

Education Queensland International (EQI)
Fee Exemption Policy for Dependants of Temporary Visa Holders
Effective January 2013

1. Purpose

The Department of Education and Training offers fee exemptions for eligible dependant students of temporary visa holders whose parents are studying in Queensland tertiary institutions. This policy sets out the requirements for assessing eligibility for fee exemptions for dependants of temporary visa holders.

2. Eligibility

Dependants of temporary visa holders who are of school age (P-12) are eligible for exemption from paying international student school tuition fees in Queensland Government schools if they meet the conditions in this policy. The exemption only applies for the duration of the main temporary visa holder's (parent) course of study in Queensland.

DET International will charge dependant tuition fees for children enrolled in Pre-Preparatory Learning Programs. Details for approved Pre-Preparatory Learning Programs are available on the Early Childhood Education and Care website <http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/feat-app-kindy-prog.html>.

3. Criteria for assessing eligibility

Holders of temporary student visas may qualify for an exemption for their school age (P-12) dependants under the following requirements:

- a. **Nationality** - must not be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand or be the child of someone who holds an Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency (except for nationals of Niue, Tokelau and Cook Islands who also have New Zealand citizenship).
- b. **Current residence** - must be residing other than Australia and applying from outside Australia.
- c. **Previous scholarships** - must not have held a scholarship to study outside their home country in the 24 months preceding the application closing date.
- d. **University Offer** – must have a Confirmation of Enrolment for their course (refer table of eligible exemptions) starting in the year for which the scholarship is applied, to be undertaken full time at a Queensland university.
- e. **Documentation** – must provide documented and authentic evidence of eligibility to support their applications. Failing this, usual fees will apply.
- f. **Duration of exemption** – The exemption will only apply for the length of the original visa.

4. Responsibility

- a. Parents must ensure they understand and meet the criteria set out in the Dependant Fee Exemption Policy.
- b. Parents must notify EQI in writing within 7 days of any changes to the visa subclass, parent's Confirmation of Enrolment, enrolment dates, parent's education provider, primary visa holder (e.g. from one parent to another), scholarship details and any other changes that may affect the dependant's fee exemption.

- c. The Executive Director, DET International has the delegation to approve applications for fee exemption based on the criteria under the Dependant Fee Exemption Policy and communicates the decision to applicants.

5. Eligibility

Student Visa Sub-Class	Fees	Notes
570 ELICOS	Tuition fees apply	
572 VET	Tuition fees apply	
573 Bachelors	Tuition fees apply	
573 Masters by Coursework	Tuition fees apply	
574 PhD	DET will exempt tuition fees of P-12 dependants from any country except from those countries whose government sponsors dependant children	Examples of countries whose government sponsors dependant children – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Libya, Qatar, and United Arab Emirates
574 Masters by Research	Tuition fees apply	
576 AusAID & Defence Scholarship	DET will exempt tuition fees for P-12 dependants	
Australian Government Scholarship holders	Exempt	Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) Australian Development Scholarship (ADS) Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Endeavour Program Australian Partnership Scholarship (APS)
Queensland university scholarship holders where the scholarship is a full tuition scholarship for the duration of the course of study	Tuition fees apply unless they are undertaking a PhD on visa subclass 574	Australian Catholic University Bond University Central Queensland University Griffith University James Cook University Queensland University of Technology University of Queensland University of Southern Queensland University of the Sunshine Coast
Holders of full scholarships from overseas Governments	Tuition fees apply unless they are undertaking a PhD on visa subclass 574	

6. Implementation

From January 2013, all applications for dependant fee exemption will be assessed against criteria outlined in this Dependant Fee Exemption Policy. For timely processing, parents wishing to enrol their child/children for Term 1 are advised to lodge enrolment applications by second week of December of the previous year.

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