

International Student Enrolment Policy & Procedure

1. Policy

- 1.1 This policy and procedure applies to international students who apply for a course at Gippsland Institute of Technology. Gippsland Institute of Technology employs an effective enrolment policy and procedure for all international students.
- 1.2 Gippsland Institute of Technology enters into written enrolment agreements with all international students.
- 1.3 Gippsland Institute of Technology informs all students of their rights and responsibilities prior to enrolment.
- 1.4 Gippsland Institute of Technology informs all student information in accordance with Gippsland Institute of Technology Student information policy prior to enrolment.
- 1.5 Gippsland Institute of Technology assesses whether student's qualifications, learning needs, skills, knowledge, experience are appropriate for the course for which enrolment is sought.
- 1.6 The CEO is responsible for implementing this policy and procedure and reviewing its effectiveness.
- 1.7 In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 1988, Gippsland Institute of Technology treats all student personal data confidentially.
- 1.8 This policy is implemented in compliance with the requirements of the Data Provision Requirements 2012, Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015 Standards 3, 4, and 5, the National code of practice 2018 part B standards 2, 3, 7 and 8.

Procedure

2. Enrolment

Enrolling students (VET Courses)

- 2.1 On receiving enrolment requests pre enrolment information, an Enrolment form, Pre training review and International student handbook is supplied to each student.
- 2.2 All pre enrolment information is supplied to each student prior to enrolment being completed in accordance with the Student information policy.
- 2.3 On receiving an application the Training Manager will check if a place is available in the course and if not when the next place is available.
- 2.4 On receiving applications either directly from students or through education agents Gippsland Institute of Technology assesses the student's qualifications and experience and English language proficiency as follows:
 - Applications for enrolment are received by the Training Manager (including Enrolment form and Pre training review and supporting documentation e.g. school and IELTS certificates)
 - The Training Manager reviews the Enrolment and Pre Training Review forms and comes to a decision of whether the course applied for is appropriate in addressing the student's learning needs. Details of the decision making criteria for the Pre training review form are indicated in the Assessor guide for each Pre training review document.
 - Applicants are required to provide any documentary proof of qualifications and experience and English language level.
 - The Training Manager establishes whether qualifications, experience and English language proficiency are appropriate for entry into the chosen course.

- The certificates must be certified by the agent as true copies or other appropriate organisations
- Where the evidence is provided of the appropriate English level the student can be assessed at this stage as meeting English language requirements.
- IELTS certificates are checked to establish that it comes from an approved IELTS testing centre. <https://ielts.com.au/find-test-centre/>
- An IELTS score of 5.5 (overall band) is required for entry. General and Academic IELTS certificates are accepted.
- Applicants who do not possess the required IELTS score or equivalent are advised to enroll in an ELICOS course to facilitate achieving the English language entry requirements.
- Equivalent qualifications demonstrating English proficiency are also accepted.
- The equivalent qualifications are also accepted for demonstrating English proficiency:
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT) Certificate
 - TOEFL iBT score of 46 or above for direct entry into a course; or 35 with an ELICOS course to be taken before your main course.
 - Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic Certificate
 - PTE Academic score of 42 or above for direct entry into a course; or 36 with an ELICOS course to be taken before your main course.
 - Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) Certificate
 - CAE test score of 47 or above for direct entry into a course; or 41 with an ELICOS course to be taken before your main course.
 - Occupational English Test (OET) Certificate OET score of 'pass'
 - TOEFL Paper-Based Test (PBT) Certificate (This test is only acceptable if taken in one of the following countries where IELTS is not available: Belarus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Moldova, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda and Uzbekistan.)
 - TOEFL PBT test score of 527 or above for direct entry into a course; or 500 with an ELICOS course to be taken before your main course.
 - IELTS (or equivalent) certificates may not be required where:
 - Students have completed at least 6 months of a Certificate IV level course in an Australian RTO
 - Students have successfully completed a foundation course in Australia
- Tests results/ certificates and other evidence demonstrating English proficiency older than two years are not accepted.
- When assessing overseas qualification against AQF requirements refer to the equivalencies table for each country.
- Where there is insufficient or unclear information with regards to IELTS level or its equivalent the application is forward to the CEO for assessment.
- Students must provide a certified copy of their passport as evidence that they are/ will be 18 at the commencement of their course. The original passport is checked at orientation.
- Where the evidence is provided of the appropriate qualifications and experience the student can be assessed at this stage as meeting the entry requirements.
- Where there is insufficient or unclear information with regards to entry requirements being met the application is forward to the CEO for assessment.
- Where there is request for course credit or RPL the application is forwarded to the Academic Director for assessment. Applications will be assessed in accordance with Gippsland Institute of Technology RPL/CT policy and procedure.
- Enrolment forms must be complete, signed and dated by the student.
- Incomplete Enrolment forms are returned to the student for completion
- Supplementary information is requested from students who submit incomplete applications
- The 'official use' section of the Enrolment form is completed by the enrolment officer once all information is considered and received.

