



e-Newsletter



New visa support for international students and graduates

The Australian Government is offering a range of new visa support initiatives to international students and graduates, including an international student visa fee refund and temporary removal of limits on working hours for student visa holders, as well as replacement Temporary Graduate visas and extended graduate 'stay and work' periods.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/news/new-visa-support-for-international-students-and-graduates>

Additional work hours for international students

According to the Australian Financial Review, the Government has implemented the proposal to increase the work hours of international students to 40 hours a week. However, our focus remains consistent for the students, and it primarily aims to –

- Maintain satisfactory course requirements of the course
- Monitor students' attendance and course progress
- Highlight the challenges of balancing work and study
- Track students' participation in the class and lab activities, and submission of assignments
- Check the overall performance of the students
- Supervise students' deferments



Requesting for leave from study - Know your obligations

International student visa holders can only take break under approved compassionate or compelling circumstances. International students travelling overseas without taking prior approval from the institute will be in breach of their VISA conditions. This could lead to cancellation of your COE and you may be stopped by immigration authorities when entering back into Australia at the port of entry.

Please speak to your Student Support Officer (SSO) for more information.



Additional COVID-19 vaccines recognised for inbound travellers

The Australian Government now recognises 10 COVID-19 vaccines for the purposes of inbound travel to Australia.

Recent approvals include Sputnik V (Gamaleya Research Institute) and Nuvaxovid (by Bioelect Pty Ltd on behalf of Novavax Inc) to be used in Australia.

The first protein vaccine to be recognised by Australia, Nuvaxovid is designed to be given in two (2) doses, three (3) weeks apart.

For more information, please visit:

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What's on Melbourne!

Good news for the Victorians!!

Plan your week as Moomba returns to the banks of Yarra River! It will be a four-day long weekend of abundant fun for family and friends.

The Highlights of this occasion are. For more information, please visit:

<https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>



Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show

30 March to 3 April 2022

Royal Exhibition Building
& Carlton Gardens



Melbourne Food and Wine Festival

March 25 - April 9

The city's favourite foodie festival is back.



Hamilton

March 16 - August 14

The award-winning musical
And more...

For more information, please visit:

<https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>



Melbourne International Student Badminton

March 5 - March 30

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/>



Credit Card Payments Surcharge

Notice regarding payments by credit card and VISA / Master debit card

Effective from 01/05/2022, all credit card and VISA / Master debit card payments will incur 2% surcharge. When customers pay using such cards, the business incurs a fee from the bank for processing the payment in the form of a merchant fee. Effective 01/05/2022, all students who pay using the above options will also need to include 2% of the total payment amount as part of surcharge.

Please note that this change is for payment by credit card and VISA / Master debit card's.

1.	Bank Transfer to acumen's bank account	No surcharge
2.	Cash payment at the campus	No surcharge
3.	Direct Debit from your bank account processed by acumen education on the 20th of each month	No surcharge
4.	EFTPOS payment using your debit card only at the campus by entering as a savings or chq payment ONLY	No surcharge
5.	Credit card payments at the campus	2% surcharge
6.	Payments over the phone using debit or credit cards	NOT ACCEPTED