

## International Placement Application Process and Timeline

**Course:** EDUC3186/EDUC3196 – Quality Teaching, Equity and Diversity

**Semester 2 (International Placements only)**

**Placement Dates:** 9 November 2026 to 4 December 2026

**Duration:** 20 days (4 weeks)

Are you ready to take your professional experience overseas? Students interested in completing their third-year placement internationally can apply for one of the following options:

1. **Group International Placement**  
Available to The Maldives or Vietnam.
2. **Student-Organised International Placement**  
Students nominate their preferred country and school.  
(Placement dates may be negotiated to suit the school where you will complete your placement)

An international placement offers a range of benefits, including the opportunity to:

- Gain international teaching experience that stands out on your resume;
- Immerse yourself in a new culture and broaden your global perspective;
- Grouped placement means peer support as you complete your placement with friends;
- An academic travels with you to support your placement for grouped placements; and
- Build professional networks beyond Australia.

### Timeline and Process

The timeline and process to apply for an international placement are outlined below. Students must carefully review this information, as it includes the application process, critical due dates and compliance requirements that must be completed to be considered eligible for an international placement.

Due Date	Student Action Required
Placement pre-requisites due by <b>27 March 2026</b>	To be eligible to apply for an international placement, students must complete the following three sets of placement pre-requisites by the due date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>DoE mandatory compliance:</b> Students to upload <b>correct</b> documents (per the instructions on the <a href="#">DoE Website</a>) to their SONIA 'Checks' tab:                             <p><b>Prior to upload</b> please check the examples (available in the <a href="#">Checks Guide</a>) to ensure that what you are uploading is correct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working With Children Check (WWCC)</li> <li>• NSW Department of Education (DoE) Pre-service Teacher Registration Form</li> <li>• NSW DoE MyPL Training Modules:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Child Protection Awareness Induction</li> <li>○ Anti-Racism Policy</li> <li>○ Aboriginal Cultural Education</li> <li>○ Code of Ethics and Conduct</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training for Australasian Schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Placement requirements:</b> Students to update their SONIA 'My Details' tab with (instructions available in the <a href="#">Checks Guide</a>):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First and Additional Teaching Areas (EDUC3196 students only)</li> <li>• Conflicts of Interest sites</li> <li>• Public transport reliance and/or objections to faith-based site placements</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Home address:</b> Students to ensure their current residential address in MyHUB is correct.</li> </ol>

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	<p><b>SONIA Checks Clearance Process</b></p> <p>Your clearance documents will not automatically clear in SONIA after submission. They will be manually reviewed and cleared by the PEU from 27 March 2026. To avoid clearance delays, please ensure you carefully follow instructions available on your SONIA “Checks” tab and submit the correct documentation (available in the <a href="#">Checks Guide</a>).</p>
Applications due by <b>13 March 2026</b>	<p><b>How to Apply</b></p> <p>Complete the ‘<i>EDUC3186/3196 International Placement – 2026 Application Form</i>’ by <b>Friday, 13 March 2026</b>. The form is available in SONIA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to the ‘Forms’ tab.</li> <li>2. Click the dropdown next to ‘Forms’, select ‘Add’, then click ‘Edit’.</li> <li>3. Complete the form and <b>click ‘Submit’</b> when finished.</li> </ol> <p><b>Application enquiries</b> can be sent to Heather Sharp: <a href="mailto:soe.international@newcastle.edu.au">soe.international@newcastle.edu.au</a></p>
Shortlisted students interviewed in <b>April</b>	Shortlisted students will be required to attend a scheduled interview which will be held in late March to early April.
Application outcomes released <b>17 April 2026</b>	<p>Application outcomes will be released to students by <b>Friday, 17 April 2026</b>.</p> <p><b>Successful students will be enrolled in EDUC3186 or EDUC3196 for Semester 2 by your course coordinator (EDUC3186: Leanne Fray; EDUC3196: Heather Sharp).</b></p> <p><b>International placement schools will be organised for successful students and this will be communicated through your course coordinators and other staff involved in the international placements (The Maldives: Nick Riley; Hanoi: Leanne Fray; Ho Chi Minh City: Andrew Lyell).</b></p>
Unsuccessful applicants prepare for your Australian placement by <b>15 May 2026</b>	<p>Students should enrol in the <b>Mid-Year Session</b> by <b>27 April 2026</b>.</p> <p>If you are unsuccessful in securing an international placement, please ensure the following steps are completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Familiarise yourself with the <i>EDUC3186/EDUC3196 Mid-Year Placement Timeline and Process for Students</i>, once published <a href="#">here</a>, and ensure you are prepared for the placement process commencing <b>15 May 2026</b>.</li> <li>2. Your Australian placement will be scheduled alongside the mid-year cohort and will take place from <b>20 July 2026 to 14 August 2026</b>.</li> </ol>