



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

STUDENT VISA RENEWAL

RENEWING YOUR VISA IN AUSTRALIA

If you are holding a student visa that is about to expire and you have accepted an offer of a place or you are enrolled at the University of Melbourne, you can renew your student visa in Australia. The Department of Immigration (DIAC) prefers students to lodge on-line applications for faster processing. The application fee can be paid by credit card or using an Australian bank account (via B-Pay®).

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

In preparation of your visa application, you should obtain a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) and a document checklist.

Confirmation of Enrolment

→ Commencing students

To obtain your COE, accept your unconditional offer of place by completing an Acceptance and Payment Agreement. You can download the form from:

www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/pdf/accept_offer.pdf

→ Continuing students

To obtain your COE, complete a request for a Confirmation of Enrolment and return it to the International Centre. You can download the form from:

www.services.unimelb.edu.au/international/visas/renew.html

Document Checklist

Download a document checklist including details on meeting DIAC's financial requirements and medical examinations from:

www.immi.gov.au/students/checklists

LODGING YOUR APPLICATION

On-line application (preferred)

To lodge your student visa application, visit:

www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm

When you have completed your application and payment has been received, you will be granted a bridging visa that allows you to stay in Australia while your application is being processed.

DIAC will send you an e-mail or letter advising you of any outstanding documents or when your application has been approved.

Paper application in person or by mail

Download and complete application form 157A:

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/157a.pdf

Call DIAC on 131 881 and make an appointment to see a DIAC officer and submit your application together with all required documents. Alternatively send your application to:

DIAC Client Services
GPO BOX 241 Melbourne VIC 3001

DIAC will contact you if you are required to attend an appointment or to provide outstanding documents.

APPLYING IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY

If you decide to lodge a student visa application in your home country, you should wait for your visa to be granted. If you travel to Australia before your visa is granted and lodge a new application in Australia, you will have to pay another application fee.

YOUNGER STUDENTS

DIAC requires all international students who will be under 18 years of age upon entering Australia to study, to confirm that they have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place.

www.services.unimelb.edu.au/international/visas/under18.html

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