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Desde GrowPro, sabemos que son muchos los casos en los que no podéis continuar en Australia, pero como ya sabemos por inmigración, las fronteras de casi el 90% de países tienen restricciones.

Esta es la información actualizada día a día por inmigración australiana: https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/current-alerts/novel-coronavirus

Esta es la página con la información que podemos ofrecer desde GrowPro, que intentamos actualizar según los criterios de inmigración https://growproexperience.com/info-coronavirus/

Primero de todo, para abandonar Australia, debes tener confirmado por tu embajada, que podrás regresar a tu país y que tienes un vuelo que te permitirá ingresar en tu país de origen.

Si es así, perfecto, avisanos y nuestro equipo de soporte se pondrá en contacto contigo para, si fuera el caso, solicitar los reembolsos correspondientes a escuela y seguro médico según las condiciones.

Si NO puedes regresar y tienes que permanecer en Australia, estas son las 3 opciones que inmigración, a día de hoy, ofrece:

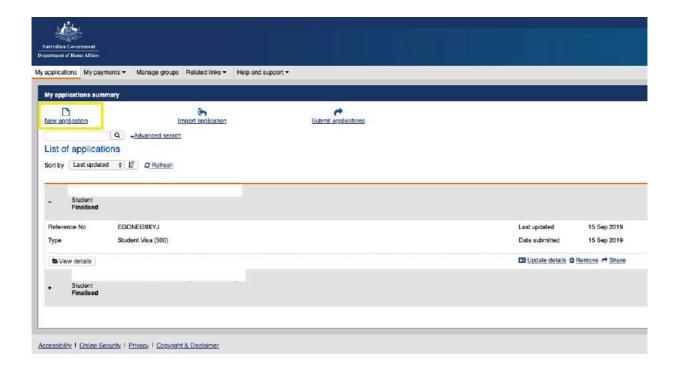
1. - Extensión a una student visa contratando un curso.

Para esto, contáctanos y te informaremos de las posibilidades para renovar tu visado actual y solicitar una student visa.

2. - Extensiones con un visado de turista para permanecer legal

Solicitar la Visitor Visa (subclass 600):

- La Visitor Visa te permite estar en Australia un máximo de 3, 6 o 12 meses seguidos.
- Cada solicitud cuesta entre \$140 AUD y \$1020 AUD, según la duración que elijas.
- El Gobierno de Australia podría pedirte una demostración de fondos económicos para poder subsistir en el país durante el tiempo de tu visado (último estado de cuentas donde figure un monto disponible de 1600\$ por 1 mes de estadía)
- Ingresa en tu cuenta con tus claves de inmigración, en esta página:
- https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login
- Verás esta pantalla, clica en "new application" resaltado en amarillo en la parte superior izquierda:



Selecciona la opción **Visitor 600**, rellena tus datos, el tiempo de estadía, y motivos de la petición.

Rellena la solicitud en MAYUSCULAS, excepto tu e-mail, y comprobando dos veces que los datos son correctos.

Después de rellenar todos los campos, verás la plataforma de pago con tarjeta, paga la aplicación y clica en submit.

Cuando finalices, avísanos para comprobar todo.

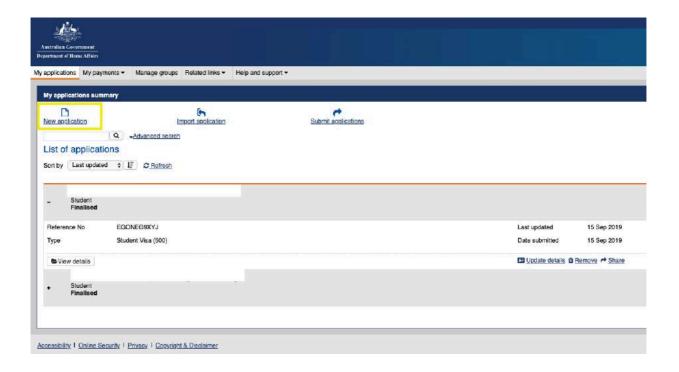
3. - BVE Visa (únicamente puede solicitarse el día que finaliza tu visado, es decir, cuando tu visado actual ha vencido)

