

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS PROGRAM

Fact sheet: Application process for dependants of international students

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This fact sheet contains information about the application process if your child is overseas and applying for a dependant student visa (subclass 500). If your child already holds a dependant student visa (subclass 500) refer to the [temporary resident](#) fact sheet.

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the NSW Department of Education to deliver a quality education program to your child. NSW government schools offer a world-class standard of education from the largest education provider in Australia.

Living arrangements for children in the Temporary Residents Program

The NSW Department of Education requires all school-aged students who are under 18 years of age, and who hold a temporary resident visa, to live with their parent during any period of enrolment in a NSW government school. Homestay is not permitted under the Temporary Residents Program.

Application process

Step 1 - Apply online

All temporary residents seeking to enrol in a NSW government school must lodge their application online to the Temporary Residents Program. Please visit deiparent.det.nsw.edu.au/#/login to lodge your application through the NSW Government Schools - Online Application Portal. If you require technical support with the online application, call 1300 615 199. Support is available from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday AEST (Sydney time) and is not accessible from outside of Australia.

Step 2 - Assessment

After you lodge your application online, the Temporary Residents Program will assess your application and issue a [tuition fee](#) invoice for payment where required. Check your email regularly for communication about the status of your application.

Step 3 - Confirmation of Placement

After the assessment stage is completed, you will be sent a *Confirmation of Placement*. The *Confirmation of Placement* provides evidence your child has schooling arrangements with a NSW government school. You may use the *Confirmation of Placement* to apply to the Department of Home Affairs for your child's dependant student visa.

Step 4 – Travel to Australia

If the Department of Home Affairs grants your child a dependant student visa, your child will travel to Australia.

Step 5 - School placement

Once your child is in Australia, you can sign into the Online Application Portal to update your residential address and commence the school placement process. The school placement provides you with the opportunity to select a school from your local catchment. If your local school is at capacity and has no available place for your child, you will be offered an option to select schools outside your catchment. Please note, temporary residents are not eligible to enrol in selective high schools including agricultural high schools, the selective component of comprehensive high schools and Opportunity Classes (OC) in primary schools.

Step 6 - Arrange a meeting with the school

After you submit your placement request via the Online Application Portal, contact the school and make an appointment for a meeting. On the day of the meeting, bring the passport for all family members and the visa for all family members. The school may also ask you to bring [evidence of your residential address](#) and evidence of your child's [immunisation status](#).

Step 7 - School accepts the placement request

After the school accepts the placement request, the Temporary Residents Program will issue an *Authority to Enrol* to the school. The *Authority to Enrol* provides the NSW government school with your child's enrolment start date. Your child cannot enrol in any NSW government school for any period unless an *Authority to Enrol* has been issued to the school by the Temporary Residents Program. Check your Online Application Portal regularly for communication about the status of your application and the next steps for enrolment.

Exemption from the tuition fee

Dependants of international students in the following specific circumstances are exempt from the tuition fee, however, are liable for the application fee.

- Dependants of international students who hold visa subclass 500, and the principal visa holder is undertaking a postgraduate doctorate course (as per their *Confirmation of Enrolment*), and the course provider is a NSW main campus university, and the principal visa holder is not a recipient of a scholarship that includes school fees for dependant children.
- Dependants of international students who have a full scholarship from the Australian Government or who are sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or the Department of Defence.
- Dependants of international students who have a full scholarship from a publicly funded New South Wales main campus university.

Need more information

To find out more about the Temporary Residents Program, please visit deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 300 229 (then option 1). To find out more about going to a NSW government school, please visit education.nsw.gov.au/public=schools/going-to-a-public-school.