

Schedule of Visa Subclasses and Conditions for Enrolments of Overseas Students

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Introduction

This document aims to provide clarity regarding the processes and procedures involved when enrolling students who have recently arrived from overseas. It will also provide principals, registrars and business managers with advice and directions regarding the enrolment of full-fee paying students and those on bridging and visitor visas.

Fee Liability or Exemption

Students must have the right type of visa in order to be eligible to receive General Recurrent Grant (GRG) funding (exemption from fees) and to attract funding for the English as an Additional Language (EAL) or New Arrivals program support.

Where a visa subclass is marked as 'Yes' under the 'Eligible to receive GRG' column in the tables below, the student will not be required to pay international student tuition fees. Students may also apply for New Arrivals Support funding.

Where a visa subclass is marked as 'No' under the 'Eligible to receive GRG' column, the student is 'fee-liable', which means that they will be required to pay international student tuition fees. Students on full-fee paying overseas visas need to be flagged as an overseas student on the February and/or August Census. This is because they do not receive GRG funding and are not eligible to receive support services.

It is strongly recommended that schools are aware of the legislated requirements related to international students.

Students on visitor visas must not be recorded in the Census as they do not receive GRG funding from the Victorian or Australian governments. Students on visitor visas are ineligible to receive support services or funding and are therefore required to pay temporary dependant international student tuition fees.

Evidentiary Requirements

This section refers to what schools need to sight for all enrolments.

One of the documents listed below must be sighted by schools and retained on the student's enrolment records to identify the fee status of overseas students or the dependants of permanent residents:

- visa grant notice – letter issued by the Department of Home Affairs confirming the visa subclass was granted
- electronic correspondence – email(s) issued by the Department of Home Affairs confirming that the visa subclass was granted
- statement from Visa Entitlement Verification Online system (VEVO).

Please note that visa holders are able to check their own visa entitlement details and conditions with VEVO. Schools are able to register with VEVO to check visa details of ImmiCard holders with their permission. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) is registered with VEVO and is able to assist schools in obtaining this information with the visa holder's permission. For more information, please contact the Learning Diversity team at MACS on 03 9267 0228.

Ongoing Monitoring of Visa Subclasses Held by Overseas Students

Following the initial enrolment of any fee-exempt overseas students, schools are required to monitor:

- visa expiry dates. Where a visa is approaching expiry, the student must provide a new visa
- any changes to the student's visa that may impact whether they remain fee-exempt or are liable to pay fees.

Schools enrolling students listed as the main applicant (travelling alone for the purpose of study) are required to be registered with the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). Students who are the main applicant will be on a visa 500 and their sector will be listed as 'student'.

If the student enters Australia as a dependant applicant (i.e. on their parent's visa), the school is not required to have CRICOS registration. Schools can determine a dependant applicant's status by checking the sector on the applicant's visa. Please note that [international tuition fees](#) apply.

Appropriate age for school entry

At least six years old at time of visa application

Less than 17 years old at time of commencing Year 9 of secondary school

Less than 18 years at time of commencing Year 10 of secondary school

Less than 19 years at time of commencing Year 11 of secondary school

Less than 20 years at time of commencing Year 12 of secondary school

Acronyms

FFPOS	Full-Fee Paying Overseas Student
ELICOS	English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students
VET	Vocational Education and Training

Visa subclass codes

PRR	Permanent Residency Refugee
PRNR	Permanent Residency Non-Refugee
TR	Temporary Residency
PVR	Provisional Residency

Visa Subclass Schedule

Visa subclass number	Visa subclass title	Visa class	Subclass code	Can enrol	Eligible to receive EAL or New Arrivals program funding	Eligible to receive GRG	Flagged on Census as an overseas student and treated as an FFPOS
Dependants of overseas students who are holders of a bridging visa							
010	Bridging (Class A)	WA	TR	YES	Exemption from tuition fees is dependent on the visa held immediately prior to the bridging visa and the visa's expiration date		Refer to previous visa and expiration date. <i>NB: Where a student may present a bridging visa, check if their previous visa is still valid at Census Day. If the substantive visa is valid, the student must be reported according to the substantive visa. If the substantive visa is no longer valid, report the student according to the subclass of their bridging visa. The bridging visa must be 'in effect'.</i>
020	Bridging (Class B)	WB	TR	YES			
030	Bridging (Class C)	WC	TR	YES			
040	Bridging (Prospective Applicant) D	WD	TR	YES			
041	Bridging (Non-Applicant) D	WD	TR	YES			
042	Bridging (Class A)	WD	TR	YES			
050	Bridging (General) E	WE	TR	YES			
051	Bridging (Protection Visa Applicant)	WE	TR	YES			
060	Bridging Visa F	WF	TR	YES			
070	Bridging Visa R (Removal Pending)	WR	TR	YES			

