



Guide to Student Visa Conditions

If you are on a student visa, there are a number of conditions you must follow while you study. The conditions are set by Australian law and must be followed as the Department of Home Affairs may cancel your visa if you breach these conditions.

Your student visa conditions will be listed on your electronic student visa grant letter.

For a full list of visa conditions please visit: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>

CONDITION 8105 - WORK LIMITATION

You cannot engage in any paid work until you have started your course in Australia.

You are able to work up to 40 hours each fortnight while your course is in session. During the University's official holiday period you can work for more than 40 hours per fortnight. The recess and Session break dates are available in the University's Academic Calendar available online at <https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates>

Work undertaken as a registered component of your course of study or training is not counted towards the 40 hours limitation. This condition of work limitation is not applicable for students studying a Master of Research or Doctorate course in Australia.

CONDITION 8202 – MEET COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You must remain enrolled in a full-time registered course that is of the same level as, or at a higher level than, the registered course for which you were granted a visa.

You must satisfy the University's course progress requirements as outlined in Part 3, Rule 10 of General Coursework rules: <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/about-the-university/governance/macquarie-university-council/calendar-of-governance,-legislation-and-rules>

If the CRICOS registered program you are enrolled in requires you to meet attendance requirements, then you must ensure that you maintain the required course attendance level.

CONDITION 8516 – MUST MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY

You must continue to maintain such requirements as you would have satisfied for grant of your student visa application.

For example, one of the criteria requires students to demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to pay the tuition fee and meet the living expenses. Therefore, you must continue to maintain such financial capacity during your stay in Australia.

CONDITION 8517 - MAINTAIN EDUCATION FOR DEPENDANTS

Adequate schooling arrangements must be maintained for your school-age dependents who will be in Australia for more than three months on this visa.

CONDITION 8501 – MAINTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE

You must continue to have adequate arrangements for health insurance (overseas student health cover) for the full length of your student visa. If you are granted permission to extend your course or stay in Australia then you must extend your health cover.

If you are a student from Norway, Belgium or Sweden you may not need to maintain Overseas Student Health Cover. More information about health cover is available at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance>

CONDITION 8532 – MAINTAIN UNDER 18 APPROVED WELFARE ARRANGEMENTS

As an under 18 years of age student you must maintain the welfare arrangements as approved at the time of the grant of your student visa.

If you have such accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place, which have been approved by Macquarie University then you must maintain fortnightly contact with your Student Administration Officer at Campus Wellbeing.

You must not change your arrangements without the written approval from Macquarie University.

CONDITION 8533 - INFORM EDUCATION PROVIDER OF ADDRESS

Your address details must be updated in the University's record

- within 7 days of your arrival in Australia.
- if you have moved houses, the new address must be updated within 7 days of this change.

If you intend to change your education provider then you are required to notify Macquarie University within seven days after receiving an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) or other evidence of enrolment.

OTHER CONDITIONS TO HELP MAINTAIN YOUR STUDENT VISA

External/Online/Distance learning

As a student visa holder, you cannot enrol in more than one third of your course online or through distance learning. During a compulsory study session you must be enrolled in at least one unit which is delivered through the internal attendance mode and is not an online unit.

If it is your final study session and you have only one unit remaining to complete your course, then you have the option to enrol in an online unit.

Remain with Macquarie University for 6 months

You must continue to study for 6 calendar months at Macquarie University

- If your student visa was granted to study at this University
- After you have completed an English course at the ELC or a course at MUIC as a part of the package offer.

If you have not yet completed six calendar months in your principal course of study and wish to transfer to another education provider then you must apply for release from the University. For more information read through the Transfer and Release for international students policy available at: <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/transfer-and-release-for-international-students>

Course Duration and Study Load

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

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.

Reduce Study Load Application

If you experience academic difficulties, or situations which are considered to be compassionate or compelling, then you may be eligible 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)

If you wish to request to reduce your study load submit an application form here:

<https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/forms/display/rs1>



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