

1 POLICY STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to detail the requirements for generating a Confirmation of Enrolment for an overseas student.

2 SCOPE

This Policy applies to overseas students who are required to get a student visa to study in Australia.

3 DEFINITIONS

CoE	Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) provides evidence of a student's enrolment with a provider registered on the CRICOS. This evidence is required before Home Affairs issue a student visa. The CoE contains information about the Provider, agent (if involved), course and duration of study in which the student has enrolled.
CRICOS	Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students
PRISMS	PRISMS (Provider Registration and International Students Management System) is a secure database owned and maintained by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment for the purposes of administering the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (The ESOS Act). PRISMS provides means for education and training providers to comply with legislative requirements by: a) issuing bona fide confirmations of enrolments (CoE) as 'evidence of enrolment' in a registered full-time course, as required for the issue of a student visa by Home Affairs, and: b) reporting changes in course enrolment, particularly where study ceases (noncompliance), or the duration of the study changes. PRISMS also facilitates the monitoring of student compliance with visa conditions, as well as provider compliance with the ESOS Act.
Duration of Study	The CRICOS registered duration of a course specified on the overseas student's CoE.
Student visa	The purpose of this visa is to allow overseas students to undertake full-time education and training in Australia. This visa enables a student to stay in Australia for the duration of the relevant course.
ESOS ACT	Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000
VEVO	Visa Entitlement Verification Online

4 POLICY DETAILS

Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is an official statement that lists the eligible course of study including the start and end dates, provided electronically by ICHM to intending overseas students and which accompanies their application for a student visa. It confirms the overseas student's eligibility to enrol in a particular ICHM course.

4.1 Contents of a CoE

The Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) provides various Government Departments (such as the Department of Home Affairs) with important information about an international student's enrolment status. The CoE accurately reflects the student's actual enrolment in a course, clearly indicating the course duration through the course start and end dates, fees paid, and total fees required to be paid for the course. The CoE also indicates the student's current status, whether this be 'approved', 'visa granted' or 'studying'.

4.2 Generation of a CoE

ICHM's authorised CoE Administrators generate CoE's in the PRISMS database when an overseas student accepts an offer of study from ICHM.

An overseas student's CoE specifies the course duration based on the CRICOS registered duration of a course.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- when the student's study duration is reduced due to recognition of prior learning status and, or;
- when the student is on a packaged offer for Graduate Certificate in International Hotel Management & Master of International Hotel Management or;
- when the student is on a packaged offer for Graduate Diploma in International Hotel Management & Master of International Hotel Management or;
- when the student has an ICHM approved study duration extension

A CoE does not guarantee issuance of a student visa. A CoE is required to be submitted to the Department of Home Affairs to apply for a student visa - see <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#Eligibility>

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that he/she has a valid CoE and a valid visa to stay in Australia. Students can check their visa expiry date and visa conditions online at VEVO <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions>

4.3 Legislative requirements

In compliance with the ESOS Act 2000 and The National Code 2018 ICHM advises Home Affairs via PRISMS of any change to an accepted student enrolment, or an accepted student failure to meet visa conditions.

ICHM is obliged to report the following changes within 31 days of the occurrence of such change, or within 14 days for overseas students less than 18 years old:

- Termination of student studies prior to completing the course
 - Early course completion
 - Student transferred to another provider
 - Student notified cessation of studies
 - ICHM's decision to cease enrolment
- Non-Compliance with visa conditions
 - Meet course progression requirements
- Non commencement of study
- Deferring/Suspending student enrolment
- A change in student's program.

4.4 Process for issuing a new CoE for an extended Study Duration

The National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 Standard 8.3 requires ICHM to monitor the progress of each student to ensure the student is in a position to complete the program within the expected duration specified on the student's CoE. The ICHM Course Progression Policy sets out the policy and procedure (including the Intervention Strategy) for monitoring, recording and assessing the course progress of students enrolled in ICHM programs so that an international student completes the course within the periods of their student visa.

If student visa holders do not complete within the expected CoE duration, ICHM may extend the length of a student's study and issue a new CoE only in the following limited circumstances:

1. There are compassionate or compelling circumstances, as assessed by ICHM on the basis of demonstrable evidence;
2. ICHM has implemented or is in the process of implementing an intervention strategy for the student because the student is at risk of not meeting course progress requirements outlined in ICHM Course Progression Policy; or
3. an approved deferral or suspension of the student's enrolment has occurred under Standard 9 (deferring, suspending, or cancelling the student's enrolment) in accordance with the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 Standard 8.16.

Students who need to extend their CoE are required to submit a change of enrolment form to Admissions. The form should be submitted:

- a) within three months of the student visa expiry date, if applying for a student visa offshore;
- b) within one month of the student visa expiry date, if applying for a student visa onshore (Australia).

Admissions will request the Academic Director to review the request and confirm the duration of extension.

If ICHM extends the student enrolment duration, the student is advised to contact the [Department of Home Affairs](#) to seek advice on any potential impacts on their visa, including the need to obtain a new visa & extend their Overseas Student Health Cover.

5 QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO THIS POLICY

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Admissions Office.

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6 REVIEW

The Manager Admissions and Administration is responsible for the review of this policy on a 3 yearly basis.

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	Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000		
	National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018		
Sector benchmarking			
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Related documents			
Superseded documents			
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1.1	Minor	21 Feb 2022	Minor amendments to layout and grammar and clarifying definition of CoE and delegate
1.2	Minor	24 Aug 2022	Minor updates. Removal of Registrar role. Change to contact process in CoE extension request.
1.3	Minor	13 Apr 2023	Update to job titles.