

STUDENTS UNDER 18



UNIVERSITY OF
CANBERRA

YOUR OPTIONS FOR STUDY

Under Standard 5 of the ESOS Act, the University of Canberra is obliged to ensure that the welfare of international students who have yet to turn 18 at the time of commencement is cared for by an appropriate guardian.

For students who will be under the age of 18 at the time that they commence their course, the following options are in place:

1. BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Students can be accompanied to Australia by a parent or legal guardian until they turn 18 years of age.

Students must submit:

- A *Welfare Arrangement Form For Under-18 Students*

2. NOMINATE A RELATIVE

Students can nominate an appropriate relative in Australia who will act as their guardian until they turn 18 years of age.

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3. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ALLIANCE (ISA) GUARDIAN AND WELFARE SERVICE

The ISA Guardian and Welfare Service provide guardianship to students under the age of 18 who may not have any relatives in Australia. This is the *only* guardianship provider which satisfies the University of Canberra's requirements for under-18 students.

Further information on this service and how to apply can be found at www.studentguardians.com.

Students must also register with the Australian Homestay Network (AHN). Further information on this service can be found at www.homestaynetwork.org/.

Students must submit:

- Evidence of your ISA Guardian and Welfare and AHN cover
- A *Welfare Arrangement Form For Under-18 Students*

4. REQUEST A REVISED OFFER

Students can request a revised offer for a later intake to commence study after they turn 18 years of age.

This can be requested through international.admissions@canberra.edu.au.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For detailed information, visit [additional requirements for student under 18 years](#).

You can contact the University at:

Email: international.admissions@canberra.edu.au

Phone: +61 (0) 1300 301 727

Post: Admissions Office
Locked Bag 1
University of Canberra
ACT AUSTRALIA 2601

The *Welfare Arrangement Form for Under-18 Students* can be found at the end of this document.



WELFARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

Under Commonwealth Migration Regulations an international student under the age of 18 will be granted a student visa if he or she demonstrates that they will live in Australia:

- with a parent or legal custodian;
- with a relative over 21 years of age who is nominated by a parent or legal guardian; or
- under a welfare arrangement that has been approved by an Australian education provider.

The University of Canberra is subject to the *National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007* (The National Code 2007). Standard 5 of The National Code 2007 specifies the safeguards a registered provider must have in place if it is to take responsibility for approving the accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for an international student is under the age of 18.

The policy sets out the University of Canberra provisions relating to that responsibility.

2. SCOPE

The policy applies to all international students of the University of Canberra, University of Canberra College (UCC) and University of Canberra English Language Institute (UCELI).

3. PRINCIPLES

The University of Canberra, UCC and UCELI will not take responsibility for approving the accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for any international student who has not turned 18. In all cases, prospective international students under the age of 18 will need to secure a student visa by demonstrating that:

- they will live in Australia with a parent or legal custodian until such time as they turn 18 years of age; or
- they will live in Australia with a relative over 21 years of age who has been nominated by a parent or legal guardian until such time as they turn 18 years of age; or
- they will live in Australia under welfare arrangements approved by the University with a minimum age for accepting international students under those arrangements set at 17 years of age until such time as they turn 18 years of age.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Dean of Students is responsible for administering this policy.



WELFARE ARRANGEMENT FORM FOR UNDER-18 STUDENTS

This form must be completed and returned by all students who will be under the age of 18 at the time they commence their study at the University of Canberra.

1. STUDENT DETAILS

Family name	
Given name	
Date of birth	
Student ID	

2. PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS

Family name	
Given name	
Relationship to student	
Signature	
Date	

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) must be satisfied that appropriate welfare arrangements are in place for under-18 students before a visa is granted. DIBP considers the following relatives as appropriate to be nominated as responsible for the welfare of under age students:

- A grandparent or step-grandparent
- A brother or step-brother
- A sister or step sister
- An aunt or step-aunt
- An uncle or step-uncle
- A niece or step-niece
- A nephew or step-nephew

A suitable relative needs to be:

- Nominated by a parent or legal guardian of the applicant
- At least 21 years of age, and
- Of a good character

3. TICK AND COMPLETE THE CATEGORY APPLICABLE TO YOUR STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

CATEGORY 1

A parent or legal guardian (as listed on page 1) will accompany you to Australia and take responsibility of your welfare until you turn 18 years of age.

Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation Welfare Arrangements (CAAW) letter is not required.

CATEGORY 2

You will reside in Australia with a suitable relative (listed below) who has been nominated by a parent or legal guardian and who will take responsibility of your welfare until you turn 18 years of age.

Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation Welfare Arrangements (CAAW) letter is not required.

NOMINATED RELATIVE DETAILS

Family name	
Given name	
Relationship to student	
Contact telephone number	
Signature	
Date	

CATEGORY 3

Welfare will be arranged by the ISA Guardian and Welfare Service for a nominated period.

Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation Welfare Arrangements (CAAW) document is required.

The University will only issue a CAAW document and be responsible for the welfare of a student if:

- The student is registered with the International Student Alliance (ISA) Guardian and Welfare service
- The student is registered with the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) for their accommodation.