

Information for **applicants** writing the 300 word personal statement.

In November 2022, the Department of Home Affairs made a significant change to the statement of purpose submission that forms part of the genuine temporary entrant requirements. You are required to submit a personal statement, no more than 300 words (2000 characters) that demonstrates your genuine intention to enter Australia for the purpose of studying. The statement must be written by you, not an agent or family member.

The information you provide in your personal statement depends on your circumstances and the documents you can provide to support:

- You are genuinely coming to Australia to study
- You will only be residing in Australia for the time allowed on your visa

When writing a 300 word statement, applicants must demonstrate:

- a) Ties to home country (financial, family and/or social) – it is extremely important to demonstrate a significant incentive to return home.
- b) Value of the intended study to your future and/or career aspirations. This can include but is certainly not limited to discussing factors such as –
 - i. Prospective employment opportunities
 - ii. Enhanced skills and knowledge
 - iii. Benefits of studying in Australia rather than your home country