



Australian Government

Higher Education
Gender-based
Violence Regulator

National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence

Digital Toolkit



All students have the
right to feel **safe**

Digital Toolkit

The Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator, within the Department of Education, has developed a suite of resources for Table A and B higher education providers, student groups and student accommodation providers. These resources aim to help students understand the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code) and its implications. The kit also explains that, under the National Code, providers are required to implement policy and best practice training and must manage disclosures, investigations and reports safely and confidentially.

The kit includes:

Resources with the Gender-based Violence Regulator branding:

- website content and banner
- newsletter content and banner
- social media copy and tiles
- an A3 poster
- a factsheet/FAQs
- a postcard

The kit also includes resources that allow providers to customise and apply their own digital style and branding:

- website content
- newsletter content
- poster content

When publishing the resources, where possible, provide users with best practice web safety features, such as a quick exit option.

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Website content and banner

Title: A new law for student safety

Copy: There are new standards higher education providers must meet to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, wherever it happens.

The new law, called the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code), is in place because everyone has the right to feel safe where they work or study.

Gender-based violence is physical or non-physical violence or abuse against someone based on their gender. This can include actions that harm, control, or cause fear.

Your safety matters, wherever you are. If you experience gender-based violence, support is available. This applies whether you're on campus, in class online, in student accommodation, on international exchange, participating in university sports, or completing research and prac placements off campus.

Under the National Code, your provider is required to have a gender-based violence prevention and response plan.



Under the National Code providers are required to manage disclosures and reports safely and confidentially.

How do I find support?

Someone in your life may be making you feel uncomfortable by how they treat you. Their behaviour may be a form of gender-based violence.

If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe or has experienced gender-based violence, your provider will have support services available to you or you can use confidential phone and online supports: call 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) or visit **1800RESPECT.org.au**

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**.

The **Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator** will monitor and enforce provider compliance with the National Code.

Read more about the National Code on **StudyAssist**.

Newsletter content and banner

Headline:

A new law to support student safety

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Social media content

Facebook:

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Starting or returning to uni?

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If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe or has experienced gender-based violence, your provider will have support services available to you.

If you or someone you know has been affected by gender-based violence and need to talk to someone, you can call 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) confidentially or visit **1800RESPECT.org.au**



Instagram:

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Starting or returning to uni?

A new law is now in place to keep students safe.

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Facebook:

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A new law requires higher education providers to prevent and respond to gender-based violence – wherever it happens.

If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe or has been affected by gender-based violence, talk to your provider, both for support and to report.

Under the new law, called the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code), providers are required to ensure students can report incidents safely and confidentially.

The Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator will monitor if providers follow the new rules.

Tile 1



Tile 1 features the Australian Government crest and the title 'Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator'. The main heading is 'What is gender-based violence?' in white and orange text. The definition below states: 'Any physical or non-physical violence or abuse against someone based on their gender, that harms, controls, or causes fear.'

Tile 2



Tile 2 has a decorative background of overlapping orange circles. The heading is 'What's changed?' in white. The text explains: '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.'

Tile 3



Tile 3 features a decorative background of overlapping orange circles. The heading is 'Who will enforce the new rules?' in white. The text states: 'A new Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator is in place to make sure the law is followed, strengthening protections for students.'

Tile 4



Tile 4 has a decorative background of overlapping orange circles. The heading is 'Need support?' in white. The text provides support information: '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. If you or someone you know has been affected by gender-based violence and need to talk to someone, you can call 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732) confidentially or visit 1800RESPECT.org.au.'

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What is gender-based violence?

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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.



A3 Poster

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Download the poster as part of the Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator digital toolkit.

Custom fillable field

This field allows providers to input relevant information to direct students and staff to information unique to that provider. Adobe Acrobat or other PDF software that supports fillable fields may be required to use this field as intended.



All students deserve to feel safe.

All students, including women, girls and LGBTIQ+ students, have the right to be safe, whether on campus or online, participating in university sports, or completing prac placements off campus.

A new law and a new **gender-based violence regulator** is here to make campuses and student accommodation safer for students.

What is the new law?

From 1 January 2026, a new law is in place requiring all higher education providers to prevent and respond to gender-based violence – including in student accommodation.

What is gender-based violence?

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

Someone in your life may be making you feel uncomfortable by how they treat you. Their behaviour may be a form of gender-based violence.

It can be physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, social, financial, cyber abuse, stalking or monitoring, family and domestic violence or intimate partner violence.

Gender-based violence affects the mental health and wellbeing of victim-survivors and can also impact their educational outcomes.

Where does the new law apply?

Your safety matters, wherever you are. If you experience gender-based violence, support is available. This applies whether you're on campus, in online classes, participating in university sports, or completing research and prac placements off campus.

The new law also requires student accommodation to prioritise (and report) on student safety.

Who will enforce the new law?

The Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator will oversee higher education providers and their compliance with the requirements under the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code).

What do providers need to do to support the requirements under the new law?

Providers must have a prevention and response plan in place, provide clear instructions on how to report an incident and provide support services.

Where do I go for support?

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call triple zero (000).

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

There are confidential phone and online supports available: Call 1800RESPECT | 1800 737 732 or visit 1800RESPECT.org.au

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.

[INSERT PROVIDER NAME] is here to support you. To report an incident safely and confidentially, go to [INSERT LINK].

Find out more about the supports we offer in our Prevention and Response Plan [INSERT LINK].

Factsheet

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Postcard



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Website content

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Headline:

A new law for student safety

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If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call triple zero (000).

There is a new law that **[INSERT NAME OF PROVIDER]** must meet to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. This law, called the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code), is in place because everyone has a right to feel safe.

Gender is a social concept that includes our understandings and views on sex, gender identity and sexual orientation.

Gender-based violence is physical or non-physical violence or abuse against someone based on their gender. This can include actions that harm, control, or cause fear. It can include:

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- cyber abuse
- stalking or monitoring
- family and domestic violence.
- intimate partner violence

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Your safety and wellbeing matters, wherever you are. If you experience gender-based violence, support is available. This applies whether you're on campus, in class online, in student accommodation, participating in university sports, or completing research and prac placements off campus.

You can read our prevention and response plan [<link to plan here>](#) to find out more.

How do I find support?

Someone in your life may be making you feel uncomfortable by how they treat you. Their behaviour may be a form of gender-based violence.

If you have experienced gender-based violence, you're not alone, we're here to support you.

To report an incident confidentially, visit [<provider to include their details here>](#)

There are also confidential phone and online supports available: Call 1800RESPECT | 1800 737 732 or visit 1800RESPECT.org.au

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Poster content

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All **[PROVIDER NAME]** students deserve to feel safe.

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A new law, called the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code), and a new gender-based violence regulator have been introduced to make campuses and student accommodation safer for students.

From 1 January 2026, **[INSERT NAME OF PROVIDER]** must comply with the National Code.

You can read more about the National Code at: studyassist.gov.au/financial-and-study-support/national-higher-education-codeprevent-and-respond-gender-based-violence.

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If you or someone you know is feeling unsafe or has been affected by gender-based violence, **[INSERT NAME OF PROVIDER]** is here to support you. To find out more or report an incident confidentially, visit **<provider to insert link>** or scan the QR code **<provider insert QR code>**

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Newsletter content

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Your safety and wellbeing matters. If you experience gender-based violence, support is available.

To read our gender-based violence prevention and response plan <provider insert link here> or report an incident confidentially, visit <provider insert link here> or phone <insert number>.

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