



STUDENT ENROLMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

PREAMBLE

The objective of this Policy is to ensure that key aspects of the enrolment and admission process provide:

- a) current and accurate information regarding AEG's training and educational products;
- b) convenience, security and efficiency to the prospective student;
- c) reliable, accurate and useful data to AEG; and
- d) for the fair consistent and transparent treatment, equality of benefit and opportunity for prospective students.

This Policy is applicable to all AEG students, however paragraph 3 is only relevant to Domestic Students seeking a VET Student Loan.

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

“**AAT**” means the Australian Pacific College's Academic Aptitude Test.

“**ACER**” means the Australian Council for Educational Research

“**APC**” means Australian Pacific College.

“**AQF**” means Australian Qualification Framework

“**AEG**” means the Australian Pacific College Education Group and includes Australian Pacific College, English Unlimited, APC Design School and APC Institute of Higher Education.

“**Compassionate or Compelling Circumstances**” are circumstances that are generally beyond the control of the student which have an impact upon the student's course progress or well-being. They include, but are not limited to:

- i) Serious illness, where a medical certificate states that the student was unable to continue their studies for a period of time;
- ii) bereavement of close family members such as parents or grandparents;
- iii) major political upheaval or natural disaster in their home country requiring emergency travel that has impacted on studies;
- iv) a traumatic experience which has or will impact on the student's ability to study (these cases should be, where possible, supported by police or psychologists' reports);
- v) where the registered provider is unable to offer a prerequisite unit;
- vi) inability to begin studying on the course commencement date due to a delay in receiving the student visa; or
- vii) where the registered provider was unable to offer a prerequisite unit, or the overseas student has failed a prerequisite unit and therefore faces a shortage of relevant units for which they are eligible to enrol.



“Deferment” means to temporarily put the commencement of studies on hold, with the intention to commence at a later date.

“Domestic Student” means a person who is not an Overseas Student. That is a person studying with AEG (whether within or outside Australia) who is:

- i) an Australian citizen or resident (that is a person entitled to stay in Australia or enter and stay in Australia without any limitation); or
- ii) a New Zealand citizen resident in Australia who holds a special category visa; or
- iii) a qualifying New Zealand citizen under the VET Student Loans scheme or
- iv) a person that holds a permanent humanitarian visa who is usually resident in Australia and who does not require a student visa to study in Australia.

“IT” means information technology.

“National Register” means the register on Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Australia as recorded on www.training.gov.au

“Non-Student Visa Holders” means a person who is neither an Overseas or Domestic student.

“Letter of Offer” is the letter offering a student a place in a Course and which sets out the Course Fees that are payable by the student in respect of the Course and the terms and conditions applicable to studying at AEG.

“Overseas Student” means a person (whether within or outside Australia) who holds a student visa as defined by the ESOS Act.

“Policy” means this Student Enrolment Policy and Procedure.

“Re-enrolment” is when a student applies to commence or resume a course they have previously applied for (but have not yet attained the full qualification) and that enrolment has not previously been suspended or deferred.

“RPL” means the recognition of prior learning.

“Suspension” means to temporarily put the continuation of studies on hold. A suspension occurs after a student has commenced studies.

“USI” means Unique Student Identifier.

“VET” means vocational education and training.

“VSL” means VET Student Loan.



1. ENROLMENT INFORMATION

- 1.1 Student enrolment into AEG will be instigated by the student themselves by either contacting an agent representing AEG, using the website or by contacting AEG directly. The online methodology is one that gives the student the ability and freedom to seek the information they require and to enter their own data (while being guided through the necessary fields) onto AEG's student information system.
- 1.2 AEG, its agents and its website provide information to the students about AEG's Courses. This includes information on:
 - a) the Course;
 - b) entry requirements including prerequisites (English and academic standards);
 - c) fees;
 - d) any charges associated with studying at AEG and any terms and conditions surrounding the charges;
 - e) credit transfer and recognition prior learning;
 - f) cancellation, withdrawal and refunds;
 - g) tuition protection services; and
 - h) potential and actual pathways.
- 1.3 AEG's website and course information is in plain English. AEG is able to assist with translation of information or can inform prospective students of services that are available to assist those students with special needs.
- 1.4 AEG's staff are instructed as to the details of the courses offered by AEG and to any transition of qualifications on induction and during regular staff training. This ensures students are consistently and accurately advised of the training products they enquire about.
- 1.5 AEG will treat all information provided by prospective students in accordance with its privacy policies.
- 1.6 AEG values its multicultural campuses and through the implementation of its vision it warmly and actively welcomes enrolments from all cultures from First Nations to international students from all corners of the world.

