

Overseas Students - Fee Payment & Exemption

An Overseas Student is defined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 as “a person holding a visa under the Migration Act 1958 (Cwth) which allows the person, whether expressly or otherwise to study in a school in Victoria”. This consists of:

- *Overseas students on an international student visa, i.e. the student is the primary student visa holder enrolled at a Victorian Government school and has a Certificate of Enrolment*
- *Dependants, i.e. the student is the secondary visa holder of a number of specific visa sub classes.*

Ministerial Order 400 specifies the fees to be paid by or on behalf of Overseas Students enrolled at a Government school for the instruction, education and related services to the Overseas Student by the school. The Order applies to Enrolments for study to be undertaken commencing on 1 January 2011.

The Ministerial Order also identifies those Overseas Students who are exempt from paying tuition and related fees. Schools enrolling these students are eligible for School Resource Package funding.

Overseas Students and Dependants holding visas consistent with the above definition are listed in this document along with fee payments and exemptions determined by Ministerial Order 400.

Dependants of permanent residents are granted a visa however they are not defined as Overseas Students under the above mentioned definition. Schools enrolling these students are eligible for Student Resource Package funding.

Enquiries relating to Overseas Students should be directed to the International Education Division.

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Enquiries relating to dependants of Permanent Residents should be directed to the Targeted Initiatives Branch.

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Overseas Students (temporary residents)

Student Category	Visa Sub Class	Eligible for Student Resource Package Funding?	Eligible for English Language Centre Enrolment?	Application to International Education Division (IED)	IED number to be entered on Cases/21?
Overseas Students					
Schools Sector	571	No	No	Yes	Yes
Dependants of overseas students enrolled in education & training					
Independent ELICOS Sector	570	No	No	Yes	Yes
Vocational Education and Training Sector	572	No	No	Yes	Yes
Higher Education Sector	573	No	No	Yes	Yes
Masters & Doctorate Sector by Coursework <i>(Exemptions apply for Masters & Doctorates by Research - separate category)</i>	574	No	No	Yes	Yes
Non-award Foundation/Other Sector	575	No	No	Yes	Yes
Student Guardian Visa	580	No	No	Yes	Yes
Dependants of overseas provisional parents					
Contributory Parent (Temporary)	173	No	No	Yes	Yes
Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary)	884	No	No	Yes	Yes
Dependants of overseas specialist entrants					
Government Agreement <i>(Exemptions apply where Bilateral Agreements exist)</i>	406	No	No	Yes	Yes
Special Program Visa	416	No	No	Yes	Yes
Education	418	No	No	Yes	Yes
Visiting Academic	419	No	No	Yes	Yes
Entertainment	420	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sport	421	No	No	Yes	Yes
Medical Practitioner <i>(Exemptions apply to Regional practitioners - separate category)</i>	422	No	No	Yes	Yes
Media and Film Staff	423	No	No	Yes	Yes
Public Lecturer	424	No	No	Yes	Yes
Domestic Worker (Temporary) - Diplomatic or Consular	426	No	No	Yes	Yes
Domestic Worker (Temporary) - Executive	427	No	No	Yes	Yes
Religious Worker	428	No	No	Yes	Yes
Occupational Trainee	442	No	No	Yes	Yes
Dependants of overseas visitors & temporary residents					
Working Holiday	417	No	No	Yes	Yes
Business (Short Stay)	456	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sponsored Business Visitor (Short Stay)	459	No	No	Yes	Yes
Work & Holiday (Temporary)	462	No	No	Yes	Yes
eVisitor Visa	651	No	No	Yes	Yes
Medical Treatment (Short Stay)	675	No	No	Yes	Yes

Student Category	Visa Sub Class	Eligible for Student Resource Package Funding?	Eligible for English Language Centre Enrolment?	Application to International Education Division (IED)	IED number to be entered on Cases/21?
Tourist (Short Stay)	676	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sponsored Family Visitor (Short Stay)	679	No	No	Yes	Yes
Medical Treatment (Long Stay)	685	No	No	Yes	Yes
Transit	771	No	No	Yes	Yes
Border	773	No	No	Yes	Yes
APEC Travel Authority	944	No	No	Yes	Yes
Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant - Long)	956	No	No	Yes	Yes
Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor)	976	No	No	Yes	Yes
Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant - Short)	977	No	No	Yes	Yes

Overseas Students - Fee Exempt

Dependants of overseas persons conducting business & investment activities

Business Owner (Provisional)	160	Yes	Yes	No	No
Senior Executive (Provisional)	161	Yes	Yes	No	No
Investor (Provisional)	162	Yes	Yes	No	No
State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	163	Yes	Yes	No	No
State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	164	Yes	Yes	No	No
State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	165	Yes	Yes	No	No

Dependants of overseas partners of an Australian citizen, permanent resident

Partner	300	Yes	Yes	No	No
Spouse (Provisional)	309	Yes	Yes	No	No
Interdependency (Provisional)	310	Yes	Yes	No	No
Dependent Child	445	Yes	Yes	No	No
Interdependency (Provisional Onshore)	826	Yes	Yes	No	No
Prospective Marriage Spouse	831	Yes	Yes	No	No

