

Australian Skills Group Guidelines for International Students on:

- 1. Genuine Student Temporary Entrant**
- 2. Student Visa Living Costs and Evidence of Funds for International Applicants**

These guidelines are to be read in accordance with the ASG International Student – Handbook. The Department of Home Affairs (HA) requires that international students on a student visa:

1. be here for the main purpose of study and, therefore, temporarily stay in Australia in order to obtain a successful education outcome.
2. must maintain sufficient funds to pay for travel, tuition and living expenses for themselves, their partner and any dependants for the duration of their stay in Australia.
3. themselves, their partner and any dependants for the duration of their stay in Australia.

For additional information www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Background to Genuine Entry, Genuine Temporary Entrant Status and Living Costs/Evidence of Funds

Student visa applicants must prove they are a genuine student (GS) and a genuine temporary entrant (GTE). Without this, applicants will unlikely receive a student visa. ASG must ensure that an applicant is a GTE prior to making the student visa submission. In addition, students must ensure they have enough money to pay for travel, tuition and living expenses for themselves, their partner and any dependants for the duration of their stay in Australia. ASG must ensure applicants meet these criteria and may request documentation in order to make this assessment.

Assessing and Determining GSTE Status and Sufficient Funds.

In order to determine whether an applicant is a GSTE and/or has sufficient funds to pay for travel, tuition and living expenses for themselves, their partner and any dependants for the duration of their stay in Australia an applicant may be required to complete an International Student Study Statement Form and provide documentary evidence of funds and supply a copy of the Statement of Purpose they intend to submit to HA with their visa application.

All information and documentation submitted as part of the assessment process must be submitted in English, original certified documents and be no more than 3 months old. Where Term Deposits that have matured and reinvestment documentation has not been supplied, they cannot be accepted. Any documents supplied with foreign currency will be converted into Australian dollars using the currency conversion of the day of the assessment, typically using <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

A successful applicant will be deemed to be a GSTE by ASG. This decision will remain valid for 2 years from the date of assessment.

Should a student deemed a GSTE defer their commencement date with ASG they will not be required to undergo a further GSTE assessment if within a 2 year period from the original GSTE Assessment date.

Should a student deemed a GSTE apply to change their program the applicant may need to complete a new GSTE Applicant Assessment Form.

If ASG determines that an applicant is not a GSTE the applicant will not receive an unconditional offer and will be ineligible for readmission into partnered courses at ASG for up to 2 years from the date of assessment.

Should Home Affairs refuse to grant an applicant a student visa based on the grounds of non GSTE, the applicant will be ineligible for readmission into partnered courses at ASG for up to 2 years from the date that ASG becomes aware of such refusal.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have sufficient funds for their first 12 months in Australia (including tuition, living expenses and travel). In some circumstances, applicants may be required to demonstrate that they have sufficient funds for more than 12 months. If ASG determines that an applicant does not have the sufficient funds ASG will not provide the applicant with an unconditional Letter of Offer.

Withdrawal of Offers

If ASG suspects that information or supplied documentation from the applicant or their representative was incorrect, misleading or fraudulent, ASG reserves the right to withdraw any Offers for that applicant. ASG may, at its discretion, refuse any further applications for course admission from the applicant for up to 2 years.

An applicant, not originally required to complete the GSTE Applicant Assessment Form and/or show financial capacity, may, at ASG's discretion, be required to complete one or provide evidence, particularly should the student's or external circumstances change. Should the applicant not complete this assessment or complete the assessment but fail to demonstrate they are GSTE, ASG reserves the right to withdraw any Offers for that applicant. ASG may also choose to not consider any further applications from the applicant for up to 2 years.

ASG reserves the right to withdraw any Offers at any time, including where an applicant has accepted and paid for their place, and been issued a Confirmation of Enrolment (refer to the International Student Tuition Fee Refund Policy for more information).

General

ASG may amend these Guidelines and any related policies at any time. The process, assessment and results of any GSTE/financial assessment are confidential and remain the property of ASG.

ASG will not be under any obligation to disclose or provide a copy of the process, assessment or results to applicants, any educational institution or other third party unless required by law to do so but may disclose GSTE/financial assessment results to its Articulated University partners.

ASG's GTE Assessment decision is final and there are no rights to appeal.