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Deakin is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all members of the Deakin community, including offering timely, tailored support to students who are affirming, seeking to affirm or have affirmed their gender.

Where to start

A good place to start is the Student Gender Affirmation webpage where you can [request support](#) and connect with an Inclusion Officer that is trained to assist you in a number of ways including providing advice on:

- How and where to enter a preferred name
- How to update your legal name
- How to change the way your gender is recorded, and
- Other available supports to help you to complete your studies

Changing your Personal Details

The gender affirmation process is different for everyone but it may involve changing personal details such as your name and/or title to align with your affirmed gender. The table on page 2 details how to change your personal details at Deakin and outlines associated evidence requirements. Remember, Inclusion Officers at Student Central are available to help you navigate all of the changes listed on page 2.

Important note

Students who change their name and/or gender also need to be aware of the potential consequences that could result if their Deakin records do not match with records from Government agencies such as the Australian Taxation Office, Student Identifiers Registrar or Centrelink. It is the responsibility of all students to communicate changes to personal details with all relevant organisations. Refer to the [Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender](#) for more information.

Further, international students also need to be aware of the potential visa issues that could result if their Deakin records do not match with passport, visa or confirmation of enrolment documentation. Before updating any personal details, please carefully consider the implications to laws, your responsibilities or future activities in your home country.



How to change your personal details

| Personal Details | Details | Evidence Required |
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| Preferred Name | If your name does not appear as you would like in DeakinSync, StudentConnect and/or Cloud Deakin, it is possible to enter a preferred name in StudentConnect at any time without having to formally change your legal name. The option to update your preferred name is under personal details in the left-hand menu of StudentConnect . | No |
| Title | You can update your title at any time by visiting the Change your personal details page and completing the Change your details form. Title options include: Mx (non-binary), Ms, Mrs, Miss or Mr. | No |
| Legal Name | You can update your legal name provided you have the certified documentation to support the change. Acceptable forms of evidence are listed on the Change your personal details page and include a birth certificate with change of name details*. | Yes |
| Gender | You can update your gender by visiting the Change your personal details page and completing the Change your details form. Gender options include: Trans/gender diverse, Male and Female | No |
| Email and Username | An email address and/or username can only be changed under certain circumstances, including legal name change and gender affirmation. You can request a change to your email address and/or username by contacting an Inclusion Officer through the Student Gender Affirmation website . | |
| New ID Card | If you require a new ID card please contact a staff member at Student Central who can assist with producing you a new ID card. | |

* Victorian law changed in May 2020 and it is now easier for people born in Victoria to change their name and the record of sex shown on their birth certificate without undergoing surgery. Please refer to [Births Deaths and Marriages Victoria](#) for more information on changing your name and your record of sex at the same time.

Support and further information

Support at Deakin

If you are experiencing mental health or medical difficulties due to affirming your gender and require adjustment for your studies, the [Disability Resource Centre](#) (DRC) can provide support.

The DRC promotes inclusion and access, and provides information and services for students with a disability, health or mental health condition, temporary or ongoing, that affects your study or participation in university life.

Support and adjustments may vary depending on the needs of each individual. These adjustments can be identified for you in an [Access Plan](#). Some types of support may include:

- Assistance communicating your needs to academic staff. For instance, notifying others about your gender affirmation and change of pronouns.
- Alternative assessment arrangements for exams
- Adjustments to assessment tasks – modifications to group work, oral presentations, in-class or online tests,
- Extensions for assignments where needed, additional time to complete practical assessments or consideration of an alternative form of assessment (e.g. written work instead of oral presentation where possible)
- Longer library loan periods, off-campus library services and timetable priority.

You can request support from the [DRC online](#).

Other internal supports

Student Groups:

[Deakin Pride \(Burwood\)](#)

[Deakin Geelong Queer Collective](#)

Counselling:

[Deakin's counselling service](#) offers free, confidential psychological support to Deakin students.

External supports

[QLife](#) provides Australia-wide anonymous, LGBTI peer support and referral for people wanting to talk about a range of issues including sexuality, identity, gender, bodies, feelings or relationships.

Referral line and online chat available 3pm to midnight, seven days per week.

Visit [www.qlife.org.au](http://www qlife.org.au)

Free call 1800 184 527

[Transgender Victoria](#) (TGV) is Victoria's leading body for trans and gender diverse advocacy. The website has some great resources for trans people, family and friends as well as for clinicians.

