



Australian Government

**Higher Education**  
**Gender-based**  
**Violence Regulator**

# What is **gender-based violence?**

Any physical or non-physical violence or abuse against someone based on their gender, that harms, controls, or causes fear.



# What's changed?

A new law, called the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code), has been introduced that requires higher education providers to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, wherever it happens, including in student accommodation.



# Who will enforce the new rules?

A new Higher Education  
Gender-based Violence Regulator  
is in place to make sure the law  
is followed, strengthening  
protections for students.



# Need support?

If you've experienced gender-based violence,  
your provider can support you.

Men with concerns about mental health, relationships or  
using or experiencing family violence can call MensLine  
Australia on **1300 78 99 78** or visit **[mensline.org.au](https://mensline.org.au)**.

If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe or has  
experienced gender-based violence, you can call  
**1800RESPECT** (1800 737 732) confidentially or visit  
**[1800RESPECT.org.au](https://1800RESPECT.org.au)**.