



Novel Coronavirus - Information for education providers

What should education providers do if a student is unable to return to Australia to continue their study due to the corona virus travel restrictions?

Students unable to return to Australia to continue their studies will need to have their study deferred. This will not affect their visa status.

Information relating to Confirmation of Enrolment arrangements can be found at:
<https://prisms.education.gov.au/Information/News/News.aspx?NewsId=568>

Where a Student requires additional time to complete their studies (beyond their visa expiry date) they will need to apply for a new student visa and will require a new Confirmation of Enrolment with revised timeframes.

What information should you provide to students?

Education providers should supply students with information about any state or federal health restrictions or isolation periods that may affect them. Education providers should also work with students to determine when they may be able to recommence their studies.

Information for Education providers can be found on the Department of Education website at:
<https://www.education.gov.au>

Education providers can also obtain further information through PRISMS at
<https://prisms.education.gov.au/Information/News/News.aspx?NewsId=568>

Health information can be found at: <https://www.health.gov.au>

Is the Department still processing student visas from China?

Student visa processing is continuing as usual. Students can continue to apply online at:
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>

Education providers should advise Chinese nationals to check visa exit requirements, all available travel advice and to ensure that they are able to attend relevant health and English language checking as required.

Can student visas be extended?

Student visas cannot be extended. There are a number of visa pathways open for student visa holders to remain in Australia (including applying for another new student visa or a visitor visa), provided the applicant meets all necessary visa requirements.

More information can be found at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>