Visit www.tgv.org.au

All gender toilets

There are all gender toilets and change rooms available across all Deakin campuses at the following locations:

Melbourne Burwood Campus

F1.08.02

F1.09.03

S1.24

H1.19.03

LA4.104

LB2.215

Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

JC2.312.1

KC2.222

KC2.223

Geelong Waterfront Campus

D1.216

Warrnambool Campus

E1.64

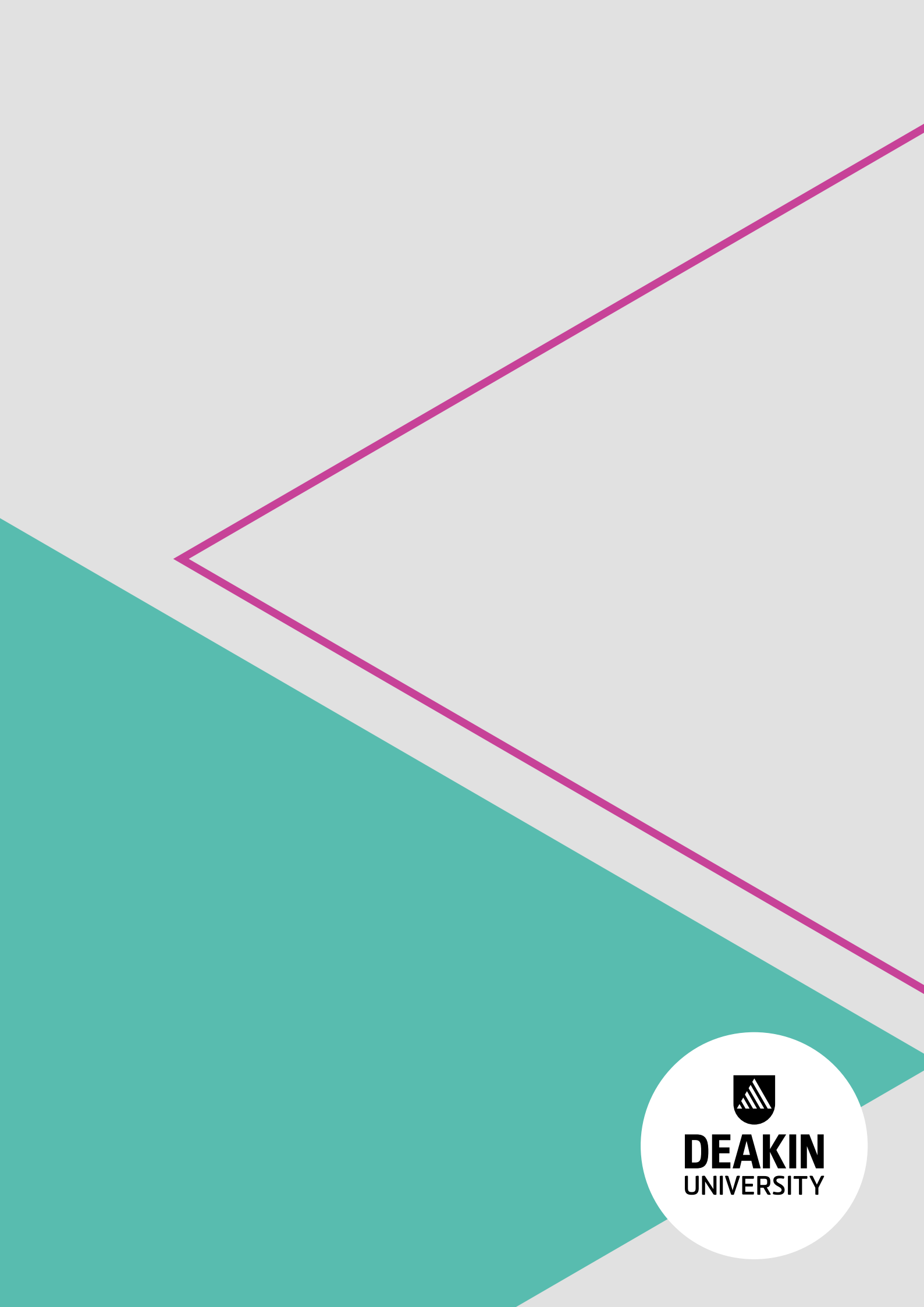
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Deakin Downtown Campus

Level 12

Tower 2

727 Collins St



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