

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

Students studying at UWA CELT must be a minimum of 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 and;
- The study group is chaperoned at a ratio of X:X by a home-country escort(s)
- Students who are packaged for study at UWA CELT together with a UWA Degree program and are under 18 years of age at the time their UWA CELT course commences, can apply in writing to the Director of UWA CELT requesting an exemption to this rule (the specific circumstances of each student request will be considered on a case by case basis and remains at the discretion of UWA CELT Management).

The Department of Home Affairs 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. Failure to do so can result in visa cancellation.

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

Students under the age of 18 must provide details to their parent or legal guardian, by completing the form below, and submitting it as part of the acceptance process:

- [Under 18 – Parent/Legal Guardian Consent \[PDF, 177KB\]](#)
- [Under 18 – Parent/Legal Guardian Consent \[RTF, 572 KB\]](#)

Option A

Students stay in an accommodation and welfare arrangement approved by The University of Western Australia

Under Option A, 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) together with your 'Confirmation of Enrolment' (CoE) which are 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 should contact a UWA-approved accommodation provider 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 Residential College](#)
- [Campus Perth](#)
- [The Boulevard](#)
- [Talkabout Tours](#) (UWA CELT approved homestay provider)
- [Australian 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 service is:

- [International Student Alliance](#)

Step 3

Your carer service will inform the University that approved accommodation and welfare arrangements are in place, and we will issue the CAAW letter to you.

At this step, you should start the acceptance process outlined in your offer letter.

Option B

Students stay in an accommodation and welfare arrangement approved by the Department of Home Affairs

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

Typically, this means that the student will be living in Australia with a parent or adult relative. Refer to the [Department of Home Affairs](#) for more information on Student Guardian Visas and other visa options.