Policy for International Students Under-18 studying at UWA Centre for English Language Teaching (UWA CELT)

Students studying at UWA CELT should be minimum 18 years of age with the following exceptions:

- Students attending UWA CELT as part of a customised study tour group with classes in a closed program specifically prepared for the study tour group.

- Students, who are packaged for study at CELT together with a UWA Degree program and are under 18 years of age at the time their UWA CELT course commences, can write to the UWA CELT Director and request consideration as an exception (the specific circumstances of each student request will be considered on a case by case basis).

If you will be under 18 when you start your course, you must have accommodation and welfare arrangements approved by UWA or the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection requires students under the age of 18 to have appropriate accommodation and welfare arrangements while studying in Australia.

It is a condition of a Student Visa that these arrangements be maintained, and failure to do so can result in visa cancellation.

Students who will be under 18 when they begin studying at UWA have two options for their accommodation and welfare arrangements.

- Option A
- Option B

**Option A - Students stay in an accommodation and welfare arrangement approved by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)**

Under Option A, the University does not issue the 'Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare' letter (CAAW), as the accommodation and welfare arrangements are approved directly by DIBP.

Typically, this means that the student will be living in Australia with a parent or adult relative. Please refer to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website for more information on Student Guardian Visas and other visa options.

For the University records, where students and their families select Option A, they must supply contact details of their Carer to the University using the form below:

**Option B - Students stay in an accommodation and welfare arrangement approved by The University of Western Australia**
Under Option B, the student must have an arrangement with an approved carer service and a confirmed place in an approved college or homestay. The University will issue a 'Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare' letter (CAAW) which can be used for an application for a student visa. It is important that students who are under 18 do not arrive in Australia before the date nominated by the University on their CAAW confirmation letter (unless accompanied by a parent), as this can result in their visa being cancelled.

**Step 1**
You, or your agent, contacts a UWA-approved accommodation providers to arrange a confirmed accommodation place. The University's approved accommodation providers are:

- University Hall
- St Catherine's College
- St George's College
- St Thomas More College
- Trinity
- Talkabout Tours (homestay)
- WA Homestay Network (homestay)

**Step 2**
You, or your agent, should arrange welfare services with a UWA-approved carer service, and provide them with evidence that you have a confirmed place in UWA-approved accommodation.

The University's approved carer services are:

- International Student Alliance
- Tann Advisory and Management Services

**Step 3**
Your carer service will inform the University that approved accommodation and welfare arrangements are in place, and we will issue a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare letter (CAAW) to you.

If your welfare arrangements change after your visa has been granted you must inform the Department of Immigration and Border Protection of these changes.

*Under 18 Carers form - Option A [PDF, 101.3 KB]*
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