

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF UNDER 18 STUDENTS



## Australian immigration regulations state that:

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 Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) 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 your relative has resided for more than 12 months in the past 10 years after the age of 16.

For more information please see the DIBP webpage:

[www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/573-0.aspx](http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/573-0.aspx).

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 DIBP) 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 allocation to an Under 18 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 agencies used by Deakin University include: International Student Alliance, Professional Student Care, A&J Student Care and EduCare.
- Care arrangements with a listed provider 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 start date of their approved welfare arrangements.

## 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:  
**Information for Parents of Under 18 Students** (which you are reading now) and  
**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. DIBP 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:  
**Information for Parents of Under 18 Students** (which you are reading now),  
**Parent's Declaration Form**, and  
**Confirmation of Appointment of Carer Form**.
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.
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 together with certified copies of parent's ID e.g. passport/s showing signature. You will also need to send payment to the care agency. The care agency will sign this form and return it to Deakin International (with police clearance and copy of the passport of carer).
4. Deakin International Admissions will send you a **Homestay Information and Homestay Application Form**.
5. Please read the Homestay Information and complete the Homestay Application form and return it to Deakin International 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 allocation to an Under 18 Homestay (arranged by a Deakin University approved provider). The student must remain in approved accommodation for the entire period until turning 18.
6. Deakin International Admissions will verify that care arrangements and accommodation arrangements are in order and issue a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation/Welfare Arrangements Form (CAAW Form).
7. Upon payment of tuition fees a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) will be sent to you together with the CAAW Form. Please take the COE form and the CAAW Form to an Australian Diplomatic Mission to apply for a visa for your son or daughter.
8. 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.
9. Your son or daughter will not be allowed to travel to Australia before the start date of their approved welfare arrangements, which is printed on the CAAW Form.

## Care agencies listed with Deakin University

### **ISA Guardian & Welfare Services**

Mr. Ivan McKinney  
National Office: Suite 20/Level 1- 108 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000  
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Email: [info@studentguardians.com](mailto:info@studentguardians.com)  
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### **Professional Student Care (Australia) Pty Ltd**

Ms. Sharron Shiu  
P.O. Box 157 Highpoint Shopping Center, Maribyrnong, VIC 3032 Australia  
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Email: [info@pscaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@pscaustralia.com.au)  
Website: [www.pscaustralia.com.au](http://www.pscaustralia.com.au)

### **A & J Student Care Services**

Mr. Jessy Kakerissa  
Postal Address: PO Box 5139 Hughesdale VIC 3166, Australia  
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Email: [ajstudentcare@bigpond.com](mailto:ajstudentcare@bigpond.com)  
Website: [www.guardians4student.com.au](http://www.guardians4student.com.au)

### **EduCARE Services Australia**

Ms. Alison Taylor and Mr. Ken Taylor  
44 Roborough Avenue, Mount Eliza VIC 3930 Australia  
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Email: [alison@i.net.au](mailto:alison@i.net.au)  
Website: [www.esaonline.com.au](http://www.esaonline.com.au)

*NOTE: Where an agency is providing accommodation (eg. Student Accommodation Services - Homestay), they cannot also act as the approved care agency.*