Note 1: Explanation of bridging visas

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

Note 2: Explanation of permanent resident applicants (bridging visas 010, 020, 030, 040, 041, 042, 050, 060, 070)

Bridging visa holders may be required to pay fees. Exemption from tuition fee is dependent on the immediate visa held prior to the bridging visa. Bridging visa holders may be required to provide copies of any current or previous visas and evidence of the visa they are applying for.

Note 3: Protection visa applicants

Protection visa applicants on any bridging visa subclass are eligible for GRG funding, provided they presented evidence that they have applied for a protection visa. This will be listed on their visa application to the Department of Home Affairs.

Note 4: Basis for fee exemption/liability

With the exception of protection visa applicants and bridging visa holders where the previously held visa was fee-exempt, fee status is determined by the current visa held.

Visa subclass number	Visa subclass title	Visa class	Subclass code	Can enrol	Eligible to receive EAL or New Arrivals program funding	Eligible to receive GRG	Flagged on Census as an overseas student and treated as an FFPOS
100	Spouse	BC	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
101	Child	AH	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
102	Adoption	AH	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
103	Parent	AX	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
105	Skilled – Australian Linked	AJ	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
106	Regional Linked	BC	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
114	Aged Dependent Relative	BO	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
115	Remaining Relative	BO	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
116	Carer	BO	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
117	Orphan Relative	AH	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
119	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	AN	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
120	Labour Agreement	AU	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
121	Employer Nomination	AN	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
124	Distinguished Talent – Australian Support	AL	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
132	Business Talent	EA	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
135	State/Territory Nominated Independent	AT	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
143	Contributory Parent	CA	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
151	Former Resident	CB	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
155	Five Year Resident Return	BB	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
157	Three Month Resident Return	BB	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
159	Provisional Resident Return	TP	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
160	Business Owner (Provisional)	UR	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
161	Senior Executive (Provisional)	UR	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
162	Investor (Provisional)	UR	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO

Visa subclass number	Visa subclass title	Visa class	Subclass code	Can enrol	Eligible to receive EAL or New Arrivals program funding	Eligible to receive GRG	Flagged on Census as an overseas student and treated as an FFPOS
163	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Provisional)	UR	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
164	State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive (Provisional)	UR	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
165	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Provisional)	UR	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
173	Contributory Parent (Temporary)	UT	TR	YES	NO	NO	YES (dependant fee rate)
175	Skilled – Independent	VE	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
176	Skilled – Sponsored	VE	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
186	Employer Nomination Scheme	EN	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
187	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	RN	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
188	Business Innovation and Investment	EB	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
189	Skilled – Independent	SI	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
190	Skilled Nominated	SN	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
200	Refugee	XB	PRR	YES	YES	YES	NO
201	In-country Special Humanitarian	XB	PRR	YES	YES	YES	NO
202	Global Special Humanitarian	XB	PRR	YES	YES	YES	NO
203	Emergency Rescue	XB	PRR	YES	YES	YES	NO
204	Women at Risk	XB	PRR	YES	YES	YES	NO
300	Prospective Marriage	TO	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
302	Emergency (Permanent Visa Applicant)	TI	PR	YES	YES	YES	NO
303	Emergency (Temporary Visa Applicant)	TI	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
309	Partner (Provisional)	UF	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
310	Interdependency (Provisional)	UF	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
400	Temporary Work (Short Stay)	GA	TR	YES	NO	NO	YES (dependant fee rate)

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401	TemporaryWork (Long Stay)	GB	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
402	Training and Research	TH	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
403	TemporaryWork (International Relations)	GD	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
405	Investment Retirement	UY	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
406	Government Agreement	TH	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
407	Training and Research	GF	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
408	TemporaryActivity	GG	TR	YES	YES (if visa is for over three months)	YES (if visa is for over three months)	YES (if visa for under three months)
411	Exchange	TE	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
415	Foreign Government Agency	TH	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
416	Special Program	TE	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
417	Working Holiday	TU	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
420	TemporaryWork Entertainment	GE	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
444	Special Category (NZ Citizens)	TY	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
445	Dependent Child	TK	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
448	Kosovar Safe Haven (Temporary)	UJ	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
449	Humanitarian Stay (Temporary)	UJ	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
457	TemporaryWork (Skilled)	UC	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
461	NZ Family Relationships	UP	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO

