Fee waiver for dependant students of temporary visa holders

Audience

School aged dependants of temporary visa holders who are unable to pay international student fees as charged by the Temporary Residents Admission Centre (TRAC).

Purpose

This Assessment of fee waiver applications procedure applies to dependant students of temporary visa holders 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 (Qld) (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 International (DEi), has the authority to approve applications for a waiver of international student fees that meet the assessment criteria set out within this procedure.

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 DEi 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 DEi by:
  - downloading and completing an TRAC enrolment application form
  - completing the checklist on the application form
  - ensuring all requirements are submitted with the application form to EQInternational@qed.qld.gov.au or by fax +617 3513 5783.

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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

Definitions

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<th>International tuition fees forfeited by the Department of Education International (DEi) for dependant students enrolled in a Queensland Government school.</th>
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<td>Dependant student</td>
<td>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.</td>
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| 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        | As of 1 July 2016, temporary visa holders are required to apply for a student visa (subclass 500). For applications prior to 1 July 2016, 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. |
Legislation

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

Delegations/Authorisations

- Director-General or delegate - Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld)* is the authorised delegate to charge fees and/or waive fees charged by the Department of Education (DoE).

Related policies

- Nil

Related procedures

- Nil

Guidelines

- Nil

Supporting information/websites

- [Types of temporary visas and fee waiver conditions](#)
- [Assessment of fee waiver applications for dependant students of temporary visa holders](#)

Contact

For further information about this procedure and assistance with the waiving of international student tuition fees, please contact:

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