La **Bridging Visa E es un visado gratuito, y suponemos que inmigración tendrá que entender vuestras circunstancias y resolver positivamente (no sabemos, como te digo, las condiciones que tendrán estas bridging, hasta el momento en que apliquemos e inmigración emita una resolución)**

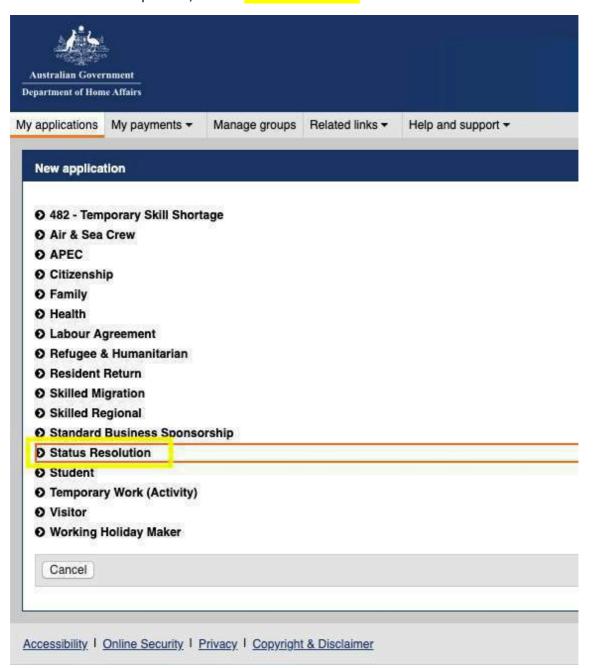
Ingresa en tu cuenta con tus claves de inmigración, en esta página:

https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login

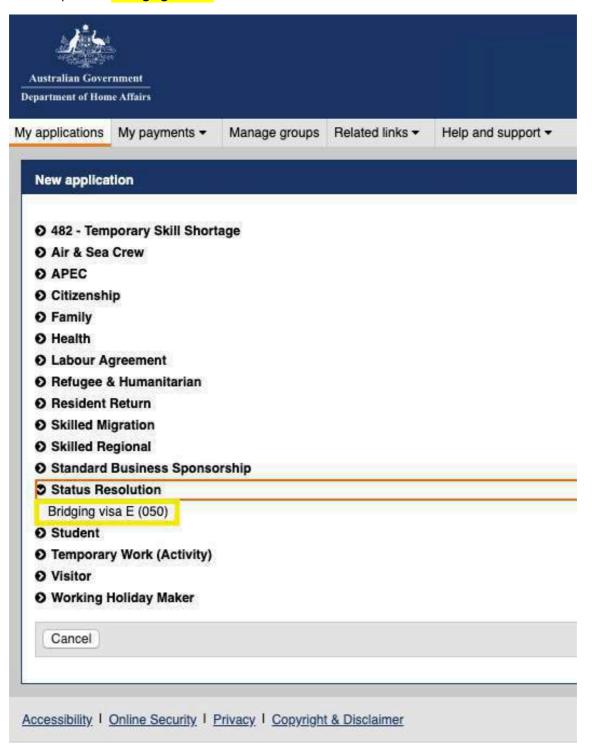
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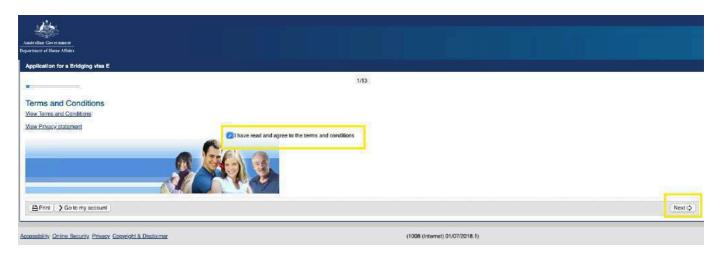
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Clica después en "Bridging Visa E":

