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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Purpose**

This policy has been implemented to ensure students are informed of the grounds on which their enrolment may be deferred, cancelled, withdrawn or suspended.

## **2. SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

- MEGT Institute, comprising students studying at MEGT Institute
- international students enrolled with MEGT Institute seeking to defer, cancel, withdraw or suspend their enrolment
- MEGT Institute Marketing, Admissions, Student Services and Academic staff.

## **3. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

This policy satisfies the requirements of

- Standard 9 of the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training 2018
- Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000.

## **4. DEFINITIONS**

**MEGT Institute** MEGT (Australia) Ltd, trading as MEGT Institute.

**National Code** National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training 2018

**International Students** Overseas students holding a student visa issued by the Department of Home Affairs.

**Deferral** when a student postpones (defers) the commencement of their study. Applicable prior to student commencing their course.

**Cancellation** when student requests to end (cancel) enrolment in a course prior to course commencement.

**Withdrawal** when student requests to end enrolment in (withdraw from) a course after course commencement.

**Suspension** when a student requests to temporarily suspend their enrolment. Applicable after course commencement.

**Enrolment** period of study in a course. For international students, as specified in the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

**PRISMS** Provider Registration and International Students Management System. Australian Government Database used to manage international students' Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

## **5. POLICY STATEMENT**

MEGT Education programs have defined academic structures and students are expected to undertake their academic program/s continuously without interruption.

Unforeseen circumstances may necessitate temporary interruption to a student's enrolment. To accommodate any such occurrence, a student may apply to defer the commencement of their enrolment or to temporarily suspend their enrolment for a period of up to a maximum of six (6) months.

Deferral, cancellation, withdrawal or suspension of studies can be student initiated and suspension and cancellation of enrolment can be provider initiated. MEGT Education is required to report via the PRISMS system when a student's enrolment is deferred, temporarily suspended or cancelled. International students on a student visa deferring, cancelling, withdrawing or suspending their enrolment are advised to contact the Department of Home Affairs to discuss their circumstances.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure their visa is amended to reflect any changes to their COE.

### 6. PROCEDURES

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#### 6.1 Student Initiated Deferral of Enrolment

A student who wishes to defer their enrolment before course commencement must inform MEGT in writing by using the Amendment of Enrolment Form (available from the Student Services desk) or by email. The new start date must be within six (6) months of the original start date. International students can defer their course start date up to four (4) times, within six (6) months of the original start date, without any fees being incurred. If a student wishes to defer a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) time, fees will be charged in line with the MEGT Institute Refund Policy.

International students may only defer the commencement of their studies on the grounds of compassionate and compelling circumstances. Supporting documentation must accompany the application.

International students who require a deferral of more than six (6) months must withdraw from the enrolment and contact the Department of Home Affairs to discuss their circumstances.

MEGT Institute may request at its discretion that students on medical absences provide a registered medical practitioners' certificate stating that they are fit to resume studies prior to MEGT Institute accepting students to recommence classes.

#### 6.2 Student Initiated Cancellation of Enrolment

A student who wishes to cancel their enrolment before course commencement must inform MEGT in writing by using the Amendment of Enrolment Form (available from the Student Services desk) or by email. However, any decision to cancel enrolment will impact on their

tuition fees and payments in line with the stated MEGT 'Terms and Conditions of Enrolment' and 'Refund Policy.' Supporting documentation must accompany the application. The Manager International Education or nominated delegate has authority to make a determination on the application.

MEGT Institute will notify the Department of Home Affairs via PRISMS within 14 days after the event date of such cessation of studies. This may affect the student visa.

There is no obligation on MEGT Institute's part to reinstate any student's enrolment who has cancelled their enrolment and subsequently changed their mind.

A student who has cancelled their enrolment may reapply at a later date, following normal admissions processes and are subject to any relevant Department of Home Affairs restrictions that may apply.

### **6.3 Student Initiated Withdrawal of Enrolment**

A student who wishes to withdraw from their course after course commencement must submit their request on the Amendment of Enrolment Form available from Student Services.

Supporting documentation must accompany the application. Students who wish to withdraw their enrolment at their accepted location and wish to transfer to another campus location within MEGT Institute must provide a minimum of 28 days notice prior to their intended start date at the new campus. No mid-term transfers are permitted.

The Manager International Education or nominated delegate has authority to make a determination on the application. While their application is being considered, students must continue to attend all scheduled classes of their course until they have been notified of the outcome of their application.

Withdrawal requests by students who have not yet completed six (6) months of their principal course will be assessed against MEGT Institute's Transfer Between Registered Providers Policy and Procedure.

MEGT Institute will notify the Department of Home Affairs via PRISMS within 14 days after the event date of such cessation of studies. This may affect the student visa.

There is no obligation on MEGT Institute's part to reinstate any student's enrolment who have withdrawn from their enrolment and subsequently change their mind. A student who has withdrawn from their enrolment may reapply at a later date, following normal admissions processes and are subject to any relevant Department of Home Affairs restrictions that may apply.

### **6.4 Student Initiated Suspension of Enrolment**

A student who wishes to suspend their studies must submit their request on the Amendment of Enrolment Form available from Student Services. Supporting documentation must accompany the application and suspensions are only granted on compassionate or compelling circumstances. The Manager International Education or nominated delegate has authority to make a determination on the application. While their application is being considered, students must continue to attend all scheduled classes of their course until they have been notified of the outcome of their application.

MEGT Institute will notify the Department of Home Affairs via PRISMS of such suspension of studies. This may affect the student visa. The student is advised to contact the Department of Home Affairs to determine whether a new student visa is required.

International students who require an absence of more than six (6) months must withdraw from the enrolment and contact the Department of Home Affairs to discuss their circumstances.

Any student who has been granted a temporary suspension and chooses not to return after the expected date of return, MEGT Institute will consider the student having abandoned the course (cancelled) and will notify the Department of Home Affairs via PRISMS within 14 days after the event date of such cessation of studies. This may affect the student visa.

**6.5 Provider Initiated Suspension or Cancellation of Enrolment**

Students may have their enrolment suspended or cancelled as a result of unsatisfactory academic progress, non-payment of tuition fees, academic misconduct or misbehaviour by the student.

MEGT Institute will notify international students of its intention to suspend or cancel their enrolment and students will be advised that they have 20 working days to access MEGT Institute's complaints and appeals process. If student accesses the internal complaints and appeals process the suspension or cancellation will not take effect until any internal appeal process is completed, unless extenuating circumstances relating to the welfare of the student apply.

**7. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

EDN-018-I-POL Fees, Charges and Refund Policy

EDN-007-I-POL Transfer Between Registered Providers Policy and Procedure

EDN-008-I-POL Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure

EDN-016-I-POL Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances Policy

**8. IMPLEMENTATION**

EDN-013-I-POL Deferral, Cancellation, Withdrawal and Suspension Policy and Procedure is made available via MEGT Institute's websites externally and on the MEGT Intranet internally.

**9. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Campus Coordinator will review this policy annually, or in case of legislative changes requiring amendments.

**10. ATTACHMENTS**

[EDN-007-FORM A MEGT Amendment of Enrolment Form \(AoE\)](#)

[EDN-013-TEM A Successful Outcome of Amendment of Enrolment Letter](#)

[EDN-013-TEM B Unsuccessful Outcome of Amendment of Enrolment Letter](#)

[EDN-013-TEM C Extension of course Commencement Letter](#)

**11. PROCESS MAP**

N/A