

International Education Unit Information Sheet

Conditions of Enrolment and Admission in ACT Public Schools for Non-Australian Citizens or Non-Permanent Residents

Non-Australian citizens and non-permanent residents must hold a current valid visa for temporary residents in Australia and must meet the specific travel, entry and residency conditions determined by the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). Enrolment in an ACT public school is generally accepted for the length of the visa subject to policy and the terms and conditions of admission.

- Students holding a dependant student visa must pay the application fee and tuition fee for international students in accordance with the pre-entry, financial assessment, procedures and conditions of the visa determined by DIAC.
- All school aged students who hold a secondary temporary resident visa based on a parent's principal visa and who are seeking enrolment in an ACT public school must reside with the parent during any period of the enrolment.
- All temporary resident visa holders must provide evidence of their immunisation records to the school at the time of enrolment such as an immunisation certificate or a letter from a registered medical practitioner or community health centre.
- New Zealand citizens holding a New Zealand passport and Diplomatic (sub class 995) visa holders may be enrolled directly at an ACT public school in the same manner as Australian residents and permanent citizens. However, New Zealand permanent resident visa holders will have to contact the International Education Unit directly for assessment of fee status.
- Visitor visa holders must pay the application fee and short term tuition fees for enrolment in an ACT public school. The period of enrolment will be limited by visa conditions (condition 8201) to 12 weeks of education or for the duration of the visa. The admission of a visitor visa holder will be subject to the school principal's agreement. The minimum study period is 5 weeks.

Enrolment of Temporary Resident Visa Holders with Disabilities

- All dependents of temporary resident visa holders, including those with disabilities, seeking enrolment in an ACT Public School are subject to the ACT Department of Education and Training's [Enrolment of Temporary Visa Holders – Charging Policy](#).
- In addition to the above conditions for enrolment and admission, temporary visa holders with disabilities are subject to specific assessment and placement procedures of the Student Services Unit prior to acceptance and admission to an appropriate ACT public school. Additional fees and charges may be incurred.