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462	Work and Holiday (Temporary)	US	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
470	Professional Development	UV	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
476	Skilled – Recognised Graduate	VF	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
482	Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS)	GK	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
485	Skilled or Temporary – Graduate	VC	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
487	Skilled – Regional Sponsored	VC	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
489	Skilled – Regional Provisional	VF	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
491	Skilled Work Regional	PS	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
494	Skilled Employer Regional	PS	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
495	Skilled Independent Regional (Provisional)	UX	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
496	Skilled Designated Area Sponsored (Provisional)	UZ	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
497	Graduate – Skilled	UQ	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
500	Student – ELICOS (formerly 570)	TU	TR	YES	NO	NO	YES (dependant fee rate)
500	Student – Schools (formerly 571)	TU	TR	NO (unless school has CRICOS registration)	NO	NO	YES (international student fee rate)
500	Student – VET	TU	TR	YES	NO	NO	YES (dependant fee rate)
500	Student – Higher Education Sector	TU	TR	YES	NO	NO	YES (dependant fee rate)
500	Student – Postgraduate Research	TU	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO (must supply university sponsorship paperwork)

Visa subclass number	Visa subclass title	Visa class	Subclass code	Can enrol	Eligible to receive EAL or New Arrivals program funding	Eligible to receive GRG	Flagged on Census as an overseas student and treated as an FFPOS
500	Student – Non-Award	TU	TR	YES	NO	NO	YES (dependant fee rate)
500	Student – AusAID and Defence	TU	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
590	Student Guardian	TU	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
600	Visitor	TR	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
601	Electronic Travel Authority	TR	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
602	Medical Treatment	VB	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
651	eVisitor	TR	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
676	Tourist (Short Stay)	TR	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
771	Transit	TX	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
773	Border	TA	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
785	Temporary Protection	XC	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
786	Temporary (Humanitarian Concern)	UO	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
790	Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV)	XE	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
800	Territorial Asylum	BE	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
801	Spouse	BS	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO

Visa subclass number	Visa subclass title	Visa class	Subclass code	Can enrol	Eligible to receive EAL or New Arrivals program funding	Eligible to receive GRG	Flagged on Census as an overseas student and treated as an FFPOS
802	Child (Residence)	BT	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
804	Aged Parent	BP	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
808	Confirmatory (Residence)	AK	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
814	Interdependency (Permanent)	BS	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
820	Spouse (Extended Eligibility)	UK	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
826	Interdependency	UK	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
834	Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island	AW	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
835	Remaining Relative	BU	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
836	Carer	BU	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
837	Orphan Relative	BT	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
838	Aged Dependent Relative	BU	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
845	Established Business in Australia	BH	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
846	State/Territory	BH	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
851	Resolution of Status (Permanent)	CD	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
852	Witness Protection Trafficking (Permanent)	DH	PRNR	YES	NO	YES	NO
855	Labour Agreement	BV	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
856	Employer Nomination Scheme	BW	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
857	Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme	BW	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
858	Distinguished Talent	BX	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
863	Skilled – Onshore Designated Area-sponsored NZ Citizen	DB	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
864	Contributory Aged Parent (Residence)	DG	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
866	Protection	XA	PRR	YES	YES	YES	NO
884	Contributory Aged Parent	UU	PRNR	YES	NO	NO	YES (dependant fee rate)

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885	Skilled – Australian Sponsored Overseas Student	VB	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
886	Skilled – Independent	VB	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
887	Skilled – Regional	VB	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
888	Business Innovation and Investment	EC	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
890	Business Owner	DF	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
891	Investor (Residence)	DF	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
892	State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner (Residence)	DF	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
893	State/Territory Sponsored Investor (Residence)	DF	PRNR	YES	YES	YES	NO
944	APEC Travel Authority	ZA	TR	YES	NO	NO	NO (three-month study limit with temporary international fees applied)
945	Status of Forces Agreement/Defence Personnel Dependents	ZA	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
988	Maritime Crew	TF	TR	YES	YES	YES	NO
995	Diplomatic Temporary	TF	TR	YES	NO	YES	NO
998	Declaratory	ZZ	PR	YES	YES	YES	NO

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an international student or an FFPOS?

