



Temporary Residents Program

Fees and Payment

Most students holding a temporary resident visa are required to pay the Temporary Residents Administration Fee and Education Fee. Please refer to the [Schedule of Visa Subclass & Conditions](#) document on our website to determine if a visa subclass is considered as a fee liable category.

The New South Wales Department of Education and Communities reserves the right to vary fees. Applicants will be required to pay the adjusted fees from the date of variation. Education fees will be charged at the rate applicable to the academic year indicated by the school, Intensive English Language Centre or Intensive English Language High School but may change as the student progresses to the next academic year fee band.

Bridging Visa Holders

The fee liability for students who hold a bridging visa is generally determined according to the conditions of the immediate previous substantive visa.

Temporary Residents Administration Fee & Education Fee (Relates to temporary residents but excludes visitor visas & dependants of international students)

The Education Fee rate for a 12 month period (40 school weeks) of enrolment is:

Years K-6	Primary School	\$4,500.00
Years 7-10	Junior High School	\$4,500.00
Years 11-12	Senior High School	\$5,500.00

An applicant may choose to pay the Temporary Residents Program Education Fees either annually in advance (representing 40 school weeks) or half yearly in advance (representing 20 school weeks). All Education Fees are charged on a whole week basis. If for any reason the student only attends school for a part week, the whole week rate will be charged. All fees are listed in Australian Dollars. An Administration Fee of \$110.00 is also required for each fee liable student for the initial enrolment. The Administration Fee is non-refundable and is GST inclusive.

Visitor Visa Holders Administration Fee & Education Fee

The 2012 Visitor Visa Education Fee rate for the 12 school week period of enrolment is:

Years K-6	Primary School	\$237.50 per school week	\$2,850.00 for 12 school weeks
Years 7-10	Junior High School	\$287.50 per school week	\$3,450.00 for 12 school weeks
Years 11-12	Senior High School	\$325.00 per school week	\$3,900.00 for 12 school weeks

Students who hold a visitor visa are restricted to a maximum period of 12 school weeks study for the duration of their visa (DIAC Condition 8201). All Education Fees are charged on a whole week basis. If for any reason the student only attends school for a part week, the whole week rate will be charged. All fees are listed in Australian Dollars and are non-refundable. An Administration Fee of \$110.00 is also required for each student for each period of enrolment. The Administration Fee is non-refundable and is GST inclusive.

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Dependants of International Students

The table below lists the Education Fee rates for dependants of international students for a 12 month period (40 school weeks) for each type of visa subclass and for each type of education sector of the primary visa holder.

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Education Fee Rates

Visa Subclass	Education Sector	Years K - 6 Primary School	Years 7 - 10 Junior High School	Years 11 - 12 Senior High School
570	Independent ELICOS	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
570	TAFE NSW is the parent's course provider	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,500
572	VET Sector	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
572	TAFE NSW is the parent's course provider	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,500
573	Higher Education	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,500
574	Post Graduate Masters, Post Graduate Doctorate in Non NSW institution or King Abdullah Scholarship Holders	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,500
574	Post Graduate Doctorate in NSW Institution (Excludes King Abdullah Scholarship holders)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
575	Non Award	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
576	AusAID / Defence Force	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt

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What do the Fees Cover

The Visitor and Temporary Residents Education Fee represent a partial contribution to the education costs of temporary resident students enrolled in the New South Wales government school system.

The Education Fee includes most tuition costs and access to student support services.

The fee includes access to the New South Wales Board of Studies curriculum across all key learning areas, textbook hire, access to student welfare and counselling services, access to intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) support for eligible visa holders and access to TAFE subjects if eligible and within the curriculum requirements.

Each school may request voluntary school contributions and charge additional fees for certain subjects or optional extension activities. Voluntary school contributions apply to all students, including those who have paid the Temporary Residents Education Fee and Visitor Visa Education Fee.

What the Fees do not Cover

The Visitor and Temporary Residents Education Fees do not cover:

- The cost of school excursions,
- The provision of school uniforms,
- Student medical expenses,
- Subsidised travel under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS).

Transport for NSW policy provides that school aged temporary residents are not eligible for the School Student Transport Subsidy unless they hold an exempt visa subclass or are exempt from fees based on capacity to pay. For more information on the School Student Transport Scheme contact [Transport for NSW](#).

Making Payment

For initial enrolments, payment must be made in Australian dollars by credit card (Visa or Mastercard), bank cheque, bank draft or postal money order. Bank cheques, bank draft or postal money orders must be made payable to "NSW Department of Education and Communities". **Cash, personal cheques and company cheques are not accepted.**

Payment methods using BPay, Internet and Telephone Banking are available for ongoing enrolments. Do not make your payment into any other account as the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities accepts no responsibility for payments made to an agent or a third party account.

Upon request, the Temporary Residents Program will issue an official receipt to the applicant for payments received by the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities.

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Exemptions from Paying the Temporary Residents Education Fee

Some temporary visa subclasses are exempt from paying the education fee. Please refer to the [Schedule of Visa Subclass & Conditions](#) document on our website to determine if your visa subclass is categorised as fee exempt. You can also obtain this information by directly contacting the Temporary Residents Program.

Students who are the holders of, or applying for, a visitor visa (subclasses 651 to 686 or the electronic equivalent 900s including APEC Business card), short term business visa holders (subclass 456 & 459), dependent student (visa subclass 560, 563 and 570 to 575), student guardian and their dependents (subclass 580), trade trainee (subclass 471), working holiday (subclass 417) or work and holiday (subclass 462) are not eligible to apply for an exemption of the visitor or temporary residents education fee.

Individual applications for an exemption based on capacity to pay must be submitted in writing to the Temporary Residents Program. All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis in relation to an applicant's capacity to pay. Capacity to pay is based on the gross annual income of the family unit. The use of disposable income, the payment of Australian income tax or the purpose for which the visa was issued is not considered criteria for exemption. The Exemption Application Form can be obtained on request by contacting the Temporary Residents Program.

Claiming a Refund

Visitor and visas subject to visa condition 8201 (limit of 3 months enrolment) are not eligible to seek a refund of Education Fees. Other temporary resident students may be entitled to a pro rata refund of the Education Fee if their visa category changes to a fee exempt category, the visa is cancelled, the application to enrol is rejected or the student leaves the school prior to the expiry of their paid period of enrolment. The refund is subject to the following terms and conditions:

The refund will amount to the balance of Education Fees from the date of the change of visa status or the entire Education Fee amount in the case of the initial application being rejected. Any change of visa status must be confirmed by the appropriate documentation issued from the Department of Immigration & Citizenship.

In the event an applicant cancels the application for enrolment into a New South Wales government school, any un-used Education Fees will be refunded to the applicant in accordance with our refund policy. In accordance with risk management policy, where fees are paid by credit card in advance, the Department of Education & Communities reserves the right to process any refund back to the same credit card.

If a student decides to withdraw after starting school, they must give a least one week's notice in writing to the Temporary Residents Program and request a refund. Notification of withdrawal must be made in writing and signed by the parent or guardian who signed the Application Form.

The [Refund Application Form](#) is available on our website or can be obtained on request by contacting the Temporary Residents Program.

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