Application for Release

International Students



This form is for international students seeking a release from the University of Newcastle and the University's pathway provider, University of Newcastle College of International Education. If you wish to transfer to another CRICOS-registered Australian education provider within the first 6 calendar months of your principal program, you must have your release application approved. Applications are assessed in accordance with <u>Standard 7 of the National Code of Practice of Education and Training to Overseas</u> <u>Students 2018</u>.

Important Information

- If you have completed more than 6 calendar months of your principal (final) program of study, this application is **not required**.
- For students under 18 years of age, parent/legal guardian approval for the transfer must be attached. If you are not being
 cared for in Australia by a parent or suitable nominated relative, evidence of the new provider taking on responsibility for
 accommodation and welfare arrangements is required.
- Application assessment will only commence where all required information and supporting documentation is provided.
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application within **10 working days** after submission of a complete application. Please note the processing time will not commence until supporting documentation is provided.
- Where a release is granted, the outcome of your request will be recorded in PRISMS.
- If your application is refused, we will provide you with the reason for refusal and the process for appeal.
- It is your responsibility to ensure you always maintain your student visa conditions and if a release is granted, you may be required to apply for a new student visa. Please contact the Department of Home Affairs for further information.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

| Family Name | Student ID | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| Given Name | | | |
| Date of Birth | Contact Phone Number | | |
| Contact Email | | | |
| Australian Residential | | | |
| Address | | | |
| Current Principal | | Drogram Code | |
| Program of Study | | Program Code | |

SECTION 2 – DETAILS OF NEW EDUCATION PROVIDER

| Education Provider | | |
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| Program/Course Name | | |
| Commencement Date | Education agent (if applicable) | |

SECTION 3 – REASON FOR APPLYING FOR A RELEASE

Academic suitability – I am unable to make satisfactory academic progress and I have engaged with the University's intervention strategy and/or support services. [provide evidence of engagement with intervention and/-or support services]

Compelling or compassionate grounds – Exceptional compelling or compassionate circumstances exist which will be improved if I transfer to another institution. *[provide supporting documentation – e.g. police reports, medical certificates]*

Program no longer offered – The University is unable to deliver the program as outlined in my written agreement. [provide supporting documentation – e.g. copy of advice/confirmation of cessation of your program]

Student expectations – There is evidence that my reasonable expectations about the program are not being met. *[provide supporting documentation]*

Misleading information – I was misled by the University and/-or education agent regarding the University or my program which has resulted in the program being unsuitable to my needs or study objectives. *[provide supporting documentation]*

| Internal or external appeal - an appeal (internal or external) on another matter has resulted in a decision or |
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| recommendation to release me. [provide supporting documentation] |

Sponsored student – I have a government sponsor that considers a transfer to another education provider to be in my best interests and has provided written support for the change. [provide written support for transfer from your sponsor]

Higher Degree by Research student – I am enrolled in a Higher degree by research program and the Dean of Graduate Research supports the change. [provide written evidence of support from the Dean of Graduate Research]

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SECTION 4 – PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please provide a written personal statement which outlines the reasons or circumstances surrounding your request for release. If there is insufficient space, please attach additional pages as a supporting document.

SECTION 5 – SUPPORTING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

A valid unconditional offer of admission (or conditional offer with conditions that can only be met after release is granted) from another CRICOS-registered education provider.

A copy of your passport bio-page.

Documented evidence supporting your reason for changing providers (see Section 3).

Documented evidence of having engaged with the University of Newcastle or University of Newcastle College of International Education before submitting this application.

(If applicable) Written confirmation from government sponsor that supports the change

(If applicable) If under the age of 18, a copy of written confirmation from a parent or legal guardian supporting the transfer, or that the new registered provider will accept responsibility for approving accommodation and welfare arrangements.

SECTION 6 – DECLARATION

I certify that all information, including supporting documentation is true and complete and I have read and understood the conditions as outlined in the University of Newcastle's <u>International Student Release Procedure</u>.

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| Date: | |
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If you are under 18 years old, your parent or legal guardian must sign below.

Parent/Guardian:

Date:

Send completed form to <u>ia-admin@newcastle.edu.au</u>

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| | Approval | Name | Date | Approver's Signature | | | |
| Recommendation | 🗌 Yes 🔲 No | | | | | | |
| Release granted | 🗌 Yes 🔲 No | | | | | | |
| Reason for Decision | | | | | | | |
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