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## 1 STUDENTS FROM OVERSEAS

Students from overseas fall into four categories:

- Category 1: students on permanent residence visas who have a local enrolment entitlement and do not pay tuition fees;
- Category 2: students on specified temporary residence visas who have a local enrolment entitlement and do not pay tuition fees;
- Category 3: students on specified temporary residence visas who have local enrolment entitlement and pay tuition fees. Dependants of 457 Visa holders are in this category; and
- Category 4: students on all other temporary residence visas who have no enrolment entitlement and pay tuition fees. These are known as overseas fee-paying students.

Parents must provide evidence of their visa status and advise the school of any subsequent change of visa.

### 1.1 STUDENTS ON BRIDGING VISAS

Students on bridging visas are not a separate category of overseas student. Students on bridging visas may access education on the same enrolment conditions allowed by the previous substantive visa.

If a student was paying a tuition fees on their previous substantive visa, fees must continue to be paid during the time a bridging visa is in place. If the student had enrolment entitlements for a set period of time, such as during a scholarship or study period, then a bridging visa does not extend this entitlement period. Holders of bridging visas who have not previously held a substantive visa are considered to be in the group of temporary visa holders who enrol as fee-paying students. These students are to be directed to TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA) prior to enrolment.

## 2 CATEGORY 1: STUDENTS ON PERMANENT RESIDENCE VISAS

Students on permanent residence visas have an enrolment entitlement and do not pay tuition fees. These students have the same enrolment entitlements and access to specialist provision and support services as local students. They are eligible for student-centred funding. They are required to pay contributions, charges and fees payable by local students enrolled at the school.

## 3 CATEGORY 2: STUDENTS ON SPECIFIED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE VISAS WHO HAVE LOCAL ENROLMENT ENTITLEMENT AND DO NOT PAY TUITION FEES

Students on specified temporary residence visas who have a local enrolment entitlement and do not pay tuition fees are listed below.

These students have the same enrolment entitlements and access to specialist provision and support services as local students. They are eligible for student-centred funding. They are required to pay contributions, charges and fees payable by local students enrolled at the school.

<b>Students (or Dependants) on Specified Temporary Visas with local entitlement and exempt from the payment of tuition fees.</b>			
<b>Visa Subclass</b>	<b>Visa Subclass Title</b>	<b>Visa Subclass</b>	<b>Visa Subclass Title</b>
159	Provisional Resident Return	445	Dependant Child
160	Business Owner (Provisional)	448	Kosovar Safe Haven
161	Senior Executive (Provisional)	449	Humanitarian Stay
162	Investor (Provisional)	450	Resolution of Status-Family Member
163	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	451	Secondary Movement Relocation
164	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	461	New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship
165	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	475	Skilled - Regional Sponsored (Provisional)
188	Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)	476	Skilled - Recognised Graduate (Temporary)
300	Prospective Marriage	485	Skilled - Graduate (Temporary)
302	Emergency (Permanent Visa Applicant)	487	Skilled - Regional Sponsored (Provisional)
303	Emergency (Temporary Visa Applicant)	489	Skilled - Nominated or Sponsored (Provisional)
309	Partner (formerly known as Spouse)	495	Skilled - Independent Regional (provisional)
310	Interdependency	496	Skilled Designated Area – Sponsored (provisional)
401	Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity)	497	Graduate – skilled (Temporary)
402	Training and Research	500 Schools Sector	<b>ONLY</b> for an International Secondary Student Exchange Program*
403	Temporary Work (International Relations)	500 Higher Education or Postgraduate Sector	<b>ONLY</b> with an approved scholarship from the Commonwealth or a public university**
406	Government Agreement	571	<b>ONLY</b> for an International Secondary Student Exchange Program*
410	Retirement	573 & 574	<b>ONLY</b> with an approved scholarship from the Commonwealth or a public university**
411	Exchange	576	AusAID or Defence Sponsored Sector
415	Foreign Government Agency	773	Border
416	Special Program	785	Temporary Protection
419	Visiting Academic	786	Temporary (Humanitarian Concern)
422	Medical Practitioner (Temporary)	790	Safe Haven Enterprise (SHEV)
426	Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or Consular)	820	Partner (formerly known as Spouse)
427	Domestic Worker (Executive)	826	Interdependency
428	Religious Worker	850	Resolution of Status (Temporary)
442	Occupational Trainee	995	Diplomatic (Temporary)
444	Special Category		

\*Enrolment is on the condition that the exchange program is managed by an approved Student Exchange Organisation (SEO). A list of approved SEOs may be accessed through the website of [TAFE International Western Australia \(TIWA\)](#).

