Fee Waiver for Dependent Students of Temporary Visa Holders

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1.2

Implementation Date

28/03/2013

Scope

Dependant students of Temporary Visas in Queensland state schools

Purpose

This Assessment of *Fee Waiver* Applications applies to *Dependant Students* of *Temporary Visa Holders* (Assessment of Fee Waiver) in respect of whom the Director-General or delegate has power to charge a fee under section 51(3) of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA).

This Assessment of Fee Waiver does not apply to any other persons or dependants including refugees.

Overview

This procedure specifies the conditions under which a fee may be waived for dependant students of temporary visa holders, who are enrolled in Queensland Government schools.

The Executive Director, Department of Education and Training International (DETi), has the authority to approve applications for a waiver of international student fees that meet the assessment criteria set out within this policy.

The approval or non-approval of an application for a fee waiver is based on the determining factors outlined in this procedure. It must be applied consistently and with rigour, so that applications are treated individually based on the evidence presented, and the Department is protected against any appeals and complaints.

To determine eligibility for a fee waiver, an applicant is advised to refer to the assessment criteria provided in this procedure. The application form is available online and can be lodged with DETi for processing and consideration.

Responsibilities

Temporary Visa Holders and/or their Dependant Students

- to understand the type of temporary visa held, an applicant is advised to refer to Description of Types of Temporary Visas to determine whether a fee waiver for tuition applies
- understand the process for fee waiver assessment
- prior to lodging fee waiver application form, ensure enrolment through DETi by:

- downloading and completing an enrolment application form
- completing the checklist on the application form
- ensuring all requirements are submitted with the application form to EQInternational@deta.qld.gov.au or by fax +617 3224 6973.

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- process and assess applications against criteria for a fee waiver of international student tuition fees
- ensure that applications meet policy requirements
- maintain records in accordance with departmental requirements.

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- consider facts and evidence submitted by applicant to determine eligibility for a fee waiver
- authorise waiver for international student tuition fees for eligible dependants of certain temporary visa holders
- advise applicant in writing as to approval or non-approval of waiver for international student fees.

Process

Not Applicable.

Online Resources

Forms

- Fee Waiver Application Form

Supporting documents

- Assessment of fee waiver applications for Dependant Students of Temporary Visa Holders
- Descriptions of Types of Temporary Visas and Fee Waiver Conditions

Online materials

- EQI Enrolment Application Form

Review Date

9/07/2014

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Definitions

Fee Waiver

International tuition fees forfeited by the Department of Education, Training and Employment for dependant students enrolled in a Queensland Government school.

Dependant Student

A school-age family member or a child listed as dependant of the main visa holder who is currently enrolled in a Queensland Government school.

Visa Subclass 571 (Schools Sector: Temporary Visa)

Designed for international students applying to study in Australia and whose main course of

study is:

- a primary school course
- a secondary school course, including junior and senior secondary or
- an approved secondary school exchange program.

Temporary visa holder

For the purposes of this policy, a temporary visa holder denotes the main holder of the following visas:

1. **Visa Subclass 572** (Vocational Education and Training Sector: Temporary Visa) Designed for international students applying to study in Australia and whose main course of study is:
   - a Certificate I, II, III and IV (except ELICOS)
   - a Diploma
   - an advanced diploma
   - a vocational graduate certificate or
   - a vocational graduate diploma.
2. **Visa Subclass 573** (Higher Education Sector: Temporary Visa)
   Designed for international students applying to study in Australia and whose main course of study is one of the following:
   - Bachelor degree
   - associate degree
   - graduate certificate
   - graduate diploma
   - Masters by coursework.
3. **Bridging Visa**
   - A temporary visa that provides for a non-citizen to remain lawful in Australia while an application for permanent residency is being considered.
4. **Tourist Visa**
   - This visa allows people to visit Australia for a holiday or recreation, or to visit family and/or friends. This visa may also be used for other short-term non-work purposes including study for less than three months.

Authority

- *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld)*
- *Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006 (Qld)*

Related Policy Instruments

- Not Applicable

Attachments

School Tuition Fee Waiver Application Form
Types of Temporary Visas and Fee Waiver Conditions
Assessment of Fee Waiver Applications for Dependant Students of Temporary Visa Holders

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