Where the applicant does not possess the formal vocational qualifications Gippsland Institute of Technology will consider:

- Mature aged students with relevant work and/ or life experiences
- Supporting verifiable documentation from former employers
- Previous academic results
- Transferrable skills
- Personal attributes

Where experience is being claimed by the applicant, the following criteria must be formally satisfied in writing:

- Employers name and contact details;
 - Job title;
 - Period the position was held;
 - References from employers, including details about the tasks undertaken whilst in their employ, and the level of work responsibilities;
 - Letters from students, supervisors, employers, contractors; and
 - Portfolio of all relevant evidence supporting the application.
- 2.5 If a student's application is incomplete, or the outcome of assessing the application is that the course is not appropriate for addressing the student's learning needs, or the student does not meet the entry requirements a letter stating the application has been declined along with reasons and options for the student is forwarded.
- 2.6 If a student meets the entry requirements and the outcome of assessing the application is that the course is appropriate for addressing the student's learning needs, an offer letter is sent to the student along with the written agreement and instructions on how to confirm acceptance of the offer.
- 2.7 The Letter of Offer and Written agreement that will include course details, duration, total course fees and course fees due to be paid now, enrolment fee, materials fee (if any) and OSHC fees, course start and end time and dates.
- 2.8 The Letter of Offer and Written agreement is sent directly to the student or education agent (if application was forwarded by one) along with the written agreement.
- 2.9 The student accepts the Written agreement by signing and returning it to Gippsland Institute of Technology.
- 2.10 Once Gippsland Institute of Technology acknowledges receipt of the written agreement the student is asked to forward payment of agreed fees.
- 2.11 Acceptance of the offer is confirmed by returning the completed written agreement and confirmation of payment of the required fees.
- 2.12 Student payments are processed in accordance with Gippsland Institute of Technology Financial management policy.
- 2.13 Student tuition fees are not accessed until the written agreement has been received from the student and until the student has commenced their studies.
- 2.14 On receiving the written agreement and confirming receipt of funds the Enrolment Officer generates a CoE via PRISMS and forwards this to the student (or education agent) along with pre departure information.

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- 2.15 A CoE is generated for each course in which the student is enrolled. The duration of the CoE generated is consistent with the course duration registered on PRISMS.
 - 2.16 A file is created for each student and all documentation is placed in the file.
 - 2.17 Each student is placed on the relevant course list.
 - 2.18 All applications and subsequent process will be responded to/ completed within 5 working days of receipt.
 - 2.19 Student tuition fees are not accessed until the course commences.
 - 2.20 Each student is placed on the relevant course list.
 - 2.21 A file is created for every student on the Student Management System. This contains: name and contact details, title of qualification, competencies, scheduled hours, timeframe for achievement, delivery mode/s, training to be undertaken, assessment details and arrangements, parties responsible for delivery, and assessment of each unit of competency, records of CT and RPL granted (where appropriate).
 - 2.22 The RTO collects Unique Student Identifier (USI) data from each enrolled student.
 - 2.23 USI's will be requested on the Enrolment form. The RTO will advise students to request a USI from www.usi.gov.au if they do not have one at enrolment. Instructions on the website are to be followed.
 - 2.24 If the student does not have a USI they can instruct the RTO to collect this on their behalf. Written evidence of permission will be retained in such circumstances.
 - 2.25 If the student does not supply the USI or instruct the RTO to collect the data on their behalf at enrolment, this information will be collected either before certification or before AVETMISS reporting.

