NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Temporary Residents Program

General conditions of enrolment for temporary residents and visitors

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing the NSW Department of Education to deliver a quality education program to your child. NSW government schools offer a world-class standard of education from the largest education provider in Australia.

DE International

The Temporary Residents Program is part of DE International. The Temporary Residents Program gives advice and support to enrol temporary residents into NSW government schools. The program accepts enrolment in primary school and high school from Kindergarten to Year 12 in consultation with the accepting school.

Risk assessment

All students seeking enrolment are subject to the NSW Department of Education policy on enrolment in a NSW government school, including a risk assessment. To find out more about going to a NSW government school, please visit education.nsw.gov.au/public=schools/going-to-a-public-school.

Visa requirements

Your child must hold a current valid visa to reside in Australia and meet specific travel, entry and residency conditions determined by the Australian Department of Home Affairs (DHA). Enrolment in a NSW government school is generally accepted for the length of the visa, subject to policy and the terms and conditions of admission. Non-Australian citizens applying to enrol in a NSW government school must provide travel documentation as proof of identity and residency status.

Norfolk Island permanent residents

Norfolk Island permanent residents may be admitted directly to a NSW government school in the same manner as an Australian citizen.

New Zealand citizens

New Zealand citizens who hold a New Zealand passport may be admitted directly to a NSW government school in the same manner as an Australian citizen.

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General conditions of enrolment for temporary residents and visitors

Temporary resident students
Students holding a temporary resident visa are subject to enrolment through the Temporary Residents Program. To find out more, visit the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions and the temporary resident fact sheet.

Dependants of international students
Students holding a dependent student visa (subclass 500) are subject to enrolment through the Temporary Residents Program. To find out more, visit the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions and the Dependant of international student fact sheet.

Visitor visa students
Students holding a visitor visa are subject to enrolment through the Temporary Residents Program. To find out more, visit the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions and the Visitor visa fact sheet.

Application process
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/#/login to lodge your application through the NSW Government Schools - Online Application Portal. If you require technical support with the online application, call 1300 615 199. Support is available from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday AEST (Sydney time) and is not accessible from outside of Australia.

Tuition fee
In NSW, most temporary resident students pay the temporary resident application fee and tuition fee to enrol in a government school. The fee is generally calculated using the visa subclass held by the student. In accordance with Section 31A (4) and (5) of the *Education Act 1990*, failure to pay the education fee may result in enrolment termination. To find out more, visit the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions and the tuition fee fact sheet.

Find a school
If your child holds a current valid visa and resides in NSW, they may apply to enrol in the NSW government primary school or high school closest to their residential address. A request for an out of area enrolment may be considered by the school enrolment panel, according to department policy and subject to selection criteria such as availability of appropriate staff and classroom accommodation.

Selective high schools and opportunity classes
Most temporary residents are not eligible to enrol in NSW government selective high schools, including agricultural high schools, selective classes in comprehensive high schools, or opportunity classes in primary schools. For eligibility, visit the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions document.

Immunisation
The NSW Department of Education supports the immunisation of children before they enrol in a NSW government school to protect against outbreaks of infectious diseases. You will be asked to provide evidence of your child's immunisation status directly to the school at the time of enrolment in the form of an immunisation certificate or letter from a registered medical practitioner or community health centre. If your child is not vaccinated, they can still be enrolled in a school. However, during a vaccine preventable disease outbreak, they may be asked to stay at home. To find out more, visit education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/immunisation.

English as an Additional Language/Dialect education
The NSW Department of Education provides *English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)* support to develop English language competence so your child can fully participate in schooling and independently pursue further education and training. The department provides EAL/D support in primary schools, high schools, Intensive English Centres (IECs) and the Intensive English High School (IEHS). The availability of EAL/D support varies between schools, depending on the number of EAL/D students enrolled. To find out more, visit the Visa subclasses and enrolment conditions document and the EAL/D fact sheet.

Living arrangements for children in the Temporary Residents Program
The NSW Department of Education requires all school-aged students, and who hold a temporary resident visa, to live with their parent, in Australia, during any period of enrolment in a NSW government school. Homestay is not permitted under the Temporary Residents Program.

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While your child is enrolled in a NSW government school as a temporary resident, you must inform the Temporary Residents Program if your child:

- changes address,
- is granted a new visa by the Department of Home Affairs,
- intends to transfer to another NSW government school, or
- intends to leave school.

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). To find out more about going to a NSW government school, please visit education.nsw.gov.au/public=schools/going-to-a-public-school.

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