Dependants of overseas persons seeking protection on humanitarian grounds

Emergency (Permanent Visa Applicant)	302	Yes	Yes	No	No
Emergency (Temporary Visa Applicant)	303	Yes	Yes	No	No
Secondary Movement Offshore Entry (Temporary)	447	Yes	Yes	No	No
Kosovar Safe Haven (Temporary)	448	Yes	Yes	No	No
Humanitarian Stay (Temporary)	449	Yes	Yes	No	No
Resolution of Status - Family Member (Temporary)	450	Yes	Yes	No	No
Secondary Movement Relocation (Temporary)	451	Yes	Yes	No	No
Temporary Protection	785	Yes	Yes	No	No
Temporary (Humanitarian Concern)	786	Yes	Yes	No	No

Dependants of persons entering Australia as skilled employees

Skilled Regional Sponsored	475	Yes	Yes	No	No
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Skilled - Recognised Graduate	476	Yes	Yes	No	No
Skilled - Graduate	485	Yes	Yes	No	No
Skilled - Regional Sponsored	487	Yes	Yes	No	No
Skilled Independent Regional (Temporary)	495	Yes	Yes	No	No
Skilled - Designated Area Sponsored (Provisional)	496	Yes	Yes	No	No
Dependants of overseas specialist entrants					
Teachers on Exchange / Foreign Government Agencies & Bilateral Agreements / Medical Practitioners (Regional) / Sponsored Overseas Workers					
Government Agreement <i>(if Bilateral Agreement Exists)</i>	406	Yes	Yes	No	No
Exchange	411	Yes	Yes	No	No
Foreign Government Agency	415	Yes	Yes	No	No
Medical Practitioner <i>(if working in Regional Victoria)</i>	422	Yes	Yes	No	No
Business (Long stay)	457	Yes	Yes	No	No
Diplomatic (Temporary)	995	Yes	Yes	No	No
Dependants of overseas students in education & training					
Vocational Education & Training Sector <i>(Fully Funded Aus Govt / Uni Scholarship Holders - exempt during course enrolment dates only)</i>	572	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Higher Education Sector <i>(Fully Funded Aus Govt / Uni Scholarship Holders - exempt during course enrolment dates only)</i>	573	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Masters & Doctorate Sector <i>(Postgrad by Research - exempt during course enrolment dates only)</i>	574	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AusAID and Defence Sector	576	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Overseas exchange students					
Schools Sector <i>(Exchange students only)</i>	571	Yes	Yes	No	No

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Bridging Visa holders (Temporary Residents)					
Bridging (Class A)	10	Exemption of tuition fees is dependant upon the immediate visa held prior to the bridging visa	Yes	Yes	Depending on immediate visa held prior to the bridging visa
Bridging (Class B)	20			Yes	
Bridging (Class C)	30			Yes	
Bridging (Prospective Applicant) D	40			Yes	
Bridging (Non-Applicant) D	41			Yes	
Bridging (Class A)	42			Yes	
Bridging (General) E	50			Yes	
Bridging Visa F	60			Yes	
Bridging (Protection Visa Applicant) E	51	Yes	Yes	No	No

Explanation of Bridging Visas:

A bridging visa is issued to any person who lodges an application for a substantive visa onshore in Australia. The bridging visa is issued to ensure that the holder of the visa remains lawful in Australia until a decision is made on the substantive visa application lodged.

Permanent Resident Applicants (Bridging Visa 010, 020, 030, 040, 041 and 050): Bridging visa holders applying for permanent residency should contact the International Education Division (IED) for confirmation of their eligibility for fee exemption. Bridging visa holders may be required to provide copies of any current or previous visas and evidence of the visa they are applying for. The IED will inform the applicant of their eligibility for fee exemption. **Exemption of tuition fees is dependant upon the immediate visa held prior to the bridging visa. i.e. the holder of a 457 Business visa (fee exempt category) who is granted a bridging visa will not be required to pay fees; A 676/976 visitor visa holder who has been granted a bridging visa will be required to continue to pay fees.**

Dependants of overseas students in education and training: In the case of previously fee-exempt 572, 573 & 574 visa holders, fee-exemption only applies during the university enrolment period.

