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Definitions

“International Student” is defined as a person holding a student visa as determined in the ESOS Act 2000.

“Domestic Student” is defined as a person who is an Australian or New Zealand resident who does not hold a student visa.

“Minor” is defined as any person under the age of 18 years.

“Study Period” is an academic or internship semester, usually 6 months in duration.

“DIAC” is the Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Preamble

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that ICHM fully complies with the requirements of Standard 5 of the National Code of Practice 2007. This Policy sets out the policy and procedure for accepting any international or domestic student who are under the age of 18 years.

Policy

Any person applying to study for any course offered by the International College of Hotel Management must be at least 18 years of age at the time of entry into the course of study or commencement date of the course applied for.

Exemptions from this policy will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, by the Principal.

The Principal will consider each application for acceptance from a minor on its merits taking into consideration:

- The recommendation of the ICHM marketing representative based on his/her personal interview and personal references
- The recommendation of the Education Agent (if applicable)
- The parents or guardian's permission having been granted
- The actual birth date of the minor and how long he/she will be in campus as a minor
- Whether or not the new student intake would otherwise be fully subscribed
- The staffing and resources available on campus and in the residence to ensure the minors safety, support and well being
- The minor who will not be cared for by a parent, will live at Regency International House, (supervised 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) until the minor turns 18 years of age.
- The minor agrees to abide by the "Agreement regarding the special conditions applying to students under 18 years of age".

By accepting an international student, the Principal of ICHM accepts to adhere to the *Protocols to Observe when Considering Enrolling Under 18s* under the *ESOS Act 2000*.

Where a person has met the exceptions to the policy, the Principal will accept responsibility for approving the person's accommodation, support & general welfare arrangements where the person is an international or a domestic student unaccompanied by a parent.

The person will be regularly monitored on their general welfare and course progress by the Principal until the person turns 18 or the enrolment is cancelled.

Where the Principal has accepted the enrolment of a minor, the minor must turn 18 before the end of the first study period. The minor will not commence an Industry Placement until they are 18 years of age.

Procedure

Student enrolment

International Student

Where an international student has met the exemptions to the policy, the enrolling/admissions staff will check with the student to find out if the student plans to package the student visa application with more than one Training Provider. The enrolling/admissions staff will send the international student a letter of offer and when this has been accepted and signed by both the international student and parent/s (or legal guardian), the enrolling/admissions will proceed with the enrolment.

Where an international student intends to package the visa with more than one course and with another provider, the enrolling/admissions staff will contact the provider of the first course to confirm the dates that they accept responsibility for the international students' accommodation, support and general welfare. The enrolling/admissions staff will negotiate with the other provider to ensure that no gaps exist. Once these dates have been determined the enrolling/admissions staff will then arrange for the Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) form/s to be created. The enrolling/admissions staff will also ensure they have on shore current contact details for the international student for the total period of the prior course.

ICHM will nominate the dates on the DIAC pro forma letter that it will accept responsibility for the international student ensuring there are no gaps in the dates from the first provider in the approval of the students' accommodation, support and general welfare.

Where an international student is not packaging the visa with another provider, the enrolling/admissions staff will arrange for the Confirmation of Enrolment form/s to be created and will confirm the dates for approval of the students' accommodation, support and general welfare on the DIAC pro forma.

DIAC will be advised in writing of the nominated dates via the generation of the DIAC pro forma on PRISMS.

The Confirmation of Enrolment forms & a copy of the DIAC pro forma will be issued to the student for the student to apply for the student visa and a copy kept on the student file.

Domestic Student

Where a domestic student has met the exemptions of the policy, the enrolling/admissions staff will contact the student and parent/s to discuss the "*Agreement regarding the special conditions applying to students under 18 years of age*". After the parent/s and student have agreed to these arrangements the enrolling/admissions staff proceed with the enrolment as per any other student enrolment.

Accommodation at Regency International House & Welfare Arrangements

Regency International House is the approved accommodation provider for ICHM as it provides a secure environment, 24 hour staff assistance and supervision and 3 meals a day.

The Principal (or delegated nominee) will counsel the student within the first three days of arrival at Regency International House on the conditions of enrolment and the student and the Principal (or delegated nominee) will both sign an agreement that states the student will agree to these conditions. Please see form attached "*Agreement regarding special conditions applying to students under 18 years of age*".

All staff, including ICHM lecturers, RIH staff, RIH Administration Manager, the Vice Principal & the Manager, Student Welfare will monitor the general welfare of the student through day to day contact with the student and will alert the Principal of any significant concerns for the student's welfare and or compliance with the terms of the agreement.

The student enrolment is cancelled

Where a students' enrolment is cancelled, suspended or terminated by either the domestic or international student or ICHM, the student will remain in the on campus accommodation or other approved accommodation until other arrangements are put into place. ICHM will ensure that the student has either been accepted by another provider or has confirmed arrangements to return to the parents care before relinquishing it responsibility for the student. The monitoring of the student will continue as per the "*Agreement regarding special conditions applying to students under 18 years of age*" until the student is no longer the responsibility of ICHM.

Where an international students' enrolment is cancelled or suspended or terminated by either the student or ICHM, ICHM will report the students' COE through PRISMS and will advise DIAC in writing using the DIAC pro forma letter through PRISMS if ICHM no longer approves the arrangements for the student.

Staff processing a cancelled enrolment are advised to refer to the ICHM "*Withdrawal Policy & Procedures*".



Agreement regarding special conditions applying to students under 18 years of age

Students enrolling in the International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) who have not yet attained 18 years of age are subject to special conditions until they turn 18.

ICHM accepts responsibility for ensuring the safety, well-being and pastoral care for students who are not yet 18 years old.

Students under 18 must agree:

- 1) To live on the campus, in Regency International House, a supervised, gated facility, staffed 24 hours a day, during the school term.
- 2) Not stay off campus without the express written permission of the Principal. An application to stay overnight elsewhere may be granted upon application to the Principal explaining the purpose of the visit, specifying the expected duration, who will be accompanying the student and contact details.
- 3) Not be in possession of, nor consume, alcoholic beverages at any time.
- 4) Respect a curfew of 11:00pm.
- 5) Respect the Conduct provisions of the *ICHM Rules and Conditions*.
- 6) Follow all additional reasonable rules or conditions imposed from time to time to ensure the student's safety and well-being.

I, (student name) _____, have read and understand the above special conditions and agree to be bound by them until I turn 18 on _____.

Student Signature

Date

I (for ICHM) _____, have met with this student, have reviewed the special conditions listed above and am satisfied that they are well understood. I further acknowledge that procedures are in place to monitor this student during the currency of this agreement.

For ICHM

Date

Student to be given a copy of this Agreement