Guidance on Applying for a Student Visa (subclass 500)

Genuine Temporary Entrant Criterion

This document is intended to provide general guidance to international students of The University of Queensland on the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) criterion which must be satisfied as part of the student visa application process. This document is based on information published by the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP). To avoid unnecessary delays in the student visa process, students are advised to only submit a visa application when they can provide all information and evidence that is required.

What is the Genuine Temporary Entrant Criterion?

To satisfy the Genuine Temporary Entrant criterion, your individual circumstances must demonstrate that you genuinely intend to stay in Australia temporarily.

The factors that are considered during assessment of the genuine temporary entrant requirement include:

- your personal circumstances in your home country;
- your potential circumstances in Australia;
- the value of the program to your future;
- your immigration history, and;
- any other matter that is relevant to your intention to remain in Australia temporarily.

If you are under 18 years of age, the intentions of your parent, legal guardian or spouse will also be considered.

The information provided in your visa application and supporting documentation will be used by DIBP to assess the GTE requirement. You may be requested to provide additional information in relation to the factors set out above.

For further information please refer to https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Genuine-Temporary-Entrant

How should you address the Genuine Temporary Entrant Criterion?

DIBP needs to understand you and the circumstances that brought/brings you to Australia to study. When you apply for a Student Visa (subclass 500), you will be required to **provide a written statement** explaining your personal circumstances and intentions. To help with your response, we have provided some suggestions for the information you should try to cover:

Your choice of program

- How will this program benefit your future?
- How is this program related to your previous studies?
- If this program is not related to your previous studies, why have you decided to change your career path?
- What do you know about this program?
- What do you like about the program structure?
- Are you aware of the full cost of this program?

Your choice of education provider

- What research have you done into Australian Universities that has led you to choose UQ?
- Why have you chosen UQ over other Universities in Australia?
- What do you know about UQ?

Your choice to study in Australia

- How will studying in Australia benefit your future?
- Why have you particularly chosen to study in Brisbane?

- What research have you done into other countries that has led you to choose Australia as your study destination?
- If your program is offered in your country, why don't you want to study it there? How is the education system in Australia different to that in your country and how will this benefit you?
- How much do you expect your monthly salary to be after you complete your degree in Australia? How does this compare to the salary you would receive if you did a degree in your own country? Why is studying in Australia a good investment for your future?

What benefit you believe your study will have for your future career plans

- What job do you expect to get once you complete this program?
- Do you have an offer of a job when you return to your home country? If not, how do you intend to look for a job once you return home?
- How long is the gap between your previous study and your intended study at UQ? What was the purpose of the gap in study? What have you been doing since you completed your most recent studies?

What ties you have to your home country

- Are you married or single? If you are married, when did you marry?
- What do your parents do?
- Are you employed in your home country? Do you have a job waiting for you when you return from Australia?

What connections you have in Australia

- Do you have family living in Australia? If so, what do they do and what type of visa do they hold in Australia?
- Does your spouse intend to accompany you to Australia? What is your spouse's current occupation? Will your spouse resign from their current employment to accompany you to Australia? What does your spouse intend to do in Australia?
- Do you have any children? If so, will your children accompany you to Australia? Are you aware that school aged children must attend school in Australia? Are you aware of the extra costs associated with bringing your spouse and/or children with you to Australia?

Your immigration and travel history

- If you have travelled to Australia previously, did you comply with your Australian visa conditions and left before the visa ceased?
- Have you previously applied for an Australian temporary or permanent visa? Have you ever had any Australian visa application refused? What were the reasons/circumstances for refusal?
- Have you previously applied for a temporary or permanent visa in countries other than Australia? Have you ever had any visa application refused? What were the reasons/circumstances for refusal?

Supporting Evidence

You should also attach any evidence that helps demonstrate your purpose to study in Australia. If DIBP needs this sort of evidence, it may save time with your application assessment if you can supply this upfront. For example, if you are studying in a particular industry because your home country has a need for more staff within this industry, evidence of current employment advertisements from your country may assist.

Please complete all sections of the online Visa Application form, and provide supporting documentation where required. Failure to do so could significantly delay your visa application process.