FFPOS refers to a student on a visa that allows them to study in Australia. Students may come to Australia on a student visa to study in a Catholic school in Victoria. If the sector listed on the visa states 'student', the school is then required to have CRICOS registration. If the student is listed as a 'dependent applicant', schools are not required to have CRICOS registration.

Do students on visas need to pay fees?

Some students on visas are required to pay additional fees to study in a Catholic school (see [2022 Dependant International Student Fee Rate](#)). Students are charged as a dependant and some students are exempt from paying fees. This all depends on the visa they hold.

Which students on visas pay fees?

To understand which students need to pay fees you will need to:

- obtain a copy of the student's visa grant notice
- sight the visa grant notice, make a copy and keep it in your records
- check if the student is the main applicant or the dependant applicant (i.e. check the sector listed on the visa grant notice)
- check the visa's expiry date
- refer to the tables in this document. These will tell you whether the visa holder is fee-exempt or if they are required to pay fees and if you are able to enrol the student.

What is a bridging visa and what are the procedures for students on bridging visas?

Bridging visas are issued when a person enters Australia on a visa and later applies for a different type of visa. A bridging visa allows the applicant to stay in Australia lawfully when their original visa has expired and while the Department of Home Affairs decides on the outcome of their new visa application.

Whether or not a student is fee-liable (classified as FFPOS) or fee-exempt (able to receive GRG funding) when they are on a bridging visa is determined by the visa held by the student prior to being granted their bridging visa. If that visa was exempt from paying fees, the student does not need to pay fees while they are on a bridging visa. If that visa was fee-liable, the student will still be classified as an FFPOS and will therefore be required to pay full fees (see [2022 Dependant International Student Fee Rate](#)).

Please note that students on visitor visas can only enrol for a maximum study period of three months. These students must not be included in the Census and are not classified as FFPOS. Students on visitor visas must pay the appropriate fee rate (see [2022 Temporary International Student Fee Rate](#)).

What are the procedures for fee payment for FFPOS?

The student cannot study in a Victorian Catholic school and will therefore not receive GRG funding if they have not paid their tuition fees in advance. Catholic schools can request payment of the dependant applicant rate and their local school fees (see [2022 Dependant International Student Fee Rate](#)).

Does a student need to pay fees if their parent is completing a master's degree in Victoria?

Dependent children of a parent who is completing a master's degree in Victoria may be fee-exempt or fee-liable. This depends on the visa that the parent and student hold.

If the parent is completing their master's degree in Victoria and the parent and student hold a Higher Education Sector visa (500), the student will be fee-liable.

If the parent is completing their master's degree in Victoria and the parent and student hold a Postgraduate Research visa (500), the student will be fee-exempt. The student will also attract GRG funding.

What is CRICOS registration and who needs it?

Schools are required to have CRICOS registration if they offer courses for international students.

Catholic schools wanting to offer a course of study to international students should apply to the Victorian Regulations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).

Registering as a CRICOS provider requires extensive planning, documentation and resource allocation. Before deciding to apply for CRICOS registration, schools are encouraged to understand their obligations under the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) framework, in particular the school's responsibility for approving and monitoring the accommodation, support and welfare arrangements for unaccompanied international students aged under 18 years (see [2022 Standard International Student Tuition and Non-tuition Fees](#)).

What do you do if someone is on a protection visa?

If a student has applied for a protection visa, they are fee-exempt and will be eligible for GRG funding (i.e. they will no longer be classified as FFPOS). The family must provide evidence that they have applied for a protection visa. Acceptable evidence includes a visa lodgement receipt or application to the Department of Home Affairs clearly indicating that the student is included in the protection visa application.

The school must continue to monitor the student's visa status. If the student's protection visa application is rejected by the Department of Home Affairs, the student may become fee-liable again (i.e. classified as FFPOS and fees are to be collected).

What do you do if someone is in Community Detention?

Students in Community Detention (CD) are not classified as FFPOS. These students should not be accounted for on the Census.

Education funds for children accommodated in Alternative Places of Detention (APOD), CD or Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) holding a Bridging Visa E (BVE) will be provided by the Australian Government. Schools are asked to contact the Learning Diversity team at MACS to apply for funding from the Department of Home Affairs for these enrolments.