

Simplified Student Visa Framework

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POSITIVE FEATURES

- Responsibility for SSVF clearly articulated through risk ratings where provider and agents in country contribute to support student application
- Removal of the limit on ELICOS study for students genuinely needing longer English study e.g. Vietnam and China
- Removal of the requirement to apply for a student visa 'out of country'
- Removal of the 'no further stay' condition as students can extend their visas onshore
- Financial evidence required for 12 months only (not course duration)

IMPACT OF SSVF

- Increased provider responsibility to more effectively manage marketing, client relationships, and admissions processes
- Increased application processing time due to additional /rigorous requirements to manage provider risk rating
- Market impacts of same risk rating of TAFE and its university partners (D2D) to be reviewed
- Mixed information from the market about delays in visa processing and perceived complexity of the process
- Market can deduce from the DIBP online tool which countries and providers will be more likely to result in visa

TAFE NSW RESPONSE

Marketing & recruitment

- Review of markets and country risk on provider rating
- Review of current recruitment practices

Agents

- Increased training and collaboration with agents
- Performance and compliance reviews
- Monitoring of visa grants, refusals and cancellations

Admissions

- Process and application changes based on GTE guidelines
- Training to staff on new process
- Closer links to marketing teams

TRANSITION

- Increased responsibility of DIBP to provide resources and systems in countries to process visa applications to support Australia's international education sector
- Process for course transfers or new visa due to course transfer requires clarification
- Consistent approach to policy: see proposed changes to the National Code seeking to remove the 6 month course transfer restriction
- Clarity on biannual risk rating process and review process