2. APPLICATION AND ENROLMENT PROCESS

- 2.1 Students are able to apply for admission in AEG's courses either:
 - a) by downloading the application form from AEG's website; or
 - b) by contacting AEG which will assist the student complete an application form;
or
 - c) by completing AEG's online application form; or
 - d) contacting authorised education agents listed on AEG's website for assistance in completing the application form.
- 2.2 The student enrolment process will require the students to provide copies of:



- a) personal details as required in the application form;
 - b) identification documents;
 - c) a functioning and monitored email address;
 - d) pre-requisite academic qualifications or equivalent vocational experience as mandated in the course outline and course brochures/flyer;
 - e) support documents as identified in paragraph 2.3 below;
 - f) portfolio and resume (where applicable); and
 - g) a statement of purpose.
- 2.3 Support documents to be provided by students may include upon specific request by AEG:
- a) copies of certificates and transcripts of any coursework completed at other educational institutions; and/or
 - b) any other documents that provide evidence of other academic achievements and capabilities (i.e. letters of recommendation, AAT or ACER assessment); and/or
 - c) a portfolio showing capability in any area of the relevant discipline providing evidence of workplace experience and/ or competency equivalent to the entry requirements of the chosen course; and/or
 - d) resume or CV; and/or
 - d) copies of the students passport, drivers licence or Medicare card.
- 2.4 All documentation is required to be forwarded to AEG.
- 2.5 AEG may request an interview with a student in order to assess the suitability to the course where it is deemed to be required.
- 2.6 AEG will review any application for admission (and supporting documents), ensuring its accuracy, completeness and appropriateness.
- 2.7 If the student is eligible for a credit transfer or RPL then this will be dealt with in accordance with AEG's RPL and Credit Transfer Policy.
- 2.8 If the student has informed AEG that they have a disability or impairment then this will be dealt with in accordance with AEG's Access and Equity Policy.
- 2.9 AEG will inform the student of their success in being accepted to AEG by issuing the student a Letter of Offer.
- 2.10 AEG may issue a Provisional Letter of Offer where one or more supporting documents are missing. These documents must be received before the Confirmation of Enrolment can be issued otherwise a conditional Confirmation of Enrolment may be issued.
- 2.11 AEG may apply conditions on a Letter of Offer where academic and/or English entry requirements apply.



- 2.12 If the student is unsuccessful in having their enrolment confirmed then AEG will communicate this to the student in writing, informing them of the reasons why they have not been offered a place in the course.
- 2.13 Upon receipt of the signed Letter of Offer and the requisite fees AEG will then provide the student with a Confirmation of Enrolment and information about orientation and course commencement.
- 2.14 VSL students will be sent a VSL Statement of Covered Fees and a VSL Fee Notice at the beginning of the term. They are also sent a Commonwealth Assistance Notice within 28 days after the census date. Throughout the duration of their course and whilst their VSL is in place, students will regularly receive documentation from AEG containing up to date and necessary VSL information.

3. ADDITIONAL ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DOMESTIC STUDENTS REQUESTING A VET STUDENT LOAN

- 3.1 If the student is a Domestic Student and has requested a VET Student Loan in their application form, AEG triggers the issuance of an eCAF form. The lodgement of this form must be monitored by AEG to ensure it is submitted prior to the first census date, otherwise the student will not be able to access their loan.
- 3.2 If the student has asked for a VET Student Loan and has not submitted an eCAF on or before the census date, or the loan is not approved and the student does not voluntarily pay for the whole course then the student's enrolment can be cancelled or deferred in whole or in part on or before the census day. Refer to the Cancellation, Refund and Re-Credit Policy.
- 3.3 Once the documentation review noted in clause 2 above is complete, the Registrar or a nominated academic leader may conduct a one on one, face to face or video interview, with the Domestic Student, against a set of predetermined questions (refer to AEG's Record of Enrolment Interview) which, together with the documentation received from the student, will be used to determine the academic suitability of the student to undertake the course.
- 3.4 The interview of the Domestic Student (requesting VSL) will:
 - a) confirm the student's identity with photo ID provided in the copy of a passport or other legal Photo ID;
 - b) confirm that the prospective student can speak knowledgeably about their earlier qualifications, and about their written application, (the written application assists to confirm written English language skills);
 - c) confirm that the student has the necessary computer and software skills and has access to other required resources to complete the course;
 - d) confirm that the student has a functioning and monitored email address;
 - e) confirm that the prospective student understands the fee structure and the expected total cost of the course including the VET Student Loans schemes and other funding options;



