

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM YOUR RIGHTS EXPLAINED: CRICOS Provider 02743M

### PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

The Australian Government wants overseas students in Australia to have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study. Australia's laws promote quality education and consumer protection of overseas students. These laws are known as the ESOS framework and include the Education Services for Overseas (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code.

#### Protection For Overseas Students

As an overseas student on a student visa, you must study with an education provider and in a course that can be found on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) at <http://cricos.dest.gov.au>. CRICOS registration guarantees that the course and the education provider at which you study meet the high standards necessary for overseas students. Please check carefully that the details of your course – including its location – match the information on CRICOS.

#### Your Rights:

The ESOS framework protects your rights, including:

1. Your right to receive, before enrolling, current and accurate information about the courses, fees, modes of study and other information from your provider and your provider's agent. If you are under 18, to ensure safety, you will be granted a visa only if there are arrangements in place for your accommodation, support and welfare.
2. Your right to sign a written agreement with your provider before OR as you pay fees, setting out the services to be provided, fees payable and information about refunds of course money. You must keep a copy of your written agreement and receipts of any money paid.
3. Your right to get the education you paid for. The ESOS framework includes consumer protection that will allow you to receive a refund or to be placed in another course if your provider is unable to teach your course.
4. Your right to know;
  - How to use your provider's support services;
  - Who the contact officer or officers are for overseas students;
  - If you can apply for course credit; when your enrolment can be deferred, suspended or cancelled;
  - How attendance will be monitored for courses offered;
  - What will happen if you want to change providers; and
  - How to use your provider's complaints and appeals processes

#### Your Responsibilities

As an overseas student on a student visa, you have responsibilities to;

- Satisfy your student visa conditions
- Maintain your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the period of your stay
- Meet the terms of the written agreement with your provider
- Inform your provider if you change your address
- Maintain satisfactory course progress
- If attendance is recorded for your course, follow your provider's attendance policy,
- And, if you are under 18, maintain your approved accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements

Information About	Who to Contact	How to make Contact
Policies and Procedures that effect you	Your Provider	Speak to your provider Go to your provider's website
Your ESOS rights and responsibilities	Department of Education	<a href="https://internationaleducation.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Education-Services-for-Overseas-Students-ESOS-Legislative-Framework/ESOSenquiries">https://internationaleducation.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Education-Services-for-Overseas-Students-ESOS-Legislative-Framework/ESOSenquiries</a>
VISA matters	Department of Home Affairs	<a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud</a>