

Dear Onshore Agent Partners,

Recent changes of policy from the government and resultant updates from the Department of Home Affairs in relation to onshore students have resulted in some changes in how Western Sydney University will be assessing onshore student applications.

This communication is designed to provide you with clarity on the kinds of applicant profiles that we will no longer be considering for onshore applications and those profiles that are acceptable.

Students holding a 600 Visitor Visa

Any student presenting to us currently holding a 600 visitor visa (regardless of stay conditions) will not be accepted for assessment. These applicants will have to return home to their countries or offshore to make an application. Their 500 visa application will have to be made offshore. If your students have this profile we encourage you not to submit an application but instead ask your client to return home and apply from offshore.

Students holding a 408 Covid Visa

Students who are currently holding a valid 408 visa will also not be accepted for assessment by our International Admissions team. Students are welcome to apply from offshore for future study with us. Please do not submit applications to us if the student currently holds a 408 visa but instead encourage them to return home and apply from offshore.

Students holding a 485 Temporary Graduate Visa

For students holding a 485 visa we can consider applications if there is a straightforward applicant profile whereby the student has completed a bachelor degree, undertaken a period of work on a 485 and is now seeking to continue their studies on a Masters course. It is important that there is either a cognate match between bachelors and masters or indeed the work undertaken during the 485 period has a relationship with the future Masters program. This can also be applied to students who have undertaken a 485 after their VET Diploma program and are now seeking study in a Bachelor.

For all applicants with these profiles above we are also looking for a history of good academic progress and evidence of no 'course hopping' or multiple previous COEs at a variety of institutions. Importantly you should make your clients aware that when they may need to apply for a student visa to complete their studies they will need to do that from offshore.

We hope you understand the university's position on this. DHA have been quite explicit with their view on onshore students in recent months and we are keen to ensure the best

possible educational and visa outcomes for all of our applicants.

Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-registration) – known as MNP

Many of you will have recently submitted applications for our popular Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-registration) degree. Due to the unprecedented volumes of application and the requirement for all applications to be sent to the School for approval there is a significant backlog on processing.

Our priority is also Quarter 3 and Semester 2 2024 applications. As a result we have not been able to process many applications to date and there will be delays in outcomes. We are also looking for your support in HY2 course intakes and to remind your students to be patient with their applications for January 2025.

For clarity there will be no 'unconditional offers' made until 1st June and there will subsequently be a window of opportunity to accept and pay during the month of June with a deadline of June 30th. Once this period has finished we will review available seats and inform you of future windows of time when we will issue unconditional offers and take acceptances.

Currently no acceptances have been processed for MNP. We wish to also remind you that applicants will need to have a full offer with no conditions in order to accept and pay and there will be no reduced deposit payments available. The full first semester fee plus the January component will be required to secure their place. This will amount to \$23,137 for acceptance and COE.

We have also taken the decision not to apply scholarships to the 2025 intake for Master of Nursing Practice due to the high demand for the course and the quota places available. In addition, no change of agent will be allowed.

Many of your applicants have also chosen to undertake the Pre Tertiary Nursing Studies program to allow their bachelor study to be recognised for entry to the MNP program. We have now closed this course for applicants for the MNP January 2025 start date. Please do not direct your students to undertake this program for entry to 2025 MNP. They will not be considered for the MNP program until 2026.

Given the popularity of this course and the timing of offer issuance we will not be permitting any Change of Agent requests for this course.

Completed Masters degree to new Masters degree (without any gap)

Students who completed a Master Degree and apply to us immediately without any gap will be considered and accepted, subject to meeting all requirements.

But it didn't apply to MNP application. Eg. Completed Master of Health Science and now seeking to undertake a Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-registration).

If the duration of their second masters program of study is fully covered by a different visa eg. a 485 then we can consider their application.

If you have any questions on this please reach out to your Regional Manager.

We would like to thank you for your support and look forward to productive and successful future intakes.

Kind regards

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