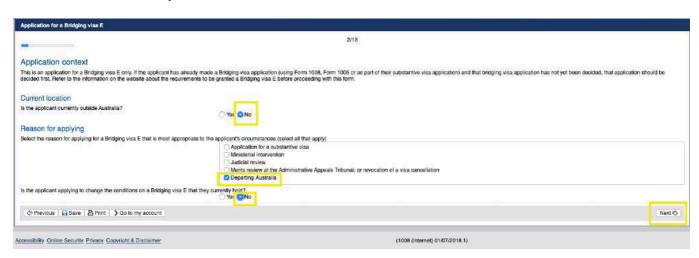


Acepta los términos y condiciones y clica en "next"

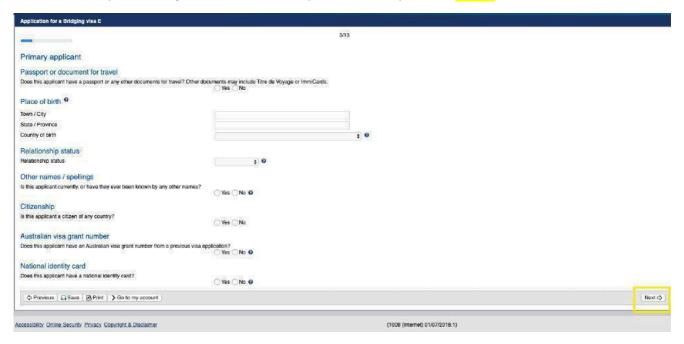


Clica donde corresponde en esta pantalla:

En las razones de aplicar, clica en "Departing Australia" puesto que solicitas la Bridging Visa E como una alternativa para permanecer unos días/semanas en Australia hasta que esta situación crítica mejore.



En esta pantalla, ingresa todos los datos que te solicitan y clica en "next":



** Adjunta en la aplicación una carta explicando tus motivos para solicitarla (sobre todo, incidir en el tema COVID19, cierres de fronteras, etc), y un comprobante de vuelo cancelado (o algo que pueda demostrar que no te han permitido volar, email de la aerolínea, billete de avión donde se reflejen fechas, etc)**

Clica en "submit" cuando hayas comprobado que todos tus datos son correctos, y avísanos para comprobar todo.

En caso de que su estado de salud se complique y tenga serios problemas que le impidan respirar llame inmediatamente al: 000.

Mayor información en:

https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert

Esperamos que esta guía pueda servirte de ayuda, cualquier duda adicional que puedas tener, escribe a support@growproexperience.com

Links de interés:

Página oficial de información BVE

https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/bridging-visa-e-050-051

Si el proveedor de educación no puede ayudarte, visita el sitio web del Departamento de Educación, Habilidades y Empleo en www.dese.gov.au

o comunícate con <u>international.students@dese.gov.au</u>.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIn2L4buq70

¿Qué gestión puedo hacer con la aerolínea de mi vuelo para postergarlo después del periodo de cierre de fronteras?

Se ha tomado conocimiento que las aerolíneas vienen flexibilizando los cambios de vuelo con opciones especiales. Latam y Qantas vienen haciendo actualizaciones diarias en su página web: https://www.latam.com/es_un/experiencia/coronavirus/vuelos-afectados/https://www.gantas.com/au/en/travel-info/travel-updates/coronavirus.html

Estoy en Australia y creo tener coronavirus (COVID-19). ¿Qué puedo hacer?

Las autoridades de salud en Australia han informado que el procedimiento es, en un primer momento, llamar a la línea de consulta médica:

Call the Coronavirus Health Information Line, al **1800 020 080**. Si se requiere de **intérprete** llamar

al: 131 450.

Working in Australia

Course is 'out of session'

You can work unlimited hours if your course is considered 'out of session'. Courses are considered 'out of session' during scheduled course breaks or if a student has finished their course as scheduled.