- f) confirm that the prospective student has the necessary verbal English language skills to actively participate in the course;
- g) discuss any prior experience, credit and RPL opportunities;
- h) assess whether the prospective student has a USI and, if not, seek permission to apply for one on their behalf; and
- i) assess that the student will undertake their work in a safe working environment at all times.

3.5 A Domestic Student (requesting VSL) will be deemed by AEG as academically suitable for their chosen course if they have:

- a) completed the application form; and
- b) provided all documents requested in the application form and requested by AEG (and if not, provided satisfactory alternatives as determined by AEG).
These documents must include:
 - i) an Australian Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (year 12 certificate); or
 - ii) International Baccalaureate Diploma; or
 - iii) a Certificate IV or above in the AQF (or at a level in a framework that preceded the AQF that is equivalent to level 4 or above in the AQF) (where the course was delivered in English); or
 - iv) a completed ACER test marked as competent; and
- c) satisfactorily completed an academic interview with AEG (if required by AEG).

3.6 If the interview is completed successfully and AEG is satisfied with the student's application and the documentation received, it will enrol the student and place on the student's file:

- a) the record of enrolment interview detailing the student's responses to the set questions; and
- b) all documentation submitted by the student during the enrolment process.

3.7 Paragraphs 3.2 to 3.5 inclusive may be applied to non VSL eligible domestic students solely at AEG's discretion.

4. IT AND RESOURCES

4.1 Prospective students of AEG are informed on the website, in the Letter of Offer and in other pre/post-enrolment documentation that their study, especially online study, is IT intensive and, to participate in AEG's courses, students will need to have certain equipment and software. Refer to AEG's Technology and Equipment Standards for Students found on the website.

5. UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER

5.1 The USI is a secure online record of students nationally recognised training that can be accessed by the student, The USI is linked to the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Data Collection, which means an individual's nationally recognised training and qualifications, gained anywhere in Australia, from different training organisations, is kept together.



- 5.2 On applying to AEG, students are asked if they have a USI and, if they don't, AEG will seek the student's permission to issue one. Students that will need a USI include VET students and HE students graduating in 2023 or beyond.
- 5.3 For Domestic Students, during their interview, AEG explains the USI, and includes it on the Record of Enrolment Interview form if the student already has one.
- 5.4 For Overseas Students studying entirely offshore a USI is not required. Students in this category will not receive a USI generated transcript.

6. RE-ENROLMENT

- 6.1 Re-enrolment for a course is subject to the course being current on the National Register of courses or within the teachout period for a superseded course and subject to the availability of the relevant subjects/units of competency.
- 6.2 Students may apply to be re-enrolled to their course following the standard enrolment procedure.
- 6.3 Where re-enrolment results in an extension of the original course duration student visa holders will only be eligible for readmission if
 - a) AEG has determined there is evidence of Compassionate or Compelling circumstances; or
 - b) AEG has implemented an intervention strategy for course progress; or
 - c) AEG has previously approved a deferment or suspension of studies.
- 6.4 Students who have a gap of study of less than 6 months may be exempt from course orientation at AEG's discretion.

POLICY REVIEW

This Process will be reviewed as part of AEG's three (3) yearly review or as otherwise decided.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

This document references the following legislation, regulations, codes and standards:

Relevant Legislation/codes/standards	
Commonwealth	VET Student Loans Act 2019 VET Student Loans Rules National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021
Standards	Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015



RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

This document references the following AEG policies and/or procedures:

Related Policies and Procedures	
Policies	RPL and Credit Transfer Policy Privacy of Information Policy Privacy Policy Access and Equity Policy Deferment, Suspension and Cancellation Policy Intervention Policy Cancellation, Refund and Re-credit Policy Technology and Equipment Standards for Students

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