



Student visa holder tip sheet

Completing studies early

What happens if the principal course is completed early?

If a student has successfully completed their principal course* early for which their visa was granted and has lodged an application for a migration visa in Australia, the student is entitled to remain on their student visa until the visa expiry date or until the outcome of the migration application. Student visa condition 8105 (work limitation) allows full-time work rights for students who have successfully completed their studies, as the course is considered to be out of session.

If the student has successfully completed their principal course early but does not intend to submit a migration application, they have 28 days to:

- make arrangements for further study and obtain a new COE
- depart Australia.

If you would like to stay in Australia until your graduation you should call 131 881 to discuss your visa options.

*A principal course is the highest qualification course for which the visa was granted. This is usually the final course of the confirmation of enrolments (COE) that were submitted with the visa application for which the student visa was granted.

Further information is available at www.immi.gov.au/students/