Studying online

You cannot work more than 40 hours per fortnight when your course of study is 'in session', regardless of whether you are attending classes physically or online. A course is considered 'in session' for the duration of the advertised semesters (including periods when exams are being held) even if the student is studying online.

Approved deferral of your course

You can work over 40 hours per fortnight if your course has been deferred.

Latest updates:

Australia's major supermarkets will temporarily be able to offer more hours to international student employees to help keep shelves stocked.

International students ready to fill critical staff shortages in aged care.

Notifying the Department

You do not need to notify the Department if you return home, or your study situation changes.

Your visa remains valid until you lodge another visa application, or your visa expires. The status of your visa will remain unchanged if you return home or defer your studies.



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General Advice

The latest information on novel coronavirus can be found on the Department of Health website at www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov.

From 20 March 2020 at 9pm (AEDT), only Australian citizens, residents and family members can travel to Australia.

This is in addition to measures announced on 15 March 2020, requiring all travellers to Australia to self-isolate for a period of 14 days on arrival to Australia.

The Department of Health has a Coronavirus Health Information Line - **1800 020 080**. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Each state or territory Health Department may issue additional advice. You can contact your state or territory public health agency through the following channels:

- ACT visit www.health.act.gov.au
- NSW visit www.health.nsw.gov.au
- NT visit www.health.nt.gov.au
- Qld visit www.health.qld.gov.au
- SA visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au
- Tas visit www.dhhs.tas.gov.au
- Vic visit www.health.vic.gov.au
- WA visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au

Your education provider may also have further information on their website.

The Australian Government is taking a highly precautionary approach based on the latest and best medical advice. Australia remains vigilant about this virus and how it is developing, and we are very well prepared.

Australia's response arrangements are flexible and scalable, and will be tailored to respond to the situation as we learn more about the virus and how it spreads. To stay up to date on health matters visit the Department of Health website www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov.

To stay up to date with travel and visa matters visit the Department of Home Affairs website https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/archive/article?itemId=354.

COVID-19 Border Measures

What are the border protection measures for COVID-19?

From 20 March 2020 at 9pm (AEDT), only Australian citizens, residents and family members can travel to Australia.

All individuals who arrived in Australia from an international destination on or after 15 March 2020, must self-isolate for 14 days.

International students should monitor the advice on the <u>Department of Health</u> and <u>Department of Home Affairs</u> websites.

Exemption process for Years 11 and 12

The Australian Government announced on 22 February 2020 a process to allow Year 11 and 12 school students affected by coronavirus travel restrictions to apply for entry into Australia to complete their school education.

The decision to allow Year 11 and 12 students in mainland China to apply for strict exemptions does not extend to students travelling from other affected countries as students from these countries would have commenced 2020 classes before travel restrictions were enacted.

Students and any accompanying holders of guardian visas **should not begin** travel to Australia (including booking travel) until they have confirmation of an exemption being granted by the Australian Border Force Commissioner that states they have authority to travel.

Implementation

Should they wish to, state and territory governments will be able to seek exemptions to COVID-19 travel restrictions for year 11 and 12 school students in mainland China. The Department of Education, Skills and Employment is actively communicating with the state and territory education authorities on the specific application process. Schools should engage their state or territory authority for details as to how this process will be applied in their jurisdiction.

Schools should work with State and Territory education authorities to determine students' eligibility before providing students' details to the Commonwealth. Students and schools can not apply directly to the Australian Border Force or Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills, and Employment.

Nationally, the following process will apply:

- 1. The Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment, in conjunction with states and territories, confirms the students are enrolled in year 11 or 12.
- 2. Each state and territory health agency provides assurance the student's (and guardian's where applicable) self-isolation arrangements meet all health requirements within their jurisdiction.
- 3. Neither student nor guardian is unwell, and have not demonstrated any sign of illness for more than 14 days.
- 4. Neither student nor guardian has visited Hubei province, China, since the outbreak of COVID-19
- 5. The Australian Border Force and the Department of Home Affairs confirm the student (and their guardian if necessary) have valid and existing visas and border checks have been completed.

