



Fact sheet

Important information for former students of Global College

Global College no longer has approval to deliver courses to international students. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) understands that students may be concerned about their visa status and appreciates that this situation is beyond their control. This fact sheet outlines special DIAC arrangements that give you adequate opportunity to study elsewhere on your student visa if you wish to do so. If you are under the age of 18, please read the section below that relates to you.

For information about your right to a refund of course fees or placement in an alternative course go to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) website at <http://aei.dest.gov.au/ESOS/default.htm>.

Students who were actively studying at Global College as at 30 June 2008

If you were actively engaged in studies at Global College as at 30 June 2008, you have extra time to demonstrate enrolment in an alternative course. You must obtain a Letter of Offer or a Confirmation of Enrolment for alternative studies by 31 July 2008. If you cannot demonstrate enrolment by this date, you must contact DIAC as soon as possible to discuss your visa options. **It is important that you read information on the DEEWR website at <http://aei.dest.gov.au/ESOS/default.htm> before seeking alternative enrolment.**

Please check your student visa's expiry date. If your visa expires anytime in July 2008 and you wish to continue studying in Australia, you will need to lodge a new application before your current visa expires. If you are not able to obtain a new Letter of Offer or Confirmation of Enrolment before you need to lodge a new application, please contact your nearest immigration office as soon as possible. A web link to a list of immigration offices is below. You can either check your visa label for your visa expiry date or use the Department's Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) service. VEVO can be accessed at <http://www.immi.gov.au/e Visa/vevo.htm>.

Students who were not actively studying at Global College as at 30 June 2008

If you were not actively studying at Global College as at 30 June 2008 and have not yet commenced studies elsewhere, you should contact your nearest immigration office as soon as possible. A web link to a list of immigration offices is below. This includes the following categories of students:

- Students who were studying in a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course that was cancelled on 23 January 2008 and who have not yet commenced studies elsewhere; and
- Students who were enrolled in English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) or high school studies, but who have not been actively studying at Global and have not secured enrolment in an alternative course.

If you fall into one of the categories above, it is important that you contact an immigration office to discuss your situation, as your visa may be subject to cancellation for failing to maintain enrolment.



Former Global College students under the age of 18

If you are a former student of Global College, are under the age of 18, and have yet to secure enrolment in a new course, then you, your parents or your authorised representative must contact an immigration office immediately to discuss your visa options. A list of offices is at <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/index.htm>.

Applicants for General Skilled Migration – VET students

If you were a VET student at Global College and intend to apply for permanent residency you need to know if you meet the two year study requirement of completing a Commonwealth Register for Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registered course for the purposes of General Skilled Migration.

If you completed your course requirements and received results before course registration lapsed on 23 January 2008, you will meet the two year requirement, provided that:

- Your course was registered as being a minimum duration of 92 weeks on CRICOS.
- There was no recognition of prior learning from non-CRICOS registered courses.
- The study was completed in Australia and in English.
- The study resulted in the award of a diploma, degree or trade qualification.

If you were not notified by 23 January 2008 that you had met your course requirements, you will not meet the two year study requirement. You may wish to transfer to another education institution registered on CRICOS to complete your qualification. You should ensure that the courses you transfer to are 'closely related' for the purpose of General Skilled Migration.

Any period of study in Global College after 23 January 2008 will not be counted for the two year study requirement.

You have two months to transfer to another CRICOS registered course. However, DIAC may grant extensions on a case-by-case basis for students who demonstrate compelling and compassionate circumstances.

For more information please contact the Skilled Migration Section at Skilled.Migration@immi.gov.au.