



# DEFERMENT/PRE-PONEMENT OF COMMENCEMENT TERM PROCEDURE – ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE STUDENTS



This Application Form should be used by applicants wishing to postpone or pre-pone (commence in an earlier term) their commencement of study for an individual or combined program offer.

## ELIGIBILITY

All international applicants are able to apply for deferment of commencement term as long as they have a current offer with a valid reason for deferring and have not enrolled in any courses.

## REASONS FOR DEFERRAL

There are many valid reasons for applying for a Deferral of Commencement Term such as:

- Visa delays
- Delayed commencement of prior studies
- Financial reasons
- IELTS delays
- Compassionate and compelling circumstances
- Illness or disability
- Compassionate circumstances such as the death of a close family member
- Major political upheaval or natural disaster
- A traumatic experience such as witnessing an accident or crime

## DOCUMENTATION

All requests for deferment of commencement term must be accompanied by supporting documentation (where possible) as proof of the necessity to defer. If an applicant is unable to provide supporting documentation, then this application must be accompanied by a letter explaining the reasons for deferral.

Supporting documentation may include (but not be limited to):

- Revised Offer Letter from pathway partner
- Transcripts from current Institution
- IELTS Exam Date
- Visa Lodgement Date
- Medical Certificate
- Death Certificate
- Police or psychologist's report

Students wishing to pre-pone or commence in an earlier term are not required to provide supporting documentation.

## SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

All applications for Deferment of Commencement Term for Metropolitan Campuses are to be submitted to the applicant's campus or the International Admissions Centre.

All applications for Deferment of Commencement Term for a Rockhampton or CQ Regional Campus are to be forwarded to the Student Contact Centre in Rockhampton.

## VISA INFORMATION

Students who have accepted their offer but not enrolled and request a deferment of commencement term must be advised that to defer commencement of studies may impact their student visa. These students should be referred to the DIAC website <http://www.immi.gov.au/> for further information and advised to contact DIAC.