Application Instructions
RMIT Under 18 Welfare

Option 1 - DIBP-approved welfare

Welfare is determined according to the Option that parents tick on the Under 18 Student Welfare and Accommodation Approval Form. Only one option may be ticked. Applicants who are not applying for a program through an RMIT agent must provide properly certified documentation. Applicants applying in person may have copies certified by RMIT staff. Welfare is assessed strictly after the lodgement of Offer Response Form.

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This option is only used where (usually) a parent applies through the Department of Immigration and Border Protection for a Guardian Visa for the purpose of travelling to and remaining with the student in Australia. A nominated relative (except cousins – See Option 3) or custodian who is an Australian Permanent Resident or Citizen may also apply through the Department, by completing a Nomination of a Student Guardian form (157N). In such cases RMIT welfare is not required. Do not tick Option 1 unless the nominated caregiver has already applied through DIBP See final page of this document for additional information.

Sections which must be completed are: Parts A, B, C and E
You must use the Option 1 Checklist which follows

CHECKLIST

Please ensure that all information is supplied. Missing information or documentation will result in delays for the student:

PART A
☐ Student number
☐ Date of birth
☐ Gender
☐ Family names
☐ Given names
☐ Citizenship
☐ Passport Number
☐ Personal email address
☐ Telephone number
☐ Program name
☐ Commencement date (precise date required)
PART B
☐ Names and addresses of both parents
☐ Telephone number, fax number and email address of each parent
☐ Tick confirmation that a form of parent identification which combines photo and signature for each parent (for example, a passport) has been attached. If passports are not available, please refer to the Parent ID (no passport available) signature verification instructions
(If student has only one legal custodian, evidence showing sole legal custody or a Death Certificate of one parent must be supplied, otherwise authorisation of both parents is required in every instance where parental authorisation is required)
☐ Tick Option 1
☐ Specify duration of welfare arrangement (precise dates)

PART C - OPTION 1
☐ Family name, given names
☐ Address
☐ Home telephone number
☐ Mobile telephone number
☐ Email address

PART E
☐ Signature of father/custodian, plus signature date
☐ Signature of mother/custodian, plus signature date
☐ Name of nominated welfare provider
☐ Signature of welfare provider, plus signature date

Additional Option 1 information - DIBP-approved welfare

Please note, concerning under-age welfare, where Option 1 has been ticked on the Under 18 Student Welfare and Accommodation Approval Form by the parents/custodians, RMIT is not responsible for approving welfare.

By choosing Option 1 parents declare that the nominated person has sought approval directly to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. Caregivers wishing to accompany students to Australia and remain with them throughout the duration of the studies must apply for a Guardian Visa. A nominated relative (not a cousin – See Option 3) who is an Australian Permanent Resident, Australian Citizen or other visa holder with legal entitlement to remain in Australia throughout the student’s entire under 18 period of study may also apply through the Department, by completing a Nomination of a Student Guardian form (157N).

A CAAW form (Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare) would consequently not be issued by RMIT, only the eCOE (electronic Confirmation of Enrolment), contingent upon student meeting any/all conditions of offer.