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TEMPORARY **RESIDENTS** PROGRAM

Fact sheet: Exemption for 482 visa in a regional school

This fact sheet contains information about the tuition fee structure for temporary residents holding visa subclass 482, living in eligible regions of NSW, and attending an eligible regional NSW government school.

Introduction

The NSW Department of Education supports Commonwealth and State initiatives for workers in regional and remote NSW. If a student holds a valid visa subclass 482, and resides in an eligible NSW region with the sponsored parent who is the primary 482 visa applicant, and attends an eligible regional NSW government school, they may be eligible for exemption from the Temporary Residents Program tuition fee.

Eligibility criteria

1. The student must hold a valid Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa subclass 482, and
2. The student must reside with the sponsored parent who is the primary applicant of the 482 visa, and
3. The student and sponsored parent must reside in an eligible NSW regional postcode, and
4. The student must be enrolled and attend an eligible regional NSW government school.

Effective date

The exemption came into effect from 01/01/2025. The exemption does not apply to school years prior to 2025. The exemption only applies to students who satisfy all the eligibility criteria.

Residential address postcodes eligible for the exemption

To be eligible for the exemption, the student must reside with the sponsored parent who is the primary 482 visa applicant at all times, and the student must reside in a residential address with an eligible NSW regional postcode from the table below. To find the postcode for your suburb, please visit auspost.com.au/postcode. The exemption does not apply to students residing in any state or territory outside NSW.

NSW government school postcodes eligible for exemption

To be eligible for the exemption, the student must be enrolled and attend a NSW government school with an eligible NSW regional postcode from the table below. To find the address for a school, please visit schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au

List of eligible NSW regional postcodes

Eligible NSW regional postcodes (regional cities and major regional centres)	Eligible NSW regional postcodes (all other regional areas)	
2259	2250 to 2258	2575 to 2739
2264 to 2308	2260 to 2263	2753 to 2754
2500 to 2526	2311 to 2490	2756 to 2758
2528 to 2535	2527	2773 to 2898
2574	2536 to 2551	

Proof of residential address

The NSW Department of Education requires applicants to declare the accuracy of their claim for a regional residential address, and that they satisfy all the criteria of the exemption. The exemption will be cancelled where information is omitted, or false, or misleading information is provided to the Temporary Residents Program. Where an exemption is cancelled, the enrolment may be terminated, and the NSW Department of Education may commence legal proceedings to recover the tuition fee.

Change of residential address

The NSW Department of Education requires applicants to immediately inform the Temporary Residents Program if there is a change to the residential address of the student, or the sponsored parent who is the primary 482 visa applicant.

Exclusions from the exemption

Does not apply to the application fee

The exemption does not apply to the Temporary Residents Program application fee. The application fee remains payable on initial enrolment.

Does not apply to all visas

To be eligible for the exemption, the student must hold a valid Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa subclass 482. The exemption does not apply to any other visa subclass. If the student changes visa, the exemption will cease from the end of the 482 visa and the parent will be sent a tuition fee invoice for future enrolment periods.

Does not apply to bridging visa holders

The exemption does not apply to a student holding a bridging visa subclass 010-070, regardless of whether the student previously held a 482 visa. The exemption does not apply to a student holding a bridging visa subclass 010-070, regardless of whether the student is applying to the Department of Home Affairs for a new 482 visa.

Does not apply to all schools

To be eligible for the exemption, the student must be enrolled and attend an eligible regional NSW government school. If the student transfers to a non-regional designated school, the exemption will cease from the date of last attendance at the eligible regional school and the parent will be sent a tuition fee invoice for future enrolment periods.

Does not apply unless living with the sponsored primary 482 visa holder

To be eligible for the exemption, the student must reside with the parent who is the sponsored primary 482 visa applicant at all times. The residential address of the student and the sponsored primary 482 visa applicant must be an eligible NSW regional postcode.

Does not apply to residents of other states or territories

The exemption does not apply to students residing in any state or territory outside NSW. The exemption will not apply to students residing in the Australian Capital Territory, or bordering states of Victoria, Queensland, or South Australia.

