Australia’s Student Visa Programme
Total offshore student visa application trends

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Recent reforms to the Student Visa Programme

- Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) Requirement – November 2011
- Streamlined Visa Processing arrangements – 24 March 2012
- Post-study work arrangements – 23 March 2013
Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement

• Foundation stone of the Student Visa Programme.

• Has made other reforms, such as streamlined visa processing arrangements possible.

• An important integrity measure.

• Not designed to exclude students who develop appropriate skills to obtain further temporary visas or permanent residency through labour market programmes.

• Assessment of the GTE requirement is based on a holistic consideration of all the applicant’s circumstances to determine whether, on balance, it is likely that the applicant is a genuine student and genuinely intends a temporary stay.
Temporary Graduate (Subclass 485) Visa

Applicants must apply through either the Graduate Work stream or the Post-Study Work stream of the Subclass 485 visa

Graduate Work stream
Available to international students who have recently graduated with skills and qualifications that relate to an occupation that is in demand in the Australian labour market, as determined by the Skilled Occupation List.

Post-Study Work stream
Available to international students who applied for, and were granted, their first student visa to Australia on or after 5 November 2011 and have recently graduated with an eligible higher education qualification from an Australian educational institution, regardless of their field of study.
Visa Validity

Graduate Work stream
All applicants – 18 months with no restrictions on work

Post-Study Work stream
Visa validity contingent upon level of study:
  • Bachelor Degree (incl. Honours) – 2 years
  • Masters by Coursework Degree – 2 years
  • Masters (Extended) Degree – 2 years
  • Masters by Research Degree – 3 Years
  • Doctoral Degree – 4 Years

No restrictions on work
Simplification of the Assessment Level Framework

- Removal of AL4 and AL5, with former AL4 applicants instead to be subject to AL3.

- Financial requirements for AL3 applicants reduced from 18 months to 12 months with the condition that funds are provided by the applicant or a close relative of the applicant.

- No change for AL1 and AL2 applicants.
Extended Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP) from 22 March 2014

- Extension of SVP to 19 non-university higher education sector providers
- Education provider responsibilities under SVP
- SVP and the AL Framework
- On 26 May 2014 the Australian government announced it will extend SVP to eligible education providers who offer Advanced Diplomas. Proposed implementation from November 2014.
Does the student intend to study at a participating provider?

- YES
  - Has the student provided a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) for all their intended courses provided at visa lodgement?
    - YES
      - Does the student intend to study a course at the bachelor, masters or doctoral degree level or are they participating in a student exchange or study abroad programme?
        - YES
          - Application is streamlined
        - NO
          - Are all courses that the student intends to study at a participating provider?
            - YES
              - Application is streamlined
            - NO
              - Are all preliminary courses at one of the participating provider’s nominated educational business partners?
                - NO
                - Application is not streamlined. Application is assessed under applicable AL (determined by applicant’s passport country and main course of study)
            - NO
        - NO
  - NO
# SVP and the AL Framework

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**The Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement**
- Underpinned by Ministerial Direction 53
- Applies to SVP and AL Framework applications
More Information


Includes:

- Streamlined Visa Processing Arrangements
- Assessment Level Framework
- Temporary Graduate Visa and Post Study Work
- Genuine Temporary Entrant requirement
- Other relevant fact sheets and FAQs