



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

The Assistant Minister for International Education has made a legislative instrument under the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (ESOS Act) that means overseas students will no longer be able to enrol in the BSB80120 Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) (GDML) course from 5 October 2026.

Overseas students who are enrolled in and have commenced the GDML before 5 October 2026 can continue their studies if they want to. Those overseas students who intend to commence the GDML in the future should read this fact sheet carefully and contact their education provider to understand what the changes mean for their enrolment, Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) and next steps.

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](#) and [the instrument](#).

What is changing?

To deliver a course to overseas students on a student visa, a provider must have that course registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

This instrument will suspend or cancel 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's registration is *suspended*

- A provider's CRICOS registration for the GDML will be **suspended** if the provider has overseas students who are enrolled in and have commenced the course.
- Providers with a suspended registration can continue teaching those students until they complete or withdraw from the course. The provider's CRICOS registration for the GDML will then be automatically **cancelled**.

- Providers with a suspended registration cannot enrol new overseas students in the GDML, issue new CoEs for the GDML, or commence students who have not already commenced the course from 5 October 2026.

If a provider's registration is *cancelled*

- A provider's CRICOS registration for the GDML will be cancelled if no overseas students are enrolled in and have commenced the course with that provider by 5 October 2026.
- A provider with a cancelled registration cannot enrol new overseas students in the GDML, issue new CoEs for the GDML, or commence students in the GDML from 5 October 2026.
- See examples in this fact sheet for further information.

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 relate to enrolment patterns, student transfers, students not starting the course, course completion outcomes and possible student visa integrity risks.

The action will protect overseas students, support the integrity and reputation of Australia's international education sector, and safeguard Australia's student visa system.

Examples of overseas students who may be affected

Example 1: Overseas student commenced and was studying the GDML before 5 October 2026

If a student is enrolled in and commenced the GDML before 5 October 2026.

The student can continue in the GDML course with their current provider if they choose to do so.

Example 2: Overseas student has applied or has a CoE for the GDML, but has not commenced the course by 5 October 2026

A student has applied to study the GDML or has been issued a CoE for the GDML but has *not* commenced the course by 5 October 2026:

- The student will not be able to commence the GDML on or after 5 October 2026.
- If the student has a CoE for the GDML, it will be cancelled on 5 October 2026.

Students should contact their provider as soon as possible to discuss their options. Depending on their circumstances, this may include moving to a different course or receiving a refund of unspent tuition fees.

If the student is considering another course, they should check how this may affect their student visa, including any Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level requirements.



Example 3: Overseas student is in a packaged offer that includes the GDML as a later course

A student is enrolled in, or has a CoE for, a package of courses that includes the GDML as a later course but has *not* yet commenced the GDML.

The student may be able to continue studying the other courses in their package, but they should contact their provider to understand how the GDML part of the package is affected.

- If the student has not commenced the GDML on or before 5 October 2026, they will not be able to commence the GDML.
- Their CoE for the GDML will be cancelled on 5 October 2026.

The student should contact their provider as soon as possible to discuss their options. Depending on their circumstances, this may include transferring to another course or receiving a refund of unspent tuition fees.

If the student is considering another course, they should check how this may affect their student visa conditions, including any Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level requirements.

Example 4: Prospective overseas students

If you are thinking about applying to study the GDML, you should be aware that the course will no longer be available to enrol in or commence overseas students from 5 October 2026.

From 5 October 2026:

- providers cannot issue new CoEs for the GDML to overseas students
- providers cannot enrol new overseas students in the GDML
- providers cannot commence overseas students who have not already commenced the course.

You should consider other suitable courses and make sure any course you choose meets your study goals and complies with your student visa requirements.

Your provider's obligations

If the suspension or cancellation of a provider's CRICOS registration for the GDML results in a provider default for you, your education provider must tell you about the default and explain your options.

If you have commenced the GDML

Your provider may keep teaching you so you can complete the course. Your provider must continue to meet its obligations to you while you are studying.

If you have not commenced the GDML on or before 5 October 2026

If the changes result in a provider default for you, your provider must tell you that you cannot commence the GDML and explain your options.

Within 14 days of the provider default, your provider must either offer to place you in another course with them, which you may choose to accept, or refund your unspent tuition fees.

Overseas student protection arrangements

If your provider does not meet these obligations after a provider default, the Tuition Protection Service (TPS) may be able to help you. For more information, visit www.tps.gov.au.



Frequently asked questions

If I have commenced the GDML, can I continue my studies?

Yes. Overseas students who have started the GDML can keep studying and complete the course.

I have accepted an offer and received my CoE but have not yet commenced the GDML. What does this mean for me?

If you have not commenced the GDML before 5 October 2026, you will not be able to commence the course. Your CoE for the GDML will be cancelled on 5 October 2026. Contact your provider to discuss your options.

What protections are there for overseas students affected by this change?

Providers must continue to meet their obligations under the ESOS framework. If a provider default occurs and the provider does not meet its obligations within the required timeframe, the TPS may be able to assist you.

Does my provider have to stop teaching the GDML immediately?

No. Until 4 October 2026, providers can commence overseas students who are already enrolled in the GDML. From 5 October 2026, providers can only continue teaching those overseas students who are enrolled in and have already commenced the GDML. Providers cannot issue new CoEs for the GDML, enrol new overseas students in the course, or commence students who have not already commenced it.

Could this affect my student visa?

Students should review the Department of Home Affairs' website [Your study situation has changed](#) for information. You must continue to comply with all visa conditions. For information on how the provider default impacts your student visa and your obligations refer to the Department of Home Affairs' website at [Education provider default](#).

The Department of Education cannot provide migration advice. Education agents and education providers also cannot provide migration advice. If you have questions about your own visa circumstances, contact the [Department of Home Affairs](#) or the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority ([OMARA](#)).

Further information

- [Education Services for Overseas Students \(Specified Classes of Courses for Automatic Suspension and Cancellation\) Instrument 2026](#)
- Department of Home Affairs [Education provider default](#) information
- [Tuition Protection Service information for international students](#)
- [Australian Skills Quality Authority Information for students and providers](#)
- More information about the course suspension and cancellation powers in the ESOS Act can be found at: [New suspension and course cancellation powers](#)
- The [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#) offers support to future, current or former overseas students.

