Temporary Resident Students with a Disability

The term disability includes children with an intellectual disability, physical disability, vision impairment, hearing impairment, language disorder, mental health conditions or autism.

All students, including those with disabilities seeking enrolment in a New South Wales government school are subject to the New South Wales Department of Education enrolment and admission policies.

All temporary resident visa holders are subject to additional requirements outlined in the Temporary Residents Program at www.internationalschool.edu.au/trp

In addition to the above requirements, students with disabilities are subject to specific assessment and placement procedures prior to acceptance and admission to an appropriate New South Wales government school education facility.

Further information about the assessment and placement process can be found on the Department's website under 'Disability, Learning & Support' or by clicking here.

If the temporary resident student is currently residing in New South Wales

Students with disabilities who are holding visitor, dependent student and temporary resident visas (including bridging visa holders) must make application for enrolment through a government primary school or secondary school nearest to their place of residence in New South Wales. Enrolment is contingent upon the student’s eligibility to attend, a school’s area zoning and its capacity to accommodate the student. Visitor visa holder enrolment and out of area placement is at the discretion of the school principal within standard enrolment guidelines.

All Temporary Residents (including students with disabilities) must follow the application procedure in accordance with their visa subclass. The Temporary Resident or Visitor Visa Education Fee will apply depending upon the visa subclass being held by the student.

An Authority to Enrol will not be issued by the Temporary Residents Program until documentary confirmation of an appropriate placement with the necessary temporary resident application for enrolment is received by the Temporary Residents Program and appropriate supporting documents and payment in advance (if required) are received and processed.
If a prospective student is currently offshore (overseas) and the Australian Department of Immigration & Border Protection has requested confirmation that a place is available in a New South Wales government school education facility

The Temporary Residents Program does not issue confirmation of placement documentation for students with a disability to support a visa application until the appropriate assessment and placement has been confirmed under the Department’s enrolment and admission policy.

To receive this documentation, you will need to initially contact an appropriate school principal or Learning & Engagement Officer.

Learning & Engagement Officers are attached to School Education Regions whose contact information is provided under “Contact Us” section on the Department’s web site at www.det.nsw.edu.au

The school principal and/or the Learning & Engagement Officer will consider the student’s specific additional education and support needs and confirm to the Temporary Residents Program if a place in an appropriate facility is available in a New South Wales government school.

The Temporary Residents Program will then advise the applicant of arrangements to support the application for a visa.

If you require additional assistance you may contact the Temporary Residents Program by using the contact methods provided below.