- 6. The Australian Border Force considers each individual meets the criteria for exemption and advises the Australian Departments of Education, Skills and Employment and Department of Health.
- 7. The Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment, will inform their state and territory counterparts of the outcome of the application for exemption.
- 8. State and territory education agencies will inform schools who will then inform students of exemptions or otherwise, as well as state and territory health authorities.
- 9. Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment will inform the ABF of the students' flight number and travel dates.
- 10. The Australian Border Force will provide uplift authority for exempt travellers, based on the travel information provided.
- 11. The Australian Department of Agriculture will conduct health/biosecurity screening of all students and guardians at the border.
- 12. Students and guardians complete 14 day -self-isolation in line with state or territory requirements (immediately after arrival in Australia).
- 13. State and territory health authorities monitor local quarantine requirements.
- 14. If students or guardians breach self-isolation arrangements, their visa may be subject to cancellation.

I am a Year 11 or 12 international student still in China, how can I apply for the exemption? What requirements do I have to meet?

From 22 February 2020, the Australian Government will make a limited exemption to allow travel to be applied for on a case by case basis for foreign citizens in mainland China who are international students in Years 11 and 12, if the Australian Border Force Commissioner is satisfied the student and guardian meets requirements agreed with state and territory health and education authorities.

Students (and their accompanying guardian) must meet the following criteria:

- be a current international student visa holder, granted on or before 22 February 2020, and be enrolled in an eligible year 11 or 12 course;
- not currently be unwell;
- not travelling from, or via, Hubei province in China;
- have a stable residential address in Australia to enable self-isolation for 14 days; and
- be willing and able to meet the quarantine requirements set out by state or territory health authorities.

Students will need to meet the quarantine requirements set out by the state and territory health authorities.

Students and their guardians **should not begin** their travel back to Australia (including booking flights) prior to receiving official confirmation of their exemption granted by the Australian Border Force Commissioner.

For further information on what requirements students need to meet will be progressively updated on the department's <u>website</u>.

I am under 18 and don't have welfare arrangements in place. Can my guardian and/or family accompany me?

The exemption may be granted to an eligible student's guardian who already holds a valid guardian visa and meets other criteria set out above.

Will the exemption be applied to other international student cohorts such as those in Universities? Why is the exemption only for year 11 and 12 students?

Year 11 and 12 students have strict school attendance requirements under state and territory regulations, which if not met could prevent them from being eligible to receive their senior secondary qualification. Further delay in their arrival may jeopardise their ability to meet course requirements and, for Year 12s, to complete their schooling this year.

When I get back to Australia can I attend class straight away or do I have to self-isolate for 14 days?

Year 11 and 12 international students who are found suitable to enter Australia under the recent changes must meet the quarantine requirements set out by the state and territory health authorities, including self-isolation for 14 days at their destination. Students should be in regular contact with their education provider to ensure they are up to date with class content.

I am an international student who resides in a boarding house does this meet the requirements of a stable residential address for self-isolation?

Relevant state or territory health authorities will approve self-isolation arrangements for each jurisdiction. In the first instance, international students contact their education provider to discuss their options.

For more information on self-isolation visit the Department of Health's website https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov.

I have a homestay arrangement in place for when I arrive in Australia, will my homestay family be required to self-isolate as well?

Relevant state or territory health authorities will approve self-isolation arrangements for each jurisdiction. In the first instance, international students who are under homestay arrangements should contact their education provider to discuss their options.

For more information on self-isolation visit the Department of Health's website https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov.

I'm an international student. If I believe I am exempt, how long until I can come to Australia?

Decisions to exempt international students are at the discretion of the Australian Border Force Commissioner and will be treated on a case-by-case basis, informed by advice from state and territory health and education agencies. In the first instance, you should discuss options with your education provider.

