



International education and managed growth arrangements for 2027 – information for TAFE providers

The Australian Government remains committed to a high quality, resilient and sustainable international education sector. A managed approach has been effective in returning student numbers to more sustainable levels in 2025 and 2026 and the government has now determined arrangements for 2027, including for Technical and Further Education (TAFE) providers.

More information about [managed growth for international education](#) is published by the Department of Education.

Offshore visa applications from students enrolled with a TAFE provider

In 2027, TAFE providers will be removed from the National Planning Level (NPL) and will not receive an allocation of New Overseas Student Commencements (NOSC). This change gives further effect to government's 'TAFE at the Heart Policy' and supports TAFE providers to grow their share of the onshore international student market. TAFE providers have an established reputation for quality and integrity and increasing their capacity in international education delivery will continue to lift the quality and integrity of the entire sector.

As in 2026, Offshore Student visa applications for TAFE providers will continue to receive unlimited, continuous Priority 1 processing. TAFE providers are not required to do anything to maintain these arrangements. In 2027, a TAFE provider means a public VET provider which is a body established under Australian state or territory law to provide VET, or a dual sector university provider delivering TAFE courses.

The government highly values TAFE partnerships with universities. To make more seamless transitions possible between VET and higher education, arrangements that commenced in 2026 continue to recognise a strong pathway relationship for international students between TAFE study and a university course. Information regarding the status of transitioning students from an affiliated pathway provider is published by the [Department of Education](#).

Questions about the prioritisation of Student visa application processing for students enrolled with a TAFE provider can be directed to ManagedGrowth@dewr.gov.au.