3. Content of Written Agreements

- 3.1 Identifies the course or courses in which the student is to be enrolled and any conditions on his or her enrolment.
- 3.2 Provides an itemised list of tuition and non tuition fees to be paid by the student.
- 3.3 Outlines the course or courses in which the student is to be enrolled, the expected course start date, the location(s) at which the course will be delivered, the offered modes of study for the course, including compulsory online and/or work-based training, placements, and/or other community-based learning and/or collaborative research training arrangements
- 3.4 Outlines any prerequisites necessary to enter the course or courses, including English language requirements
- 3.5 Lists any conditions imposed on the student's enrolment.
- 3.6 Lists all tuition fees payable by the student for the course, the periods to which those tuition fees relate and payment options (including, that the student may choose to pay more than 50 per cent of their tuition fees before their course commences).
- 3.7 Provides details of any non-tuition fees the student may incur, including as a result of having their study outcomes reassessed, deferral of study, fees for late payment of tuition fees, or other circumstances in which additional fees may apply.

- 3.8 Sets out the circumstances in which personal information about the student may be disclosed by Gippsland Institute of Technology, the Commonwealth including the Tuition Protection Service (TPS), or state or territory agencies, in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988.
- 3.9 Outlines Gippsland Institute of Technology internal and external complaints and appeals processes, in accordance with the Gippsland Institute of Technology Complaints and appeals policy and procedure.
- 3.10 States that the student is responsible for keeping a copy of the written agreement as supplied by Gippsland Institute of Technology, and receipts of any payments of tuition fees or non-tuition fees.
- 3.11 Only use links to provide supplementary material.
- 3.12 Sets out the circumstances in which personal information about the student may be shared between the Gippsland Institute of Technology and the Australian Government and designated authorities. The information that may be shared includes personal and contact details, course enrolment details and changes.
- 3.13 Advises the student of his or her obligation that while in Australia and studying with Gippsland Institute of Technology, must notify Gippsland Institute of Technology of his or her contact details including:
- the student's current residential address, mobile number (if any) and email address (if any)
 - who to contact in emergency situations
 - any changes to those details, within 7 days of the change
- 3.14 Provides refund terms, conditions, processes and arrangements. Refund information includes:
- amounts that may or may not be repaid to the student (including any tuition and non-tuition fees collected by education agents on behalf of the registered provider)
 - processes for claiming a refund
 - the specified person(s), other than the overseas student, who can receive a refund in respect of the overseas student identified in the written agreement
 - availability of a cooling off period after paying fees
 - an explanation of what happens in the event of a course not being delivered, including the role of the TPS
- 3.15 A statement that "This written agreement, and the right to make complaints and seek appeals of decisions and action under various processes, does not affect the rights of the student to take action under the Australian Consumer Law if the Australian Consumer Law applies".
- 3.16 Gippsland Institute of Technology maintains copies of all Enrolment forms, Written agreements and receipts of payments from each student for a period of 2 years from the date the student ceased their enrollment at Gippsland Institute of Technology.

Documents to be employed when implementing this policy and procedure:

- Pre enrolment information
- International student handbook
- Gippsland Institute of Technology English Placement Test
- Offer letter and Written agreement
- Pre training review
- Enrolment form
- Student support policy and procedure
- Financial management policy and procedure
- Records management policy and procedure

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- Student information policy and procedure
 - Marketing policy and procedure
 - RPL/CT policy and procedure

Revision history

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