Information for RMIT Staff –
International Students and Study in a Third Country

Onshore international students studying in Australia with a student visa are eligible to study in a third country (i.e. go on exchange or a study tour).

Requirements

- The study or training to be undertaken under the program is an assessable part of the student's full-time program in Australia and has been approved as part of the registration process for the program;
- The exchange is no more than 12 months in duration; and
- If the student has dependants in Australia, they must accompany the student if the student spends more than 6 months outside Australia for the exchange.

Reporting and recording the exchange

Education Abroad issue the student with a letter (on RMIT letterhead) advising:

- The student's name and date of birth;
- That the student is going on exchange;
- The student's program and CRICOS code; and
- The student's dates of departure from Australia and return to Australia.

Student responsibilities while on exchange overseas

The student must:

- Visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) in person at least 28 days before departure and present the original of the letter, together with their current passport. DIAC will enter the relevant information on its systems. This process will assist the student in the immigration clearance process when they depart and return to Australia.

When overseas, students must:

- Notify RMIT of any change of address;
- Maintain full-time study;
- Comply with visa condition 8202 which relates to attendance and satisfactory academic performance, and
- Comply with condition 8517 which requires the student to maintain adequate arrangements for the education of school-aged dependants - those who are allowed to be left behind in Australia where the student is outside Australia for 6 months or less.

Further Information

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