Protection Visa Applicants (Bridging Visa 051): Protection visa applicants are eligible for School Resource Package funding provided they have presented evidence that they have applied for a protection visa, e.g. receipt or letter from the Red Cross (Asylum Seeker's Assistance Scheme) or Department of Immigration and Citizenship which clearly indicates the student is included in the Protection visa application. All Queries regarding bridging visa holders should be directed to the IED on 9637 2990, or email on international@edumail.vic.gov.au

Permanent Resident Categories	Visa Sub Class	Eligible for Student Resource Package Funding?	Eligible for English Language Centre Enrolment?
Dependants of Permanent Residents			
Spouse	100	Yes	Yes
Child	101	Yes	Yes
Adoption	102	Yes	Yes
Parent	103	Yes	Yes
Preferential family	104	Yes	Yes
Skilled – Australian-linked	105	Yes	Yes
Regional-linked	106	Yes	Yes
Interdependency	110	Yes	Yes
Aged Parent	113	Yes	Yes
Aged Dependent Relative	114	Yes	Yes
Remaining Relative	115	Yes	Yes
Carer	116	Yes	Yes
Orphan Relative	117	Yes	Yes
Designated Parent	118	Yes	Yes
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	119	Yes	Yes
Labour Agreement	120	Yes	Yes
Employer Nomination	121	Yes	Yes
Distinguished Talent	124	Yes	Yes
Distinguished Talent and special service - independent	125	Yes	Yes
Independent	126	Yes	Yes
Business Owner	127	Yes	Yes
Senior Executive	128	Yes	Yes
State/Territory sponsored business owner	129	Yes	Yes
State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive	130	Yes	Yes
Investment-linked	131	Yes	Yes
Business Talent	132	Yes	Yes
Skill Matching	134	Yes	Yes
State/Territory Nominated Independent	135	Yes	Yes
Skilled – Independent	136	Yes	Yes
Skilled – State/Territory Nominated Independent	137	Yes	Yes
Skilled – Australian-sponsored	138	Yes	Yes
Skilled – Designated Area-sponsored	139	Yes	Yes
Contributory Parent	143	Yes	Yes
Former Citizen	150	Yes	Yes
Former resident	151	Yes	Yes
Family of NZ Citizen	152	Yes	Yes
Resident Return	154	Yes	Yes
Five Year Resident Return	155	Yes	Yes
One Year Resident Return	156	Yes	Yes

Permanent Resident Categories	Visa Sub Class	Eligible for Student Resource Package Funding?	Eligible for English Language Centre Enrolment?
Three Month Resident Return	157	Yes	Yes
Provisional Resident Return	159	Yes	Yes
Skilled - independent	175	Yes	Yes
Skilled - sponsored	176	Yes	Yes
Refugee	200	Yes	Yes
In-country Special Humanitarian	201	Yes	Yes
Global Special Humanitarian	202	Yes	Yes
Emergency Rescue	203	Yes	Yes
Woman at Risk	204	Yes	Yes
Special Category (Temporary) NZ Citizens	444	Yes	Yes
Territorial Asylum	800	Yes	Yes
Spouse	801	Yes	Yes
Child	802	Yes	Yes
Aged Parent	804	Yes	Yes
Skilled	805	Yes	Yes
Family	806	Yes	Yes
Confirmatory (Residence)	808	Yes	Yes
Interdependency (Permanent)	814	Yes	Yes
Spouse Provisional (Permanent)	820	Yes	Yes
Close Ties	832	Yes	Yes
Certain unlawful non-citizens	833	Yes	Yes
Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island	834	Yes	Yes
Remaining Relative	835	Yes	Yes
Carer	836	Yes	Yes
Orphan relative	837	Yes	Yes
Aged Dependent Relative	838	Yes	Yes
Business Owner	840	Yes	Yes
Senior Executive	841	Yes	Yes
State/Territory sponsored business owner	842	Yes	Yes
State/Territory sponsored business executive	843	Yes	Yes
Investment-linked	844	Yes	Yes
Established Business in Australia	845	Yes	Yes
State/Territory Sponsored Regional Established Business in Australia	846	Yes	Yes
Resolution of Status (Temporary)	850	Yes	Yes
Resolution of Status	851	Yes	Yes
Witness Protection	852	Yes	Yes
Labour Agreement	855	Yes	Yes
Employer Nomination Scheme	856	Yes	Yes
Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	857	Yes	Yes
Distinguished Talent	858	Yes	Yes
Designated Parent	859	Yes	Yes
Skilled - Onshore Independent New Zealand Citizen	861	Yes	Yes
Skilled - Onshore Australian-sponsored New Zealand Citizen	862	Yes	Yes

Permanent Resident Categories	Visa Sub Class	Eligible for Student Resource Package Funding?	Eligible for English Language Centre Enrolment?
Skilled - Onshore Designated Area-sponsored New Zealand Citizen	863	Yes	Yes
Contributory Aged Parent (Residence)	864	Yes	Yes
Protection	866	Yes	Yes
Skilled – Independent Overseas Student	880	Yes	Yes
Skilled – Australian-sponsored Overseas Student	881	Yes	Yes
Skilled – Designated Area - sponsored Overseas Student	882	Yes	Yes
Skilled Designated Area Sponsored (Residence)	883	Yes	Yes
Skilled - Independent	885	Yes	Yes
Skilled - Sponsored	886	Yes	Yes
Skilled - Regional	887	Yes	Yes
Business Owner	890	Yes	Yes
Investor (Provisional)	891	Yes	Yes
State/Territory sponsored business owner	892	Yes	Yes
State/Territory sponsored senior executive	893	Yes	Yes