



Important update for Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers about the BSB80120 Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning)

The Assistant Minister for International Education has made a legislative instrument to suspend and cancel the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registration of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) course: BSB80120 Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) (GDML) under the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (ESOS Act).

From 5 October 2026, CRICOS providers will not be able to issue new Confirmations of Enrolment (CoEs) for, enrol new overseas students in, or commence overseas students who have not yet commenced in, the GDML. Providers can continue to deliver the GDML to existing overseas students who commenced the course before 5 October 2026.

This fact sheet is intended as a plain language guide to the changes and should not be relied upon as legal advice. Where there is doubt, please refer to the [ESOS Act](#) or [the instrument](#).

More information about the course suspension and cancellation powers, which were added to the ESOS Act in December 2025, can be found at: [New suspension and course cancellation powers](#).

What is changing?

A provider needs CRICOS registration to offer courses to overseas students studying on a student visa. This instrument will enable the automatic suspension and cancellation of CRICOS registration for the GDML under the ESOS Act.

From 5 October 2026, all providers delivering the GDML must immediately cease offering the course to new students at all locations. All CoEs that providers have issued to overseas students for future commencement after 5 October 2026 in the GDML are also cancelled.

- If a provider does not have any overseas students who are enrolled in and have commenced the course by 5 October 2026, the provider's registration for the GDML will be automatically cancelled for all locations.

- If a provider has overseas students who are enrolled in and have already commenced the course by 5 October 2026 the provider's registration for the GDML will be *suspended*. No new overseas students will be permitted to enrol in or commence the course on or after 5 October 2026 but those currently studying can continue to do so. Once these students have completed or withdrawn from the course, the provider's registration for the course will be automatically cancelled for all locations.

While the instrument is in force, applications by providers (other than Table A providers under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*) to register the GDML, renew registration of the GDML, or add the GDML to the provider's CRICOS registration will be taken not to have been made.

Providers can continue to deliver the GDML to domestic students where they are otherwise approved to do so under the relevant VET regulatory framework.

Providers should identify and notify affected overseas students, including students who have commenced the course, students with a CoE who have not commenced, and students for whom GDML is part of their course package.

Providers must continue to meet their obligations under the ESOS framework, including student communication, reporting, refund and tuition protection obligations.

Why is the Government taking this action?

The Australian Government is committed to strengthening the integrity and quality of the international education sector.

The Government has identified significant and systemic integrity concerns with the GDML. These concerns include enrolment patterns, student transfers, non-commencement, completion outcomes and potential student visa integrity risks.

The action aims to protect overseas students, support confidence in the integrity and reputation of Australia's international education sector and help safeguard the student visa system.

Frequently asked questions

When did the instrument commence?

The instrument commenced on 5 September 2026, the day after it was registered on the Federal Register of Legislation.

Can providers continue to recruit or enrol overseas students in the GDML?

Before 5 October 2026, providers should carefully consider the effect of the instrument and their ESOS obligations before making recruitment, enrolment or commencement decisions in relation to the GDML.

On and after 5 October 2026, affected providers cannot issue new CoEs for the GDML, enrol new overseas students in the GDML, or commence overseas students who have not yet commenced the GDML.



What happens to overseas students who have commenced the GDML before 5 October 2026?

Overseas students who have commenced the GDML can continue studying and complete the course if they choose to do so. Providers must continue to meet their ESOS obligations while delivering the course to those students.

What happens to overseas students who have not commenced the GDML by 5 October 2026?

Overseas students who have not commenced the GDML by 5 October 2026 will not be able to commence the course.

CoEs for students who have not commenced the GDML will be cancelled on 5 October 2026.

Providers should contact affected students as early as possible to discuss their options.

What should providers do now?

Providers should prepare now to meet their obligations if the suspension or cancellation of CRICOS registration for the GDML results in provider default for affected overseas students.

- Identify all GDML overseas students and intending overseas students who may be affected, including students who have commenced, students with a CoE who have not commenced, and students in packaged offers that include the GDML.
- Notify affected students in writing and in plain English of the support and options available for affected students.
- Notify the Tuition Protection Service and the relevant ESOS Agency of the default.
- Continue to comply with ESOS obligations by ensuring overseas student records are accurate and current, this means keeping student records up to date, including contact details, enrolment status, course location, tuition fees paid and course progress.
- Contact the Tuition Protection Service (TPS) as early as possible if you may be at risk of defaulting or may not be able to meet your obligations to affected overseas students.

Provider's default obligations

A provider default occurs if a provider fails to start providing the GDML to an overseas student at the relevant location on the agreed starting day, or if the provider stops providing the GDML to that overseas student at that location after the course starts but before it is completed, and the overseas student has not withdrawn before the default day.

If the student withdraws, a student default will occur. When a student default occurs, providers have 28 days after the default day to meet their obligations (provide a refund) ('provider obligation period').

Where a provider default occurs, providers have 14 days after the default day to meet their tuition protection obligations to the students under the ESOS Act. This means arranging for the student to be offered a suitable alternative course that the student chooses to accept in writing, or refunding the student's unspent tuition fees.



Within 7 days after the end of the provider obligation period, providers must notify the ESOS agency and the TPS Director of the outcome of the steps taken to discharge their obligations. and lodge notices and outcome information in PRISMS where required.

Providers should assess refund obligations by reference to the ESOS Act, relevant legislative instruments and each student's individual circumstances.

Further information

- [Education Services for Overseas Students \(Specified Classes of Courses for Automatic Suspension and Cancellation\) Instrument 2026](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000](#)
- [National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018](#)
- [Department of Education information about suspension and course cancellation powers](#)
- [Tuition Protection Service provider default guidance](#)
- [Australian Skills Quality Authority Guidance on CRICOS reporting and PRISMS obligations](#)
- Department of Home Affairs [Education provider default](#) guidance

