

The banner features three students in a virtual classroom. On the left, a female student with a headset smiles at a laptop. In the center, a male student in a red plaid shirt waves his hand. On the right, a female student with a headset looks towards the camera. The background is dark blue with white line-art icons: a laptop, a lightbulb, an open book, a pencil, a computer monitor with 'ABC' on it, and a cluster of gears. The text 'IEC Online' is prominently displayed in the center.

IEC Online

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is IEC Online?

IEC Online allows students who would normally study at one of our Intensive English Centres (IEC) attached to a NSW government school, in preparation for enrolment at high school, to commence their studies from their home country. Lessons taught have been modified to accommodate students learning online.

IEC Online will be delivered by nine IECs across Sydney and by Central Sydney Intensive English High School. Students will be taught by the IEC responsible for supporting the high school on their offer letter.

How will IEC classes be taught?

Interactive classes will be conducted on Zoom by our IEC teachers who are experienced in preparing international students for high school study.

How many hours of class time is included in IEC Online?

There will be 4 hours of lessons each day, generally with 1 hour lessons followed by rest breaks between each lesson. Classes will run on Monday to Friday (except on NSW public holidays). The schedule is aligned to the term dates of our [school calendar](#). The Term 1 program will commence on 1 February 2021.

Is IEC Online the same as physically studying at an IEC?

Our normal IEC program has been reformatted to allow for lessons and tests to be conducted online. As students will be in their home country, physical activities, such as class excursions and sport, have been excluded from IEC Online.

How long will students enrol with IEC Online?

Students will be offered the same duration of IEC Online as on their letter of offer for an Intensive English Centre (IEC). This will usually be 2 terms of study. The length of study will depend on the rate at which each student progresses.

What subjects will be taught on IEC Online?

Students will learn English, Mathematics, Science and a humanities subject (History/Geography). Each IEC will vary slightly in their additional subject offerings.

Is IEC Online taught in line with the NSW curriculum?

IEC Online is aligned to the Key Learning Areas (KLA) for each stage of learning, as set out in the NSW curriculum.

Will students be required to complete homework and assessments as part of IEC Online?

Yes, students will be given coursework to complete during lessons and homework to complete outside of class hours. Students will also complete assessments throughout IEC Online. Results from assessments conducted through the term will be factored into the final results for each term.

Will attendance be recorded during IEC Online?

Daily attendance, including lateness, will be recorded throughout IEC Online. Students with an abundance of absences may not be able to progress to the next level.

What is the price for IEC Online?

The price is \$7000 for two terms (\$350 per week of study).

What software/hardware is needed to participate in IEC Online?

Students will need to have access to a laptop/computer and webcam. In addition, students will need access to the following software:

- Zoom
- web browser
- Microsoft Office suite, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

How are parents notified of their child's progress?

At enrolment, each student will be assessed to determine their English proficiency, the correct level they should be placed at and the approximate length of study needed. This will be communicated to parents at the start of the program. Progress reports will be sent to parents each term. There are also bilingual staff at each IEC who are able to speak to parents about any issues in their own language, if required.

How do students sign up for IEC Online?

Please register for IEC Online through [this link](#).

If the student has paid for an offer for IEC + high school:

- DE International will issue a new offer letter replacing IEC with IEC Online and outlining the difference in fees; the difference in fees between IEC and IEC Online will be credited towards high school fees
- The student and parents will need to agree to the offer by signing and returning the signed offer to DE International.

If the student has previously received a letter of offer for IEC + high school but has yet to make payment:

- DE International will issue a new offer letter replacing IEC with IEC Online
- The student and parents will need to agree to the offer by signing and returning the signed offer to DE International and making payment of fees outlined in the fee schedule.

If the student has not previously submitted an application to study at a NSW government school then please submit an application through our Online Application Portal.

What are the advantages of studying IEC Online?

- Avoid travel during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Commence studies without disruption to original study plan while waiting for borders to re-open
- Save on accommodation and living costs
- Commence studies while waiting for the student visa to be granted.

Who is eligible to study IEC Online?

IEC Online is open to any student who is outside Australia and has received an offer to study at an IEC + NSW government high school. Unfortunately, due to time zone constraints, only students in locations with no more than 4 hours difference from AEDT will be able to participate.

Can students apply for IEC Online only?

Students must have an offer for IEC and NSW government high school in order to participate.

Will students need a student visa to study IEC Online?

Students will receive a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) once they have accepted an offer for IEC Online + NSW government high school, which can then be used to apply for a student visa. We understand there may be delays in being granted a visa so students are able to commence study after submitting their student visa application.

Is IEC Online compulsory if a student has an offer to study at an IEC and NSW government high school?

No, students may also elect to defer their commencement to a later date when Australia's borders re-open.

Where can students get answers to additional questions not listed here?

Please send your questions to admissions.dei@det.nsw.edu.au and our Admissions team will respond quickly. Please note our office is closed from the afternoon of 24 December 2020 and will re-open on Monday, 4 January 2021.