

Deferment to Commencement of Studies Application

Standard 9 of the *National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018* (the National Code 2018) and Deakin College Admissions Policy provides that a deferment of the commencement of study is only permissible on the grounds of compassionate or compelling circumstances. Such circumstances are generally those beyond the control of the student and have an impact upon the student's course progress or wellbeing. These could include, but are not limited to:

- Serious illness or injury, where a medical certificate states that the student was unable to attend classes;
- Bereavement of close family members such as parents or grandparents;
- Major political upheaval or natural disaster in the home country requiring emergency travel and this has impacted on the student's studies; or
- A traumatic experience such as involvement in, or witnessing of a serious accident or, being the victim of a serious crime.

All claims of compassionate or compelling circumstances must be supported by appropriate evidence. Students under the age of 18 years must provide a letter from their parent or legal guardian supporting the deferment to commencement of studies.

SECTION A: FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Title: _____ Name: _____
(Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss) (Family Name) (Other Names)

Student ID: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Course: _____ Telephone: _____

Address in Australia: _____

Email: _____

Trimester deferment is applied for: _____

Reason(s) for Deferment of Commencement of Studies:

I confirm that the statements made by me in this application are correct and true. I understand that deferment to commencement of my studies may affect my student visa and that my deferment will be assessed by the Department of Home Affairs (immigration and citizenship) in accordance with its policies relating to student visas. I also understand that if my application is approved by Deakin College, I am referred to Department of Home Affairs (immigration and citizenship), the Australian Embassy or High Commission in my home country (whichever is applicable) for advice on how the potential change to my enrolment status may impact upon my visa.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Parent or legal guardian must sign this form if the student is under 18 years of age)

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APPLICATION RECEIVED: Date: _____

Compassionate or compelling circumstances demonstrated ☐ Yes ☐ No

Evidence of compassionate or compelling circumstances provided

☐ Yes _____ ☐ No

Comments: _____

OUTCOME OF APPLICATION

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Reasons for Non-approval:

- ☐ Application incomplete
- ☐ No compassionate or compelling circumstances demonstrated
- ☐ No letter supporting from parents (under 18 year old student)
- ☐ Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____