Notification of change to citizenship/residency status

Academic career
- Prep
- TAFE
- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate
- Research

Important information
This form should be used if you wish to change your citizenship/residency status as recorded by RMIT University. Details can only be changed if the required proof is attached. This form will not be processed without approved documentation. Please refer to page 2 of this form for instructions and information including acceptable forms of documentary evidence.

Submission of this form does not mean that a change to your citizenship/residency will be actioned. Your application will be assessed and you will be notified by the University if your application is not approved.

Section 1 – Change of citizenship/residency status

Previous citizenship/residency status
- Temporary (including student) or provisional visa holder
- Australian citizen
- Australian permanent resident
- New Zealand citizen
- Permanent humanitarian visa holder (PHV)
- Other - please specify

New citizenship/residency status
- Temporary (including student) or provisional visa holder
- Australian citizen
- Australian permanent resident
- New Zealand citizen
- Permanent humanitarian visa holder (PHV)
- Other - please specify

Section 2 – Victorian Training Guarantee (TAFE eligibility for a government subsidised place)

To be completed by TAFE students only
TAFE students may be eligible for a government subsidised place (GSP) where their citizenship has officially changed and RMIT University is notified prior to the scheduled commencement of the first unit of study in the term in which a student is enrolled. Eligibility for a government subsidised place (GSP) is subject to meeting the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG) eligibility criteria.

If you wish to be considered for a GSP you are required to complete, sign and print a copy of the online eligibility calculator available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/tafe/eligibility and submit this with your change of citizenship form at RMIT Connect.

If the printout of the online eligibility calculator is not submitted with this form, you will be moved to a full-fee place. Please refer to the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG) eligibility criteria on page 2 of this form.

Section 3 – Student declaration
I have read the information on page 2 of this form and I declare that the information I have provided is true and correct. I will notify RMIT University immediately of any further changes to my personal details. I give permission for RMIT University to conduct a Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) check to confirm the visa status and entitlements.

Signature of student __________________________ Date (dd/mm/yyyy) __________________________

Section 4 – Receipt of application

RMIT use only – must be completed by RMIT Connect

Higher Education (undergraduate, postgraduate and research)
- International to permanent resident (PR) (moves to domestic full-fee place)
- International to PHV (moves to Commonwealth supported place)
- Permanent Resident to Australian citizen in domestic or Commonwealth supported place (no change in type or place)
- International research student to PR/PHV (moves to Research Training Scheme (RTS) funded place)
- Other - please specify

- Relevant HELP CAF collected

TAFE and Preparatory
- International to permanent resident/PHV (PR) (moves to full-fee or GSP subject to VTG)
- PR/PHV to Australian citizen (moves to full-fee or GSP subject to VTG – or no change in place)
- New Zealand to PR (moves to full-fee or GSP subject to VTG – or no change in place)
- Other - please specify

Academic term to take effect __________________________ Fund source __________________________ Liability code __________________________

(semester/term code)

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Name __________________________ Staff e-number __________________________

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RMIT Connect date stamp
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Change of citizenship/residency status

If your citizenship/residency status has changed, this form, along with accompanying documentary evidence in support of a change in status, must be submitted as soon as possible after notification has been received (but prior to the related census date/class commencement) for changes to take effect.

For more information on census dates, please go to www.rmit.edu.au/students/tafecensusdates or www.rmit.edu.au/students/hecensusdates.

You must supply an original or a certified copy* of your change in status to support your request. For example:

Australian citizenship
• Certificate of Australian Citizenship (front and back of certificate)
• Australian passport

Note: You will obtain Australian citizenship only after you have made the pledge of commitment and have been issued with Evidence of Australian Citizenship from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

Australian permanent residents or humanitarian visa holders

Current passport and:
• visa label endorsed in passport
• Electronic Visa (e-visa) or a copy of your letter from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) notifying of visa grant
• Travel Document (Humanitarian Visa Holders).

Date residency commenced is either:
• the date your permanent residency was granted in Australia
• the date you entered Australia for the first time after your permanent residency was granted outside of Australia.

New Zealand citizenship

• New Zealand citizenship certificate
• New Zealand passport.

* For information about certified copies of documents, please refer to www.rmit.edu.au/students/certifiedcopy.

TAFE and preparatory students

TAFE eligibility for a government subsidised place (GSP)

If your citizenship/residency status has changed and your citizenship was granted prior to the scheduled commencement of the first unit of study in the term in which you are enrolled, you may be eligible for a government subsidised place (GSP). Eligibility for a GSP is subject to meeting the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG) eligibility criteria which depends on your:

• citizenship
• age
• prior education (Australian qualifications only)
• current year studies (number of GSP programs you are enrolled in).

For detailed information on VTG eligibility criteria go to www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/tafe/eligibility.

Please note: If you are currently enrolled in a GSP you will not be required to complete the VTG assessment again.

VET FEE-HELP

TAFE students enrolled in an eligible diploma, advanced diploma and full-fee vocational graduate certificate or vocational graduate diploma program whose citizenship is officially changed prior to the relevant census date may be eligible for VET FEE-HELP. For further information on VET FEE-HELP eligibility please refer to www.studyassist.gov.au.

Higher education students

Eligibility for domestic full-fee and Commonwealth supported places

If your citizenship/residency status has changed and you have notified RMIT University of this change prior to the relevant semester census date, you may be eligible for the following type of place:

International onshore coursework students who are granted Australian permanent residency following their enrolment in an RMIT award program will be granted a domestic full-fee place if they are enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program.

Students enrolled in a domestic full-fee place who wish to be considered for a Commonwealth supported place in the same program will need to reapply for that program and be considered on a competitive basis with the wider pool of applicants for a Commonwealth supported place. For more information about applying please go to www.rmit.edu.au/study/applying-to-rmit.

International onshore research students who are granted an Australian permanent humanitarian visa following their enrolment in an RMIT award program shall be granted a Commonwealth supported place if they are enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program that is offering Commonwealth supported places.

Permanent residents who are granted Australian citizenship, or New Zealand citizens who are granted permanent residency, will remain in the place that they commenced study in for their RMIT award program.

New Zealand citizens who are granted permanent residency following their enrolment in an RMIT award program may be eligible for a Research Training Scheme (RTS) funded place which will be determined by the relevant school.

International onshore students who are granted an Australian permanent humanitarian visa following their enrolment in an RMIT award program shall be granted a Commonwealth supported place if they are enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program that is offering Commonwealth supported places.

Request for Commonwealth support and HECS-HELP

All students who are granted a Commonwealth supported place (CSP), or students who are already enrolled in a CSP but are now eligible for a HECS-HELP loan, must complete a new Request for Commonwealth support and HECS-HELP form for each program and submit this with their Notification of change to citizenship/residency status form.

FEE-HELP

Students whose citizenship is officially changed prior to the relevant semester census date may become eligible for FEE-HELP. For further information about FEE-HELP please refer to www.studyassist.gov.au.

SA-HELP

Students whose citizenship is officially changed prior to the relevant semester census date may be eligible for SA-HELP to defer their student services and amenities fee. For further information on SA-HELP please refer to www.studyassist.gov.au.