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# Council for International Education

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### COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MEETING

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On 25 September 2026, the Hon Julian Hill MP, Assistant Minister for International Education and Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs, met with Expert Members of the Council for International Education (Council) to discuss developments in the international education sector, including recently announced changes to student visa settings and their implications for Australia's international education sector.

Assistant Minister Hill outlined the Government's recently announced migration reform package, including measures to strengthen the integrity of the student visa program and support a sustainable and high-quality international education system. These changes include restricting Student visa holders from having family members join them as secondary visa holders, removing the ability to apply for a Student visa onshore by most categories of temporary visa holders, new restrictions on when a Student visa holder already onshore can start a new course and the introduction of a new Student transfer visa. Assistant Minister Hill highlighted that transitional arrangements will be introduced to limit student transfers until the Student visa transfer stream can be implemented.

Expert Members asked some clarifying questions about the settings and exemptions, and also noted the importance of certainty and positive government messaging for students, providers and investors.

Assistant Minister Hill noted that the department is continuing to refine the International Education and Skills Strategic Framework and incorporate stakeholder feedback as work progresses towards its release.