

Impact of Suspension due to Academic Progression on Student Visa

This document is a guideline for Macquarie University international students who have an academic standing of **suspension**.

IF YOU PLAN TO RETURN TO STUDIES AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

If you are intending to return to your studies with Macquarie University after your suspension period, follow the instructions below:

If you have a valid CoE and student visa

You should ask the University to suspend your CoE (providing your CoE is valid up until the end of the suspension period or beyond).

To ask the university to suspend your CoE, complete a Suspension of Studies form:

https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/forms/display/mi_suspend_studies

The University will notify the Department of Home Affairs that your studies are suspended. It is recommended you speak with the Department of Home Affairs about how this impacts your student visa.

If your student visa has expired or will expire during the suspension period

If your student visa is finishing during the suspension period, you will need to apply for a new COE and student visa. The start date for your new COE will be after the suspension period is over.

To apply for a new COE, complete the online application form here:

<https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/forms/display/ecoe>

Once you have received your new COE, you can request a new student visa from the Department of Home Affairs <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RETURN TO STUDIES

If you do not wish to return to your studies you should notify the University of your Withdrawal.

To notify the university that you are not returning, complete an International Student Withdrawal and Release form:

https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/forms/display/student_withdrawal_release

The University will notify the Department of Home Affairs that you are no longer studying at Macquarie University, which may have an impact on your student visa. It is recommended you contact the Department of Home Affairs to find out about how this impacts your student visa.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I WANT TO RETURN AFTER SUSPENSION?

1. Before you return you must check that you have a valid visa. You can check your visa status by contacting the Department of Home Affairs: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online>
2. If required, submit an application for a new eCOE: <https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/forms/display/ecoe>
3. Seek academic advice through your Faculty academic advising: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/academic-advisers>

VISA IMPLICATIONS

In order to maintain a valid Student Visa, you must have a valid Confirmation of Enrolment.

The information which the University provides to the Department of Home Affairs will depend on what you plan to do after your suspension period is over. Therefore, it is important for you to inform the University in a timely manner of your decision to either resume your studies after the suspension period or to withdraw from your studies at Macquarie University.

If you fail to communicate your decision, the University will cancel your CoE by the census date. Contact the Department of Home Affairs to check the status of your student visa:

P: 131 881

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

I STILL NEED HELP, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

If you would like further information about your student visa conditions, please visit here:

<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/wellbeing/student-advocacy/Guide-to-Student-Visa-Conditions.pdf>

In most cases, the best place to contact for questions about your Student Visa is the Department of Home Affairs:

P: 131 881

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

In limited circumstances, Student Advocacy and Support may also be able to provide information surrounding your Student Visa Conditions. To contact Student Advocacy and Support:

V: 18 Wally's Walk, Level 2 MUSE

P: 9850 6410

E: advocacy@mq.edu.au

or complete the *Request for Help – Student Advocacy and Support Services*:

<https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/studentadvocacyrequestforhelp>



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