\*\*TIWA will verify scholarship documentation and provide a letter to the visa holder to prove local enrolment entitlement and no tuition fees. Please note that local entitlement is for the duration of the scholarship and concludes on the visa end date as stated in the letter from TIWA.

The list will be updated as required.

## 4 CATEGORY 3: STUDENTS ON SPECIFIED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE VISAS WHO HAVE LOCAL ENROLMENT ENTITLEMENT AND PAY TUITION FEES

Students who are dependants of specified temporary residence visa holders who have a local enrolment entitlement and pay tuition fees are listed below.

These students have the same enrolment entitlements and access to specialist provision and support services as local students. They are eligible for student-centred funding. They are also required to pay contributions, charges and fees payable by local students enrolled at the school.

Dependants of Temporary Visa holders – With local enrolment entitlement and pay tuition fees.	
Visa Sub Class	Visa Subclass Title
457	Temporary Work (Skilled)

### 4.1 Tuition fee

457 Visa holders pay a family tuition fee of \$4 000 per year for students enrolled in public primary and secondary schools from Pre-primary to Year 12. There is no tuition fee payable if the oldest child attends kindergarten. The family tuition fee will be paid to the State Government and TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA) is responsible for administration and collection of the fee.

### 4.2 Financial hardship provision

457 Visa holders may apply to TIWA to have the tuition fee reduced or waived on the basis of either of the following hardship provisions.

- a. Families with an estimated gross annual income of \$75 000 or less are not required to pay the tuition fee. An application will be need to be made each year to have the tuition fee waived based on the family income.
- b. A full or partial fee waiver will be considered where families provide evidence that unforeseen changes in their family circumstances have had an effect on their capacity to pay the tuition fee. Applications are considered on a case by case basis. A fee waiver only applies for the period where there is reduced capacity to pay the tuition fee.

### 4.3 Further information

W: [tafeinternational.wa.edu.au](http://tafeinternational.wa.edu.au)

P: 9218 2100

## 5 CATEGORY 4: STUDENTS ON ALL OTHER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE VISAS (KNOWN AS OVERSEAS FEE-PAYING STUDENTS)

Students who are holders of, or dependants of, all other temporary residence visas are known as overseas fee-paying students. They have no local enrolment entitlement and are not guaranteed a place at their local school. This includes those students with fee-waivers.

Overseas fee-paying students are not eligible to apply for, or to enrol in, selective Gifted and Talented programs. Overseas fee-paying students are not eligible for student-centred funding.

Students on temporary visas, other than those visas listed in Sections 3 and 4, are to be directed to [TAFE International Western Australia \(TIWA\)](#) prior to enrolment.—TIWA will determine the current status of the visa and confirm if the student is an overseas fee-paying student.

Overseas fee-paying students are required to pay the following contributions, charges and fees which are collected by the school:

- other costs incurred by the school such as leasing or purchase of notebook computers and School Curriculum and Standards Authority fees; and
- contributions and charges payable by local students enrolled at the school.

Principals can exclude an overseas fee-paying student from participating in an education program for the non-payment of school fees and charges. Refer to Section 3.2.5 of [Contributions, Charges and Fees Manual](#).

Overseas fee-paying students are required to pay the following fees which are collected by TIWA:

- tuition fee for enrolment at a public school; and
- fees for specialist provision or support for students with English as an additional language or disability if required. Refer to Section 5.5 and 5.6.2 for further information.

For the non-payment of tuition fees, TIWA will inform the principal of:

- the measures undertaken to collect the tuition fees;
- dates and times of communication and contact with the visa holder; and
- the responses given by the visa holder.

Principals are responsible for considering and managing the fee recovery only after TIWA has taken all practical steps to recover the outstanding fees.

