

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS PROGRAM

Fact sheet: Application process for visitor visas

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This fact sheet contains information about the application process for a visitor visa (subclass 600, 601, 602, 651) to enrol in a NSW government school.

Introduction

Visitors who want their child to experience a local education while they are in Australia may apply to enrol their child in a NSW government school. The application must meet specific conditions of enrolment.

Conditions of enrolment for a visitor visa

- A child on a visitor visa must be living with their parent or living with a direct relative for the duration of their enrolment in a NSW government school. Homestay is not permitted.
- The parent and child must not be part of an advertised tour program, or have an agency, or tour operator, arrange or assist with the enrolment application.
- The Temporary Residents Program is not for students who enrol in NSW government schools on an advertised tour. These students apply through the [Study Tours Program](#).
- The Temporary Residents Program is not for students who enrol in NSW government schools on an international student visa. These students apply through the [International Student Program](#).
- Visitor visa holders are not eligible to enrol in selective high schools, including agricultural high schools, the selective component of comprehensive high schools and Opportunity Classes (OC) in primary schools.
- Visitor visa holders are not eligible to enrol in an Intensive English Centre, or the Intensive English High School, or to receive English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) support.
- Visitor visa holders must pay the application fee and tuition fee and are not eligible to apply for a low-income fee exemption.
- Visitor visa holders are not eligible to apply for a refund of the Temporary Residents Program application fee or tuition fee.
- The enrolment period for a visitor visa holder must not exceed 13 school weeks. This is set by the Department of Home Affairs under visa condition 8201 (maximum 3 months study).

Living arrangements for children in the Temporary Residents Program

The NSW Department of Education requires all school-aged students who are under 18 years of age, and who hold a visitor or temporary resident visa, to live with their parent during any period of enrolment in a NSW government school. Homestay is not permitted under the Temporary Residents Program.

In the extenuating circumstance where a visitor visa child is not residing with the parent, the parent must nominate a relative/carer, who must be:

- a direct relative of the child (brother, sister, step-parent, step-brother, step-sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew, step-grandparent, step-aunt, step-uncle, step-niece or step-nephew), and
- over 21 years of age and of good character, and
- able to provide appropriate care and supervision of the child.

Where the child is not living with their parent, a *Relative/carer nomination form* must be completed during the application process. Where the nominated relative/carer is a resident of Australia, they must supply their Working With Children Check (WWCC). To apply for a Working With Children Check visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>. Where the nominated relative/carer is not a resident of Australia, they must supply a copy of their passport and visa to the Temporary Residents Program.

Application process

Step 1 - Apply online

All temporary residents seeking to enrol in a NSW government school must lodge their application online to the Temporary Residents Program. Please visit deiparent.det.nsw.edu.au to lodge your application through the DEI Student Management System. For technical support with the online application, call 1300 32 32 32 during business hours. Select option 2 for Student Management and Wellbeing, then select option 3 for the DE International Student Management System. Your call will be transferred to the DE International IT Support team.

Step 2 - Assessment

After you lodge your application online, the Temporary Residents Program will assess your application, validate your child's visa and issue a tuition fee invoice for payment where required. Check your email regularly for communication about the status of your application.

Step 3 - School placement

After the assessment stage is completed, you will be sent a school placement advice. The school placement will provide you with information about your local school option. Please note, temporary residents are not eligible to enrol in selective high schools including agricultural high schools, the selective component of comprehensive high schools and Opportunity Classes (OC) in primary schools.

Step 4 - Arrange a meeting with the school

The enrolment of a child holding a visitor visa is subject to the agreement of the school principal. Contact the school and ask if that school currently accepts short-term visitor visa enrolments. If the school indicates the principal may agree, make an appointment for a meeting. If the school indicates they do not accept short-term visitor visa enrolments, you may decide to contact another school. On the day of the meeting, bring the passport for all family members and the visa for all family members. The school may also ask you to bring evidence of your residential address and evidence of your child's immunisation status.

Step 5 - School accepts the placement offer

After the school accepts the placement offer, the Temporary Residents Program will issue an *Authority to Enrol* to the school. The *Authority to Enrol* provides the NSW government school with your child's enrolment start date. Your child cannot enrol in any NSW government school for any period unless an *Authority to Enrol* has been issued to the school by the Temporary Residents Program. Check your email regularly for communication about the status of your application.

Tuition fee for a visitor visa (subclass 600, 601, 651)

Visitor visa holders on subclass 600, 601, 651 pay the temporary resident application fee and tuition fee to enrol in a NSW government school. The fee structure is explained in the tuition fee fact sheet and the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions document on our website.

Tuition fee for a visitor visa (subclass 602)

Visitor visa holders on subclass 602 (Medical treatment visa) are exempt from the temporary resident application fee and tuition fee. The fee structure is explained in the tuition fee fact sheet and the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions document on our website.

Need more information

To find out more about the Temporary Residents Program, please visit deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 300 229 (then option 1). To find out more about going to a NSW government school, please visit education.nsw.gov.au/public=schools/going-to-a-public-school.