



The Genuine Temporary Entrant requirement

This document is intended to provide general guidance to prospective and current international students of The University of Queensland on the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement, which must be satisfied as part of the student visa application process.

This document is based on information published by the Australian Department of Home Affairs. To avoid unnecessary delays in the student visa process, students are advised to only submit a visa application when they can provide all information and evidence that is required.

What is the Genuine Temporary Entrant requirement?

To satisfy the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement, your individual circumstances must demonstrate that you genuinely intend to stay in Australia temporarily to gain an education.

The factors that are considered during assessment of the GTE requirement include:

- your personal circumstances in your home country
- your potential circumstances in Australia
- the value of the program to your future
- your immigration history, and
- any other matter that is relevant to your intention to remain in Australia temporarily.

If you are under 18 years of age, the intentions of your parent, legal guardian or spouse will also be considered.

The information provided in your visa application and supporting documentation will be used by Home Affairs to assess the GTE requirement. You may be requested to provide additional information in relation to the factors set out above.

For further information please refer to the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

Preparing a Statement of Purpose

Home Affairs needs to understand your current personal circumstances, the circumstances that led to you decide to study in Australia, and your future intentions. When you apply for a student visa, you will be required to provide a written Statement of Purpose (SOP) explaining your personal circumstances and intentions.

To help with your SOP, we have provided some suggestions for the information you should try to cover.

Personal circumstances in your home country

- Provide details of your family composition in your home country, including the number of dependents you have (if any).
- Provide details of your family's income and employment, including details of any property and investments you have.
- Provide details of any other connections you have to your home country, including any employment you may return to or other roles you have in your community.

Study or work gaps longer than six months

- Provide details of any gaps in your studies of more than six months and an explanation of what you were doing during these gaps.



Potential circumstances in Australia

- Provide details of any family members living in Australia, including their current visa status and any employment they currently have.
- Provide details of where you intend to live in Australia and who you intend to live with.
- If you will be accompanied by a spouse and/or children to Australia, provide details on what they will do in Australia and how you will support them financially.

Relevance of the program to your academic and/or employment background

- Provide details on how your intended program at UQ is related to your previous study or employment.
- If your intended program is not related to your previous study or employment, explain the reason for the change in career.
- If your program is lower or at the same level as previous qualifications, explain the reason for undertaking study at a lower or same level.

Value of the program to your future

- Provide details of the employment you will be seeking on completion of your studies at UQ, including your likely employer and your expected salary.
- Explain how your chosen program will help you achieve your career goals.

Reasons why you chose Australia and The University of Queensland

- Provide an explanation for why you chose to study in Australia and at The University of Queensland specifically.
- Provide details of the research you undertook in making your decision to study in Australia and at UQ specifically.

Immigration history

- Provide details of any travel you have undertaken to Australia or any other country, including any overseas study or work experience you have.
- If you have been refused a visa for any country, provide details of the refusal.

Supporting evidence

You should provide evidence to support the claims made in your Statement of Purpose. For example, if you are studying in a particular industry because your home country has a need for more staff within this industry, evidence of current employment advertisements from your country may assist.

If Home Affairs required evidence, it will help speed up your visa application if you provide this evidence with your application.

Please complete all sections of the online visa application form and provide supporting documentation where required. Failure to do so could significantly delay your visa application or result in a visa refusal.