Refer to Section 3.3.2 of [Contributions, Charges and Fees Manual](#).

### 5.1 ENROLMENT CONDITIONS FOR OVERSEAS FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

Overseas fee-paying students do not have local enrolment entitlement. The enrolment of overseas fee-paying students is at the discretion of the principal who must determine that:

- the school is approved by the Director General to enrol overseas fee-paying students;
- the school has an appropriate education program and available classroom accommodation; and

- priority for enrolment has been given to each student who is not an overseas fee-paying student (for local-intake schools this includes out of boundary enrolments). For further information refer to Section 3.1.4 of the [Enrolment procedures](#).

Enrolment of overseas students may only be accepted when the school has confirmation from TIWA that the family has completed the required application process for their child to attend the school.

Short term enrolments of up to ten weeks may be accepted under the same conditions as all overseas fee-paying students.

## 5.2 TUITION FEE WAIVER FOR OVERSEAS FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

Students who are the dependants of approved full fee-paying overseas postgraduate students can have tuition fees waived. The tuition fee waiver only applies when the visa holders are currently enrolled in full-time postgraduate studies at a recognised Western Australian university. These students are eligible for student-centred funding. Overseas fee-paying students, with a fee waiver, do not have local enrolment entitlement.

The tuition fee waiver applies for dependants of Student visa holders of:

- visa subclass 500 - Higher Education Sector or visa subclass 573 undertaking a masters by course work; or
- visa subclass 500 - Postgraduate Sector or visa subclass 574 undertaking a masters or PhD/Doctorate by research.

TIWA, in conjunction with the University's International Office, will:

- verify the fee-paying status of dependants of a postgraduate student;
- coordinate the placement of the dependant in a public school; and
- provide a letter to the school stating the visa end date for the tuition fee waiver.

Where applicable, students with a tuition fee waiver for a dependant are required to pay the following fees which are collected by TIWA:

- tuition fee for any period when the postgraduate student is not undertaking postgraduate studies. This applies during any bridging, preliminary English or similar course; and
- fees for specialist provision or support for students disability or with English as an additional language if required. Refer to Section 5.5 and 5.6.2 for further information.

Overseas fee-paying students with a tuition fee waiver are required to pay the following contributions, charges and fees which are collected by the school:

- other costs incurred by the school such as leasing or purchase of notebook computers and School Curriculum and Standards Authority fees; and
- contributions and charges payable by local students enrolled at the school.

There is no fee waiver for the dependants of Student visa holders who are the recipients of a scholarship that also sponsors their dependent children. These overseas fee-paying students are required to pay all applicable fees.

## 5.3 SCHOOL MANAGED ENROLMENTS OF OVERSEAS FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

Overseas fee-paying students who were enrolled prior to Semester 2, 2013 may continue to be managed by the school. The principal is responsible for invoicing and collecting all applicable fees, including tuition fees.

A school may elect to transfer fee management to TIWA for an overseas fee-paying student who was enrolled prior to Semester 2, 2013. TIWA will then be responsible for fee administration and collection. For further information refer to Section 5.4.

#### 5.4 TIWA MANAGED ENROLMENTS OF OVERSEAS FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

For all enrolments since Semester 2, 2013, parents of an overseas fee-paying student must contact TIWA to enrol a child in a public school. If parents contact the school, the school should direct the parents to TIWA. TIWA then liaises with the family and their preferred choice of school(s). It is at the principal's discretion to accept an enrolment in accordance with conditions listed in Section 5.1.

TIWA is responsible for the collection of fees for tuition and specialist provision for students who are enrolled through TIWA. Fees will be collected by TIWA in advance and forwarded to schools. TIWA will advise schools if students are unfinancial.

Any parent queries should be directed to TIWA on (08) 9218 2100 or [admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au).

#### 5.5 SPECIALIST PROVISION OR SUPPORT

Prior to accepting the enrolment of an overseas fee-paying student, principals should determine the capability of the school to provide an appropriate program for the student. Refer to Section 5.6.2 for fees payable by the parent before the student can access specialist provision or support.