I am worried about not being able to start class on time due to being overseas. Will this affect my Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), what should I do?

For questions about your start dates, attendance, fee matters, CoE and other issues relating to your study, you should contact your education provider.

If you are not able to return to Australia in time for the start of your classes, you should notify your lecturer or student services contact officer of your circumstances to determine whether alternate arrangements, such as for remote learning, can be temporarily put in place.

If your education provider cannot assist, please see the Department of Education, Skills and Employment website at https://www.dese.gov.au/news/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov for further advice, including factsheets in Mandarin. If you would like further assistance for specific matters please contact international.students@dese.gov.au.

You can also call +61 1300 981 621 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (AEDT) excluding public holidays.

These changes may mean I incur costs because I cannot attend my course on time. Is there insurance or compensation available?

If you have taken out travel or other insurance, you should discuss this with your insurance provider.

If you are not able to return to Australia in time for the start of your classes, you should notify your lecturer or student services contact officer of your circumstances and discuss with them how your course fees will be affected.

If your education provider cannot assist, please see the Department of Education, Skills and Employment website at https://www.dese.gov.au/news/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov for further advice, including factsheets in Mandarin. If you would like further assistance for specific matters please contact international.students@dese.gov.au.

You can also call $+61\ 1300\ 981\ 621\ from 9am$ to 5pm , Monday to Friday (AEDT), excluding public holidays.

Accommodation

For questions about your accommodation, you should discuss this with your accommodation provider in the first instance. You may also wish to discuss this with your education provider, such as the student services contact officer.

Employment

If you have a part time job that you cannot attend while in self-isolation or unable to travel, you should contact your employer, advise them of your circumstances and your compliance with advice from the Department of Health.

Can I work more than 40 hours per fortnight?

Temporary relaxation of enforcement of the 40 hour limit (per fortnight) work condition for student visa holders working in major supermarkets was implemented on 7 March. International students currently employed at the major supermarkets will be able to extend their working hours to help meet high demand for essential items because of the coronavirus.

On 18 March, the Government announced expansion of the temporary visa measure to assist the aged care workforce. This is to make sure there are enough staff to look after the elderly who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

Ordinarily international students are subject to a maximum 40 hours a fortnight during term.

Many Australians will be working extra hours to help with these tasks. The temporary changes announced allow those student visa holders employed by supermarkets and the aged care sector to help with these efforts.

Further information is available on the Department of Home Affairs website at https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/ or by calling their Global Service Centre on 131 881.

What does self-isolate mean?

This means you should not attend public places, in particular work, school and public areas of university and higher education campuses. You should not attend class in person. Only people who usually live with you should be permitted to come inside. There is no need to wear masks at home. Arrange for others (such as friends or family who are not required to be isolated) to get food or other necessities for you.

If you must leave your home or residence, such as to seek medical care, wear a surgical mask if you have one.

Further information on self-isolation can be found on the Department of Health website at https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

I have to self-isolate, what do I do about attending class?

For questions about your start dates, attendance, fee matters and other issues relating to your study, you should contact your education provider.

If classes at your education provider have commenced and you are in in a period of self-isolation, you should notify your lecturer or student services contact officer of your circumstances to determine whether alternate arrangements for remote learning can be temporarily put in place.

If your education provider cannot assist, please see the Department of Education, Skills and Employment website at https://www.dese.gov.au/news/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov for regularly

updated factsheets as well as factsheets in Mandarin. If you would like further assistance for specific matters please contact international.students@dese.gov.au.

Where can I get further information on study options and assistance?

In the first instance, we recommend contacting your provider for assistance and information regarding your studies. In addition, you may refer to the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's website www.dese.gov.au for regularly updated factsheets as well as factsheets in Mandarin.

You may also wish to visit Study Australia's website <u>www.studyinaustralia.gov.au</u> for more information on support services available to international students.

I have been overseas in the last 14 days and I am not feeling well, what should I do?

