



Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)

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Australia has now commenced a new student Visa Assessment system SSVF from 1 July. You should go directly to the website <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/500-> for detailed information.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Many students and agents are anxious about whether financial capacity documents and the results of an approved English Language ability Test need to be included with a VISA application. This can be discovered on the above website, but to give potential students of The Eagle Academy some piece of mind, **if your country of passport is included in the list on the following page**, if you apply with us, until further notice your Visa application is streamlined, meaning you do not require financial capacity documents, or English Language Test results for your Visa application.

You may still require some English Language testing for our own purposes to ensure you are selecting an appropriate level of course, but these are explained in our application form, and are not required for your VISA application.

GENUINE TEMPORARY ENTRANT (GTE) REQUIREMENTS

The GTE requirement applies to all student visa applicants. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) officer assessing the visa application considers whether the individual circumstances of the student indicates that their intention is for a temporary stay in Australia.

When assessing the GTE requirement, the DIBP officer will consider:

- your circumstances
- your immigration history
- if you are under 18 years of age, the intention of your parent, legal guardian or spouse of the applicant
- any other relevant matter.

The Eagle Academy streamlined countries are listed on the following page.

COURSE TRANSFERS

From 1 July 2016, a new condition will be introduced which requires all Student (subclass 500) visa holders to maintain enrolment at the same level or a higher Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level for which they were granted a visa, unless they are undertaking a doctoral degree (AQF10) and transfer to a master's degree (AQF9).

Transferring to a lower AQF level course or transferring from an AQF level course to a non-AQF Award course would be in breach of the student visa condition and might result in the visa being cancelled. **Students who want to change to a lower level course must apply for, and be granted, a new student visa before they change their course.**

STREAMLINED COUNTRIES

Visa applications from these countries are streamlined with your application to us (No financial or English Test documents required).

Andorra	Germany	Northern Mariana Islands
Antigua and Barbuda	Gibraltar	Norway
Argentina	Greece	Oman
Aruba	Greenland	Papua New Guinea
Austria	Grenada	Peru
Bahamas	Guam	Poland
Bahrain	Hong Kong	Portugal
Bangladesh	Hungary	Puerto Rico
Barbados	Iceland	Qatar
Belgium	Indonesia	Russian Federation
Bermuda	Iran	San Marino
Brazil	Ireland	Saudi Arabia
Britain (UK)	Israel	Scotland (UK)
Brunei Darussalam	Italy	Serbia
Bulgaria	Japan	Seychelles
Burma (Myanmar)	Kazakhstan	Singapore
Cambodia	Kenya	Slovakia
Canada	Korea, Republic of (South)	Slovenia
Cayman Islands	Kuwait	South Africa
Chile	Laos	Spain
China	Latvia	Sri Lanka
Colombia	Liechtenstein	St Kitts and Nevis
Croatia	Lithuania	Sweden
Curacao	Luxembourg	Taiwan
Cyprus	Macau (SAR of China)	Thailand
Czech Republic	Malaysia	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark	Malta	Turkey
Ecuador	Mauritius	Turks and Caicos Islands
England (UK)	Mexico	United Arab Emirates
Equatorial Guinea	Monaco	United Kingdom (Britain)
Eritrea	Mongolia	United Nations Organisation
Estonia	Montenegro	United States of America
Faeroe Islands	Nepal	Uruguay
Fiji	Netherlands	Vatican City State
Finland	New Caledonia	Venezuela, Bolivian Republic of
France	New Zealand	Virgin Islands, United States
French Polynesia	Northern Ireland (UK)	Wales (UK)

More information can be found here:

Simplified Student Visa Framework: <https://www.border.gov.au/StudyinginAustralia/Pages/student-individuals.aspx>

Studying in Australia: <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud>

Student Visa (subclass 500): <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/500->

Genuine Temporary Entrant: <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Genuine-Temporary-Entrant>