##### 5.5.1 ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Prospective students may be eligible for a specialist English as an Additional Language support program at the local school or enrolment in an Intensive English Centre. For information about the enrolment process for students to attend an Intensive English Centre refer to Section 3.3 of the [Enrolment procedures](#).

For information about Intensive English Centres and curriculum support for English as an additional language learners refer to the Department of Education's website - [English as an Additional Language or Dialect](#) (EAL/D).

##### 5.5.2 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Prospective students with disability may require additional support to participate in an appropriate education program. In addition to enrolment in a mainstream school, these students may be eligible to enrol at an education support centre or school or a school with a specialist education support program.

Prior to enrolment, the level and costs of providing adjustments for a student is determined on a case-by-case basis by the relevant School of Special Education Needs. Refer to Section 3.4 of the [Enrolment procedures](#) and the [Enrolment of Students with Disability](#) for further information.



## 5.6 FEES AND CHARGES

### 5.6.1 TUITION FEES

<b>Table 1: Fees for overseas fee-paying students (except 571 Visa holders) enrolled prior to Semester 1, 2014</b>		
<b>Years</b>	<b>2016 Annual fee</b>	<b>2017 Annual fee</b>
Kindergarten	N/A	N/A
Pre-primary-Year 6	\$8 750	\$10 070
Years 7 to 10	\$10 160	\$11 680
Years 11 and 12	\$11 720	\$13 480

<b>Table 2: Fees for 571 Visa holders and all overseas fee-paying students enrolled after Semester 1, 2014 (including 500 Visa holders - Schools Sector)</b>		
<b>Years</b>	<b>2016 Annual fee</b>	<b>2017 Annual fee</b>
Kindergarten	\$7 000	\$7 350
Pre-primary-Year 6	\$13 080	\$13 730
Years 7 to 10	\$15 510	\$16 280
Years 11 and 12	\$17 035	\$17 880

Note:

- All fees are reviewed annually and fee increases will be published.
- All fees include administration fees charged by TIWA to manage enrolments.

### 5.6.2 FEES FOR SPECIALIST PROVISION OR SUPPORT

Additional fees will be charged to meet the cost of access to specialist provision or support for students with English as an additional language or for students with disability. These fees are in addition to tuition fees and are to be paid by parents to TIWA.

The maximum parent contribution for a student requiring specialist disability provision or support is \$25 000. The Department of Education will cover the difference for any additional costs.

<b>Specialist Program or Support</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Intensive English Centre	\$3 000 per annum
EAL support program	\$1 500 per annum
Specialist provision or support for students with disability	Assessed on a case-by-case basis.

### 5.6.3 FEES FOR ENROLMENT OF UP TO TEN WEEKS

A minimum fee equivalent to five weeks tuition is to be paid for enrolments from one to five weeks. Students enrolling for a period from six to ten weeks will be required to pay a fee equivalent to ten weeks tuition. Fees are calculated from Table 2, Section 5.5.1.

#### 5.6.4 OTHER COSTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, CHARGES AND FEES

Overseas fee-paying students must pay the following directly to the school:

- contributions, charges and fees that are payable by local students enrolled at the school;
- costs incurred by the school in resourcing their tuition such as leasing or purchasing notebook computers and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority Fee; and
- costs of other associated items such as uniforms, transport to and from school, books, stationery, personal items, excursions, swimming programs.

## 6 INTERPRETING AND TRANSLATING

Schools and offices are able to access the Common Use Arrangement (CUA): Contract No. ITS2012 Interpreting and Translating Services.

This contract is in place to support the Western Australian Government's Language Services Policy and to ensure that language is not a barrier to service provision across the Department of Education.

The CUA currently has three categories:

- Aboriginal Australian languages;
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Languages; and
- AUSLAN (Sign Language).

School personnel can contact the service provider request an interpreter.

Requests for translated materials need to be through the Contract Manager.

Costs are incurred by the Department and not by the individual school.

For further information regarding the use of this service please go to:

Government Contract Directory

<http://infopage.gem.wa.gov.au/docs/schoolse.pdf>

English as an Additional Language or Dialect Website Advice and List of Translated materials

<http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/eald/detcms/portal/>

Contract Manager: EAL/D Curriculum Officer, Resources

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## 7 DOCUMENT CONTROL

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