



Suspension of studies

International students who are on a student visa must notify the university if they make any changes to their enrolment. This is to ensure that the Department of Home Affairs is correctly advised of your circumstance.

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Students holding a student visa can temporarily suspend their studies during the course, for compelling or compassionate circumstances, through a formal agreement.

Compassionate or Compelling circumstances include:

- Serious illness or injury: a medical certificate stating that you are unable to attend classes for a substantial amount of time must be provided.
- Bereavement of close family members such as parents or grandparents: supporting documentation must be provided.
- Major political upheaval or natural disaster in home country requiring emergency travel and this has impacted on your studies.
- A traumatic experience - for example involvement in or witnessing a serious crime or accident which has impacted you: documentary evidence such as a police report for the event must be provided.
- No suitable units available for you to study for one Study Period: a letter from the academic department must be provided.

To apply: [AskMQ Suspend studies form](#)

Department of Home Affairs

It is recommended you speak with the Department of Home Affairs about how a break from studies will impact your student visa:

Tel: 131 881

Web: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

