

Changes to Enrolment

Scope

This policy is applicable to Kaplan Higher Education Pty Ltd, trading as Murdoch Institute of Technology ("School").

Purpose

The purpose of the Changes to Enrolment Policy is to provide information on the:

- options students have in varying their enrolment patterns
- process students need to follow to vary their enrolment.

Withdrawal or Changing subjects

Students enrolled at the School can apply to change subjects or withdraw from a subject via the relevant [application form](#). Students are advised to speak to a School representative regarding the process and options available, including potential consequences of the students' decision – academic and/or financial. Where applicable, School staff must ensure that any changes to study load fulfils student visa requirements where applicable.

If the student wishes to proceed with the change or withdrawal, he/she must complete the relevant form, obtainable [from the website](#).

Where the request is for a change in subject the School staff member will check to see if there is a place available in an alternative subject that does not clash with the student's timetable and approve the change. The School representative will make the necessary changes to subject lists and any fees will be calculated and the student's academic and financial records updated.

Applications to change or withdraw from a subject must be made within the timeframes stipulated by the relevant School business and may have financial and final grade implications. Students should speak to a School representative to discuss these matters for more details.

Deferring or temporarily suspending enrolment

Students wishing to defer or temporarily suspend their enrolment may only do so when there are compelling or compassionate circumstances. Compelling or compassionate circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Serious illness or injury
- Serious illness or death of a family member necessitating a return to the student's home country
- Compelling personal reasons
- Natural disaster.

In most cases a maximum of one trimester can be awarded. Extension beyond this time period is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Students must submit a form to the School requesting to defer or temporarily suspend their studies, together with documentary evidence verifying their situation (for example, a medical certificate) and pay any relevant fees outlined in the [Intermission/Deferral of Studies form](#). The School will assess the application and make a decision within seven business days.

Returning students

Students returning to study after an approved period of leave should contact the School to confirm their re-enrolment no later than two weeks before commencement of the study period.

New students

New students may defer a program that they have been offered only once. Extensions beyond the first deferment are only granted in exceptional circumstances and subject to approval by the School and other relevant rules and regulations. Tuition and other fees may change when and if a new offer is generated. The policy of the School is to allow deferment of a formal offer until the commencement of the following intake.

International students

Deferring, suspending or discontinuing may affect a student visa that has been granted. The School will notify the Department of Education Training (DET) and Department of Border Protection (DIBP) as required under the ESOS Act 2000.

1. To comply with visa conditions, international students must:
 - maintain a valid visa
 - complete their program by the expected completion date as specified on the CoE
 - provide Kaplan with address details within seven days of arrival or address change
 - maintain a full-time study load
 - not exceed the maximum number of hours allowed to work on the student visa
 - maintain Overseas Student Health Cover or equivalent.
2. New students, should see Admissions staff for assistance or clarification of the COE or Letter of Offer. Current students, should see Student Services.
3. Any break sought from a program will be reported to DIBP by Kaplan.
4. Legislation relating to International Students' visas states that when on intermission a student must return to their home country within 28 days of the intermission being granted. Students may be required to provide additional information as part of the approval process.

Changing or Withdrawing from a course

Students wishing to withdraw from a course should first speak to a School representative as this may impact certain students with visa requirements. Students wishing to pursue this avenue are required to complete the withdrawal from program form. Students must ensure that all outstanding fees are paid.

Students who wish to transfer to another School course should speak to their School representative.

Appeals

Should a student wish to appeal a decision made by the School, they are advised to review the [Complaints and Appeals Policy](#).

Related policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Access and Equity Policy

- Complaints and Appeals Policy
- Refund Policy
- Progression Policy.

Version Control and accountable officers

It is the joint responsibility of the Implementation Officer and Responsible Officer to ensure compliance with this policy.

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