

## Statement of Purpose - Student Visa Profile

*The following information has been supplied in support of my Australian student visa application to assist me to demonstrate that I have met DIBP's Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) and Genuine Student (GS) criteria*

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Instructions: A signed and dated handwritten Statement of Purpose - Student Visa Profile should be independently prepared, in your own words and in essay form using the suggested prompts below as a guide.

In order to avoid a student visa interview or to prevent being issued with an outright visa refusal, you are required to submit a convincing SOP – Student Visa Profile which includes the following overall elements, to your education provider and to DIBP along with your student visa application. An acceptable SOP - Student Visa Profile should:

- present an account of your unique education and employment history in an honest, plausible and accurate manner to demonstrate how you believe that you satisfy DIBP's Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) and Genuine Student (GS) criteria so you have the best chance of being granted a student visa
- clearly describe your future study and career plans and indicate that you have completed adequate research by choosing the most appropriate Australia education provider; understand the requirements and contents, the specialisation that you plan to undertake and your future professional body membership opportunities and prospective career outcomes of your selected course
- explain and justify any exceptional and/or adverse case-specific features that may impact negatively on your overall student visa profile

You need to restrict your SOP – Student Visa Profile to one or two pages in length, preferably using lightly lined paper for ease of reading and analysis.

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Introduce yourself by stating your full name, date-of-birth and who will sponsor/finance your studies in Australia.

Record brief details of your education history, highlighting your results from Year 10 and 12 equivalent qualifications to your highest academic and/or technical qualification.

If applicable, briefly describe your employment history including the name of your employers, designations you held and the duration of each job you have held.

State how your selected course is linked to your previous study and/or work experience. If there is no link, explain why you are seeking a change of discipline and therefore a career change.

Give honest reasons for any major gaps in your studies and/or employment history – where possible attached documentary evidence to your SOP- Student Visa Profile.

Describe the specific research you have conducted before you selected your specific Australian course and institution and provide the name and duration of your selected course and institution that you propose to undertake in Australia. Here, you could identify the skilled occupation and any professional body membership that this course may lead to, to benefit your future career.

If there are similar courses of lesser or the same international standing available in your home country, provide reasons for choosing to study in Australia instead. Also explain how your selected course will help your career prospects in your home country or in other international settings where positive employment opportunities may exist for you once you complete your selected course in Australia.

If you have dependents (spouse and/or children), please provide their names, date-of-birth and state if they plan to accompany you to Australia, join you later, or remain in their home country whilst you study in Australia.

State your future career plans – here you could record any compelling and realistic reasons you may have for returning to your home country once you successfully complete your selected course and after you have qualified for and taken advantage of the post study work visa appropriate to your final level of study – e.g. you may already have an attractive employment position to return to (provide evidence); you may be expected to join, re-join or take over your family's business on your return (provide evidence); you may be an only child or the eldest son or daughter of elderly parents who expect you to return home to take over the family interests and support them; you may have a spouse and/or children who will be remaining in your home country whilst studying in Australia to return home to, to support, and so on.

Describe any exceptional circumstances that may impact one way or another on your student visa profile that your DIBP case officers would expect you to disclose and then address these unique case specific issues in full – e.g. provide details of any previous visa refusal/s issued to you (or your spouse, if relevant) and justify how you have radically changed your circumstances since then; describe any marital status related issues; explain any unusual financial sponsorship and/or financial conditions that may impact of your case; provide reasons for frequent overseas travel; and so on - if possible, attach related documentary evidence to your SOP - Student Visa Profile any to support such claims.

Finally, your SOP – Student Visa Profile should end with the following statement:

***I certify that the information provided above is true and correct. I understand that any incorrect and/or misleading statements made by me may result in my student visa application being refused.***

**Signature** ..... **Date of Birth** .....

**Name** ..... **Passport No.** .....

**Date** .....