



Guide to Overstayed Visa Status

If your student visa has expired and you are residing in Australia without a valid visa, then you will be considered to have stayed in Australia unlawfully. You must take steps to become lawful as soon as you can or leave Australia.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

1. Read through the visa expiration information available at the [Department of Home Affairs](#).
2. Consider applying for a Bridging visa E (BVE) as soon as you can. A BVE is a short-term visa that lets you remain lawful while you make arrangements to leave Australia.
3. Consider engaging the assistance of a [registered migration agent](#).
4. If applicable, you may also like to contact the [Administrative Appeals Tribunal](#) for a review of the decision made by the Department of Home Affairs. Check your visa outcome notification for information about your review rights.

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT LEAVING AUSTRALIA

If you are unable to get a valid visa, you must leave Australia. If you fail to leave, The Department of Home Affairs may take the following actions:

- detain you
- remove you from Australia
- bill you for the cost of removing you from Australia

More information regarding invalid visas is available at the [Department of Home Affairs](#).

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

If you need support with your overall mental health and wellbeing during this time you may like to get in touch with the Counselling Services.

Counselling Services

Phone: +61 (2) 9850 7497

Email: wellbeing@mq.edu.au

Visit: Australian Hearing Hub, Ground Floor, 16 University Avenue

Status Resolution Service

The Department of Home Affairs offers support to individuals who are facing significant barriers that are impacting on their ability to resolve their immigration status. To see if you are eligible for this support please visit [Status Resolution Service](#).

