

Information for parents of under 18 students



Australian immigration regulations

You will not be allowed to study in Australia while you are under 18 years of age unless:

- you are accompanied by a parent or legal custodian,
- you stay with a suitable relative, or
- your education provider provides a written statement saying that your accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements are appropriate.

The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) regulations for students who are going to live with a relative nominated by their parent/legal custodian require that the relative:

- be the student's brother, sister, step-parent, step-brother, step-sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, step-grandparent, step-aunt, step-uncle, step-niece or step-nephew,
- be aged over 21 years,
- have the right to remain in Australia until the student's visa expires or the student turns 18 years-of-age (whichever happens first), and
- show that they are of good character, by providing evidence of a police clearance in the country or countries in which they have resided for more than 12 months in the past 10 years after the age of 16.

For more information please see the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) website at www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

The eligibility information applies to all under 18 international students applying to come to Australia regardless of their visa subclass.

Deakin University regulations

- All under 18 students must either:
 - > live with an eligible relative (as defined by DHA) who is nominated by their parent, or legal custodian
 - or
 - > live in accommodation arranged through and approved by Deakin and go into care arrangements with a professional care agency listed by Deakin University.
- Approved accommodation for bachelor degree students and DUELI students is a Homestay that is arranged by a Deakin University-approved provider. The student must remain in approved accommodation until turning 18, including any period of non-enrolment.
- Care arrangements must be in place for the entire period until the student turns 18 (including any period of non-enrolment).
- While the student is under 18, any changes to accommodation and/or carer arrangements must be approved by Deakin University or the enrolment of the student may be terminated.
- Students are not allowed to travel to Australia before the nominated welfare period start date as detailed on the confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation/Welfare Arrangements (CAAW).

Procedure for students whose parents can nominate an eligible relative with whom the student will reside

1. On receipt of an application for an under 18 student, Deakin International will send you a copy of:
 - a. Information for Parents of Under 18 Students (which you are reading now), and
 - b. Parent's Declaration Form
2. You will advise Deakin International Admissions that you can nominate an eligible relative with whom the student will reside until turning 18 by completing the Parent's Declaration Form appropriately.
3. DHA will require you to produce proof of the relationship, of the relative's right to remain in Australia while the student is studying and of their good character before issuing a student visa.
4. Upon arrival in Australia, your son or daughter is encouraged to make contact with the International Student Adviser (ISA) at the campus where they are going to study.

Procedure for students whose parents cannot nominate an eligible relative with whom the student will reside

1. On receipt of an application for an under 18 student, Deakin International will send you a copy of:
 - a. Information for Parents of Under 18 Students (which you are reading now),
 - b. Parent's Declaration Form,
 - c. Confirmation of Appointment of Carer Form,
 - d. Homestay Application for DUELI Students, and
 - e. Homestay Information for DUELI Students.
2. Please advise Deakin International Admissions that you cannot nominate an eligible relative with whom the student will reside by completing the Parent's Declaration form appropriately together with certified copies of parent's ID e.g. passport/s showing signature.
3. Please complete the Confirmation of Appointment of Carer Form by nominating an approved care agency from the list below and sending the signed Confirmation of Appointment of Carer Form to the agency. You will also need to send payment to the care agency. The care agency will sign this form and return it to Deakin International.
4. Please read the Homestay Information and complete the Homestay Application form and return it to DI for processing. Under 18 students must stay in accommodation arranged through and approved by Deakin University. Approved accommodation for bachelor degree students and DUELI students is Homestay (arranged by a Deakin University approved provider). The student must remain in approved accommodation for the entire period until turning 18.
5. DI Admissions will verify that care arrangements and accommodation arrangements are in order and issue a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation/Welfare Arrangements Form (CAAW Form).
6. Upon payment of tuition fees a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) will be sent to you together with the CAAW Form. Please take the COE and the CAAW Form to an Australian Diplomatic Mission to apply for a visa for your son or daughter.
7. Your son or daughter is strongly encouraged to make contact with their care agency immediately upon arrival in Australia. They are also encouraged to contact the International Student Adviser (ISA) at the campus where they are studying.

Care agencies listed with Deakin University

1. ISA Guardian & Welfare Services

Mr. Ivan McKinney
Suite 20/Level 1 - 108 Bourke Street,
Melbourne 3000
Phone: +61 3 9663 2887
Mobile: +61 401 995 900
Fax: +61 3 8678 1317
Skype: isa-ivan
Email: info@studentguardians.com
Website: www.studentguardians.com

2. Professional Student Care (Australia) Pty Ltd

Suite 12, 241-243 Blackburn Road,
Mount Waverley,
VIC 3149, Australia
Phone: +61 3 8838 8976
Fax: +613 8677 6500
Email: info@pscaustralia.com.au
Website: www.pascaustralia.com.au

3. A & J Student Care Services

Mr. Jessy Kakerissa
PO Box 5139, Hughesdale VIC 3166,
Australia
Phone: +61 3 9801 2251
Mobile: +61 419 319 633
Fax: +61 3 9801 2253
Email: ajstudentcare@bigpond.com
Website: www.guardians4student.com.au

Homestay agency listed with Deakin University

1. Student Accommodation Services Pty Ltd

Suite 3, 259 Bell Street,
Preston, VIC 3072, Australia
Phone: +61 3 9485 1900
Mobile: +61 413 754 267
Fax: +61 3 9495 0001
Email: deakin@student-accommodation.com.au