

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS PROGRAM

Fact sheet: Tuition fee exemption if parent or step-parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident

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This fact sheet contains information about the tuition fee structure for temporary residents who have a parent or step-parent who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident. Topics include:

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Introduction

If your child has a parent or step-parent who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia, you may be eligible for exemption from the Temporary Residents Program tuition fee. The Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia may be:

- the biological mother to the child,
- the biological father to the child,
- a step-parent who is married to the biological parent of the child,
- a step-parent who is in a de facto relationship with the biological parent of the child, or
- a person who legally adopted the child.

Exemption criteria

- The child must apply to the Temporary Residents Program for enrolment. All temporary residents seeking to enrol in a NSW government school must lodge their application online to the Temporary Residents Program. Please visit deiparent.det.nsw.edu.au to lodge your application through the DEI Student Management System.
- The child must have a parent or step-parent who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- The child must have a valid application lodged with the Department of Home Affairs for a permanent resident visa.
- Where the biological parent and step-parent are in a de facto relationship, the child must have a valid application lodged with the Department of Home Affairs for a permanent resident visa under the family stream of the Migration Program.
- Additional documents to prove the link to an Australian citizen or permanent resident are required. These are listed on the next page. If you provide false or misleading information to the Temporary Residents Program, it may lead to termination of your child's enrolment and the NSW Department of Education may commence debt recovery to recover tuition fees.

Exemption exclusions

- You are not eligible for the tuition fee exemption if the child is holding, or applying, for a dependant student visa (subclass 500).
- You are not eligible for the tuition fee exemption if the child is holding, or applying, for a primary student visa (subclass 500).

Additional documents you need to provide in the application

To be assessed for the tuition fee exemption, additional documents must be provided in your online application. These documents are required to prove that your child has a valid link to an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.

Documents if the biological parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident

- Copy of child's birth certificate.
- Evidence child has a valid application lodged with the Department of Home Affairs for a permanent resident visa.
- Evidence the biological parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia. This may be a copy of the biological parent's Australian passport or permanent resident visa.

Documents if the biological parent is married to an Australian citizen or permanent resident

- Copy of child's birth certificate.
- Evidence child has a valid application lodged with the Department of Home Affairs for a permanent resident visa.
- Evidence of the marriage certificate between the biological parent and the Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Evidence the step-parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia. This may be a copy of the step-parent's Australian passport or permanent resident visa.

Documents if the biological parent is in a de facto relationship with an Australian citizen or permanent resident

- Copy of child's birth certificate.
- Evidence child has a valid application lodged with the Department of Home Affairs for a permanent resident visa under the family stream of the Migration Program.
- Evidence the step-parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia. This may be a copy of the step-parent's Australian passport or permanent resident visa.
- Evidence the biological parent is in a genuine de facto relationship with an Australian citizen or permanent resident. The biological parent and step-parent must complete the *Statutory Declaration* on the next page.

Documents if the child is legally adopted by an Australian citizen or permanent resident

- Copy of child's birth certificate.
- Evidence the child has a valid application lodged with the Department of Home Affairs for a permanent resident visa.
- Evidence the adopted parent is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia. This may be a copy of the adopted parent's Australian passport or permanent resident visa.
- Evidence of the adoption compliance certificate or the order effecting the adoption.

Need more information

To find out more about the Temporary Residents Program, please visit deinternational.nsw.edu.au/trp or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 300 229 (then option 1).

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Statutory Declaration

What is a statutory declaration

A statutory declaration is a written document setting out certain facts to the best of the knowledge or belief of the person making it and is made subject to the provisions of certain legislation. In New South Wales, statutory declarations are made under the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1900*. The Act prescribes penalties for making a false declaration and for witnessing a declaration without authority. The declarants must sign the statutory declaration in front of a qualified witness.

What if I make a false declaration

When you make a statutory declaration, you are declaring the statements in it are true. If you intentionally make a false statement in a statutory declaration, you could be penalised, and it may lead to termination of enrolment of the child and debt recovery to recover education fees to the NSW Department of Education.

Who can witness a statutory declaration in New South Wales

In New South Wales, an authorised witness must be a:

- Justice of the Peace (JP)
- Notary Public
- Commissioner of the court for taking affidavits
- Solicitor (with a current practising certificate issued under Part 2.4 Division 3 of the *Legal Profession Act 2004*)
- Person by law authorised to administer an oath.

The authorised witness must either:

- know the person making the statutory declaration for at least 12 months; or
- confirm the identity of the person making the statutory declaration before it is made, by sighting an original or certified copy of an identification document in respect of the person and make a note of the identification in the space provided.

**New South Wales
Statutory Declaration
Oaths Act 1990, New South Wales, Eighth Schedule**

We _____
full name declarant 1 full name declarant 2

of _____
address of declarants

do solemnly and sincerely jointly and severally declare that:-

1. we are both over 18 years of age
2. we are in a relationship as a couple with the other person
3. our relationship is genuine and continuing
4. we live together or do not live separately and apart, on a permanent basis
5. we have been in the relationship for a minimum of 12 months
6. we are not married or in a relationship with anyone else
7. we are not related to each other by family,

and we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1990*.

Declared at _____
place

On _____
date

signature of declarant 1 signature of declarant 2

in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I _____ a _____
full name of authorised witness qualification of authorised witness

certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it: (**** please cross out any text that does not apply***)

1. * I saw the face of the person **OR**
 * I did not see the face of the person because the person was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that the person had a special justification for not removing the covering; and
2. * I have known the person for at least 12 months **OR**
 * I have confirmed the person's identity using an identification document and the document I relied on was:-

describe identification document relied on

signature of authorised witness date