Does not apply to additional voluntary school contributions

The exemption does not apply to voluntary school contributions. NSW government schools may request voluntary school contributions and charge additional fees for certain subjects or optional extension activities. Voluntary school contributions apply to all students, including Australian citizens, permanent residents, 482 visa holders, and other temporary residents in NSW government schools.

How to apply

The NSW Department of Education requires applicants to declare they meet all the eligibility criteria using the declaration form attached. Where an applicant makes a declaration and information is omitted, or false, or misleading information is provided to the Temporary Residents Program, the exemption will be cancelled, the enrolment may be terminated, and the NSW Department of Education may commence legal proceedings to recover the tuition fee.

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).

Regional 482 visa - Tuition fee exemption declaration

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Exemption criteria

1. The student must hold a valid Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa subclass 482, and
2. The student must reside with the sponsored parent who is the primary applicant of the 482 visa, and
3. The student and sponsored parent must reside in an eligible NSW regional postcode, and
4. The student must be enrolled and attend an eligible regional NSW government school.

Student and parent details

Student number _____

Student name _____

Student address _____
Street number & street name Suburb State Postcode

Date moved to address _____ / _____ / _____ This is the date the student moved, or will move, to the above address
DD MM YYYY

School name _____
This is the name of the NSW government school that the student will attend while living at the above address

Parent 1 name _____
This is the primary applicant of the 482 visa who resides full time with the student at the above address

Parent 2 name _____

Parent declaration

To satisfy the residential address requirements for the student and the primary applicant of the 482 visa, the NSW Department of Education requires a declaration from the sponsored parent who is the primary applicant of the 482 visa. I/We understand the NSW Department of Education may request additional evidence of my residential address to support my application.

Declaration of correct residential address

I/We declare the residential address information supplied to the NSW Department of Education through the Temporary Residents Program in this online application, which reflects the address information above, is correct. I/We declare the student will reside with the sponsored parent who is the primary applicant of the 482 visa, at the declared address at all times.

Change of residential address

I/We agree to immediately inform the NSW Department of Education through the Temporary Residents Program if there is a change to the residential address of the student, or the sponsored parent who is the primary applicant of the 482 visa.

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Acknowledgment of exclusions from the exemption

I/We acknowledge the exemption does not apply to the Temporary Residents Program application fee. The application fee remains payable on initial enrolment.

I/We acknowledge the student must hold a valid Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa subclass 482. The exemption does not apply to any other visa subclass. If the student changes visa, the exemption will cease from the end of the 482 visa and a tuition fee invoice will be issued for future enrolment periods.

I/We acknowledge the exemption does not apply to a student holding a bridging visa subclass 010-070, regardless of whether the student previously held a 482 visa.

I/We acknowledge the exemption does not apply to a student holding a bridging visa subclass 010-070, regardless of whether the student is applying to the Department of Home Affairs for a 482 visa.

I/We acknowledge the student must be enrolled and attend an eligible regional NSW government school. If the student transfers to a non-regional designated school, the exemption will cease from the date of last attendance at the eligible regional school and a tuition fee invoice will be issued for future enrolment periods.

I/We acknowledge the student must reside with the parent who is the sponsored primary applicant of the 482 visa. The residential address of the student and the sponsored primary applicant of the 482 visa must be an eligible NSW regional postcode. A list of eligible NSW regional postcodes can be found here.

I/We acknowledge the exemption does not apply to students residing in any state or territory outside NSW. The exemption will not apply to students residing in the Australian Capital Territory, or bordering states of Victoria, Queensland, or South Australia.

I/We acknowledge the exemption does not apply to voluntary school contributions. NSW government schools may request voluntary school contributions and charge additional fees for certain subjects or optional extension activities. Voluntary school contributions apply to all students, including Australian citizens, permanent residents, temporary residents, and 482 visa holders in regional NSW government schools.

False declarations

I/We understand the exemption criteria and the exclusions from the exemption. I/We understand the exemption will be cancelled where information is omitted, or false, or misleading information is provided to the Temporary Residents Program. I/We understand where an exemption is cancelled, the enrolment may be terminated, and the NSW Department of Education may commence legal proceedings to recover the tuition fee.

Parent declaration

Parent 1 name _____
This is the primary applicant of the 482 visa who resides full time with the student at the declared address

Signature _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Parent 2 name _____

Signature _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____