.uow.edu.au/student/international

PLEASE NOTE  From 1 July 2007 there will be new rules for international students that will apply to all current international students
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

Having Difficulties?

♦ Seek Help Early
See your Course Coordinator
SEDLO
Learning Development
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

You will not be reported to DIAC if you are placed on Probation. Only if you reach the final step of exclusion.
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8206 – No Change of Provider

- Must remain with UOW for first 12 Months
- If you want to transfer within the first 12 months then you need to apply for a Letter of Release
  THIS IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY GIVEN
  You MUST have exceptional circumstances

See International Student Administration Website for more information
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8501 – Maintain Overseas Health Cover (OSHC)

- Must have OSHC for the duration of your student visa
- If your OSHC expires and you are sick or injured then you could face expensive medical bills
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8533 – Notify Provider of Address

• Advise University of your LIVING address within 7 days of enrolment or change of address

• MUST BE LIVING ADDRESS
  not post office box, agent or Faculty address

• Update your address via SOLS anytime
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8101 – No Work

- You cannot work in Australia
- Placed on all student visas initially
- You can apply for permission to work

See International Student Administration Website for more information
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8105 – Limited Work

• Applied and received permission to work

• During Session – CAN ONLY WORK 20 Hours per week
• Session Breaks – can work unlimited hours

Your studies must be your #1 PRIORITY. Work grounds are NOT grounds for Special Consideration
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8516 – Satisfy Visa Requirements

- Must continue to satisfy the requirements for the granting of your student visa
- Example – sufficient financial capacity to support your study and living costs while in Australia

See International Student Administration Website for more information
Student Visa Conditions

♦ Other Visa Conditions

• Are more conditions
• Confirm with DIAC what YOUR visa conditions are
• Full list available on www.immi.gov.au

See International Student Administration Website for more information
Ceasing Study
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♦ Ceasing your studies

- Must notify the University
- Go to International Student Administration Website for process information
- If you do not let the University know then your student visa may be cancelled!

See International Student Administration Website for more information
Ceasing Study

♦ Just taking leave?

- Can apply for up to 12 months leave
- Restricted circumstances
- If not one of restricted circumstances then you will need to return home and re-apply for student visa
- Must notify us **before** you leave

See International Student Administration Website for more information
How to Avoid Student Visa Problems

♦ Be Aware of Your Student Visa Conditions

- Know what YOUR conditions are
- Get help early

See International Student Administration Website for more information
How to Avoid Student Visa Problems

♦ Check your SOLSMail Regularly

• International Student Officer will always send you a SOLSMail if you are found to be in breach of your visa conditions
• If you get a SOLSMail – DON’T PANIC. They give you a chance to amend your enrolment

BUT DO NOT IGNORE THE MESSAGES!
If you do then your situation may be reported to DIAC.
How to Avoid Student Visa Problems

♦ Pay your Fees
  • Pay your fees on time
    – We cannot extend the due date
  • If you do not pay your fees on time your enrolment will be cancelled
  • To be reinstated you will be required to pay the outstanding tuition fees PLUS $450 late fee and $100 reinstatement fee

If you remain cancelled, the University will advise DIAC

Check your Fee Statement on SOLS & read your SOLSMail Messages!

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