If you have developed symptoms within 14 days of leaving another country or been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, you should arrange to see a medical doctor for urgent assessment. You should telephone the health clinic or hospital before you arrive and tell them of your travel history or that you have been in contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus. Your doctor will liaise with Public Health authorities to manage your care. You must remain isolated either in your home or a healthcare setting until Public Health authorities inform you it is safe for you to return to your usual activities.

For more information, please go to https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

I haven't been in an affected country in the last 14 days but I have been in contact with someone who has. What should I do?

If you have been in close contact with a person with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus, you must isolate yourselves for 14 days after last contact with that person.

For more information, please go to https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

I am currently in Australia, can I travel overseas?

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has updated its travel advice to all international destinations as "level 4 – do not travel overseas at this time." In line with the World Health Organization (WHO) declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic, DFAT now advises all Australians: do not travel at this time. Regardless of your destination, age or health, do not travel at this time.

If you are a foreign national and travel overseas after 20 March 2020, you will not be able to re-enter Australia.

International travellers should check the latest Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) travel advice on the Smart Traveller website https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/

Information for visa holders and applicants is available from the Department of Home Affairs at https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/archive/article?itemId=354

Visas

If I have a student visa, can I still come to Australia?

From 20 March 2020 at 9pm (AEDT), only Australian citizens, residents and family members can travel to Australia.

If you have enquiries about your visa you should check your ImmiAccount or visit the Department of Home Affairs website for further information: https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/archive/article?itemId=354

You should contact your education provider for information about flexible course delivery options and refunds.

I can't access my VEVO status, does it mean my visa is cancelled?

The Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) system replicates information held in Departmental system to help visa holders comply with conditions attached to their visa.

It is <u>NOT</u> used by airlines as a primary tool to establish the visa status of travellers. You should refer to your ImmiAccount for information.

Mental Health and Translation Support

I am experiencing mental health difficulties as a result of the coronavirus, where can I go for help? Will it cost anything?

There are a number of support services available to you. In the first instance you should seek help from your education institution or overseas student health care provider.

Your insurance provider may be one of the following:

Health Insurer	Insurers website
ahm OSHC	134 148
	www.ahmoshc.com
Allianz Global	13 67 42
Assistance	www.allianzassistancehealth.com.au/en/student-visa-oshc/
BUPA Australia	1300 884 235
	www.bupa.com.au/health-insurance/oshc
CBHS International	1300 174 538
Health	www.cbhsinternationalhealth.com.au/overseas-students-oshc
Medibank Private	1300 561 012
	www.medibank.com.au

NIB OSHC	1800 775 204
	www.nib.com.au

Mandarin language support services are available through:

One Door Mental Health - One Door Mental Health offers bilingual support services for anxiety and emotional support. Services available in Mandarin. www.onedoor.org.au/services/bilingual-support-service

Phone: 02 8737 5566 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm AEST)

Email: auburn@onedoor.org.au

If your overseas student health care provider or institution are unable to help, you can seek help from the following places:

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800

MensLine - 1300 789 978

ReachOut https://au.reachout.com/

These services are free of charge.

I am an international student and in need of translation services, where can I get help?

If you need help with translation services while seeking help, you can contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 or www.tisnational.gov.au

How do I know what mental health services and other support I'm covered for?

If you are on a student visa you should contact your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) insurance provider for advice on your health cover and services available to support you.

Your insurance provider may be one of the following:

Health Insurer	Insurers website
ahm OSHC	134 148
	www.ahmoshc.com
Allianz Global	13 67 42
Assistance	www.allianzassistancehealth.com.au/en/student-visa-oshc/
BUPA Australia	1300 884 235
	www.bupa.com.au/health-insurance/oshc

Health Insurer	Insurers website
CBHS International Health	1300 174 538 www.cbhsinternationalhealth.com.au/overseas-students-oshc
Medibank Private	1300 561 012 www.medibank.com.au
NIB OSHC	1800 775 204 www.nib.com.au