Reduce Study Load

Student visa holders are required to complete their course within a set period, indicated by your electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE).

The course duration is based on a full-time study load. A full-time study load usually requires a student to take 4 subjects in each compulsory study period. If you are unable to study 4 units each session you will need to submit an application to reduce your study load.

There are two grounds upon which a student may be eligible to reduce their study load:

- Academic (due to poor academic performance, or units not available)
- Compassionate Compelling (due to advice from a health professional)

To apply, please submit a Reduce Study Load application as early as possible: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/forms/display/rsl

The outcome will be sent to your student email account within 5-10 working days. It is recommended that you remain enrolled full time until the reduce study load application has been processed.

If your application is successful:

- You may withdraw from your unit(s) through eStudent: https://mq-edu-web.t1cloud.com/T1SMDefault/WebApps/eStudent/login.aspx. The effect of your withdrawal from a unit(s) will depend on when you formally withdraw from the unit. Refer to Census Date: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/fees-and-costs/payment-due-dates. Also refer to Withdrawing Without Penalty webpage: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/changing/withdraw-units/withdraw-without-penalty

- Your program may take longer to complete and you may also need a new student visa. If you require a Student Visa Extension, you must apply for a new electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) within 3 months of your current visa expiry. You are responsible for your visa and therefore you are responsible for your visa renewal.

- You are also responsible for any out of pocket costs in relation to the extension of study, for example living, study and visa related costs

If your application is unsuccessful you will need to ensure you complete your studies within the allocated time. You may like to speak with an academic advisor for assistance devising a study plan to assist you with this process: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/academic-advisers

For more information about your Visa Conditions visit: https://www.mq.edu.au/study/international-students/travel-planning-and-arrival/student-visa/visa-conditions

Or the Department of Home Affairs website:


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