

Genuine Student (GS) Statement Guidelines

All applicants for a student visa must be a genuine applicant for entry. They must stay as a student and be able to show an understanding that studying in Australia is the primary reason for their student visa. To be granted a student visa, all applicants must demonstrate they satisfy the genuine student criterion or the genuine student dependent criterion.

One of the conditions of your offer is to respond to the questions below to create your GS Statement. This will be used in the online student visa application form when you apply for your visa after receiving an approved offer and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). Applicants must answer the questions below to create the GS Statement.

Further information about the Genuine Student requirements is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-student-requirement>

General Notes

- Answers must be written in English.
- Maximum of 150 words per question.
- You must not copy and paste information from a website.
- Your GS Questions should be written in the first-person perspective.
- Question 5 is an additional question only for those applicants who have previously held a student visa or those who are lodging an application in Australia from a non-student visa.
- Generic statements unsupported by evidence are not given significant weight in the GS assessment. This means it is important to provide evidence to support a claim made by you.
- Your GS Statement is the same as the responses you will provide to the Department of Home Affairs with your visa application.

General Guidance

To help guide prospective students, we have provided recommendations as to what to include within each question below. These are points that both the University's GS Team and the Department of Home Affairs will be assessing to ensure you are a genuine applicant.

Question 1: Give details of your current circumstances. This includes ties to family, community, employment and economic circumstances.

Your answer should cover the following areas:

- Details about your personal circumstances including:
 - Family information and background.
 - Do you have family ties in Australia? If yes, please explain where they are located.

- Are you married? If yes, indicate if you intend on bringing your spouse and/or children to Australia.
- Have you had any previous visa refusals from Australia or other countries? If yes, please provide a copy of the visa refusal letter.

Question 2: Explain why you wish to study your course in Australia with the University of Tasmania. This must also explain your understanding of the requirements of the intended course and studying and living in Australia.

Your answer should cover the following areas:

- Details about your study.
 - Why have you chosen Australia?
 - Provide reasons for not studying in your home country if a similar course is available.
 - Why have you chosen the University of Tasmania?
 - Explain why you have chosen your selected course, and provide some details about the course, including course length.
- Reasons for change of course and/or education providers (if applicable).
- Planned living arrangements.

Question 3: Explain the benefits you will gain by completing this course.

Your answer should cover the following areas:

- How will the course assist you to obtain employment or improve employment prospects in your home country or another country?
- How does this course relate to your previous studies?
- Expected salary and other benefits in your home country or another country obtained with the qualifications from the proposed course of study.

Question 4: Give details of any other relevant information you would like to include.

Your answer should cover the following areas:

- Personal ties to your home country, including family, cultural and community incentives to return home.
- Discuss financial incentives to return to your home country, such as expected inheritances, or future promotion in your line of work.

Question 5: (Only if applicable) If the applicant is currently the holder of a visa other than a (subclass 500) student visa, explain the reason for lodging a student visa application in Australia.

Your answer should cover the following areas:

- The reasoning for applying for a change of visa type.
- Why have your plans changed since obtaining your previous visa?

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Name:

Application ID:

Course:

Please fill in your response for each of the below questions. Maximum of 150 words per question.

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3. Explain the benefits you will gain by completing this course.

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4. Give details of any other relevant information you would like to include. Please advise your intentions after the completion of your course (see the accompanying notes on this form for further guidance).

5. (Only if applicable) If the applicant is currently the holder of a visa other than a (subclass 500) Student visa, explain the reason for lodging a student visa application in Australia including reasons for any change in plans.

Applicant signature:

Date:

(dd/mm/yyyy)