Information for Schools: ENROLLING STUDENTS WITH VISAS

NB: Only the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) or a registered Migration Agent can give advice about visas. The following is advice for schools wishing to enrol students who have a valid visa already.

Overseas students hold temporary visas, including temporary resident visas, student visas, visitor visas, and bridging visas. They do not include permanent residents or New Zealand and Norfolk Islander passport holders. (DEEWR definition).


If schools wish to check with DEEWR directly the contact number is 1800 677 027 (option 2, then option 2 again). It is recommended schools make file notes of advice given.

### OVERVIEW OF ENROLLING STUDENTS WITH VISAS

There are four (4) ways students with temporary visas can be enrolled:

1. As a full fee paying overseas student with a temporary subclass 571 visa
   - School must be CRICOS registered
   - Student visa is only possible for studies longer than 3 months
   - Student is not eligible for commonwealth funding – the student pays full fees

2. As a secondary exchange student with a 571 student visa
   - School does not need to be CRICOS registered
   - Student does not pay fees because of conditions under exchange programs

3. Student has a tourist visa
   - Student can study for up to 3 months per visa (not 3 months in one school and then 3 months in another one)
   - School does not need to be CRICOS registered
   - Fees are usually pro-rata for full fees (but schools can check with DEEWR if they wish)
   - Schools check if school insurances apply for activities on or off premises, PLI, etc
   - Schools should ensure students have appropriate health cover

4. Student is a dependant of a temporary visa holder
   - School does not need to be CRICOS registered
   - Check DEEWR definitions “Classes of persons who are not overseas students” [https://schools.dest.gov.au/ssp/help/html/coi/student_definitions.html#Not_Overseas_Students](https://schools.dest.gov.au/ssp/help/html/coi/student_definitions.html#Not_Overseas_Students) or visa subclasses that can be claimed on census for GRG funding if other conditions are met
   - School determines if student pays domestic or full fees on basis of eligibility for government funding
   - School should check student is not enrolled for a period of time past parent’s visa expiry date
   - It is useful if schools give parents a letter confirming enrolment details and payment of fees as this provides evidence of fulfilling a visa condition requiring enrolment of dependants if in Australia for more than 3 months.

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