

## Guidelines on Genuine Student Requirement

**These Guidelines are to be read in conjunction with the University's [Selection and Entry to Programs Policy A-18](#).**

The Australian Government introduced the Genuine Student Requirement (GSR) on 23 March 2024 to help improve the integrity of the student visa program. The GSR addresses whether the individual circumstances of a student indicate that they are a genuine student and that studying in Australia is the primary reason for their student visa.

### 1. Background to GSR

In order to obtain a student visa, applicants 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. The University needs to ensure that an applicant meets the GSR prior to the applicant applying for a student visa. Please see the [Department of Home Affairs' website](#) for more information regarding the GSR.

### 2. Determining GSR

- 2.1 In order to determine whether an applicant meets the GSR, the applicant *may* be required to complete an assessment.
- 2.2 Any documentation submitted as part of the assessment process must be submitted in English, be no more than 6 months old and must be original certified documents.
- 2.3 If the University is satisfied that the applicant meets the GSR, this will remain valid for 2 years and in the event that the applicant defers their start date at the University, they will not be required to undergo a further assessment (subject to clauses 2.4 and 3 below).
- 2.4 In the event that the University determines that the applicant meets the GSR and the applicant then applies to change to an alternative program or provides other information that may affect whether they meet the GSR, the applicant may be required to undergo a further assessment, at the University's absolute discretion.
- 2.5 In the event that the University or an Educational Business Partner (EBP) determines that in its opinion the applicant does not meet the GSR, the applicant will be ineligible for admission into the University either direct or through a package with an EBP for a period of two 2 years from the date of the assessment. In the event that the applicant does not disclose a previous GSR decision by the University or an EBP and an Offer of Admission or Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) document is given the University or EBP reserves the right to withdraw any Offer of Admission for that applicant (in accordance with clause 3.4 below).
- 2.6 In the event that the Department of Home Affairs refuses to grant the applicant a student visa the applicant will be ineligible for admission into the University for a period of two 2 years from the date that the University becomes aware of such refusal.

### 3. Withdrawal of Offers

- 3.1 If the University gives an applicant an Offer of Admission and the applicant fails to complete any required assessment or the University determines that in its opinion the applicant does not meet the GSR, the University may withdraw any Offer of Admission.
- 3.2 If the University gives an applicant an Offer of Admission and it later determines or reasonably suspects that information or documentation supplied by the applicant or their representative during the assessment process was incorrect or fraudulent, the University reserves the right to withdraw any Offers of Admission for that applicant and may at its discretion not consider any further applications for admission from the applicant for a period of 2 years.
- 3.3 If an applicant has an Offer of Admission but was not required to complete a GSR assessment before obtaining the Offer, the University can at its discretion require the applicant to complete a GSR assessment. In the event that the applicant does not complete the assessment or does complete the assessment but fails to demonstrate that they meet the GSR, the University has the right to withdraw an Offer of Admission for that applicant and may at its discretion not consider any further applications for admission from the applicant for a period of 2 years.
- 3.4 The University reserves the right to withdraw Offers of Admission at any time, even in the event that an applicant signs and returns their Acceptance and Payment Form and pays any monies required and even if a CoE has been issued.

### 4. Miscellaneous

- 4.1 The University reserves the right to vary these Guidelines at any time.
- 4.2 The process, assessment and results of any GSR assessment are confidential to and will remain the exclusive property of the University of South Australia. The University shall not be under any obligation to disclose or provide a copy of the process, assessment or results to applicants, any educational institution or other third party unless required by law to do so but can at its discretion disclose GSR assessment results to its Nominated Business Partners.