



Withdrawal and Release

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.

Returning Home

If you would like to stop studying and return home, please submit:

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

- You will need to attach a copy of your air ticket with this application.
- This application can be submitted at any stage of your studies.

Transferring Institutions

It is a requirement of your student visa that you remain enrolled in your *principal course* for a period of at least 6 months. Your principal course is the main course or the final course as part of the package of courses to be undertaken.

If you have studied more than 6 calendar months in your principal program at the university, you can submit a Withdrawal and Release Request:

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

- You will need to attach a copy of your offer letter to the new institution.
- A release letter is not required for students who have studied more than 6 calendar months of their principal program.

If you have studied less than 6 calendar months in your principal program, you will need to apply for a release letter. Information about who is eligible for a release can be found here: <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/transfer-and-release-for-international-students>

Returning to Studies

To return to studies after a break you should review the information available here:

<https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/returning-to-studies-after-absence>

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:

P: 131 881

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