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## International Student Handbook


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## Course and Company Details

RTO/CRICOS Name	Australian International Aviation College Pty Ltd.				ABN	12 050 100 279				
RTO Code	45675				CRICOS Code		03903C			
Training Package Code	AVI				Training Package Title		Aviation Training Package			
Qualification Code	AVI50222						AVI50519			
Qualification Title	Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot Licence – Aeroplane)						Diploma of Aviation (Instrument Rating)			
CRICOS Course Code	105394D						105393E			
Version of Training Package	2	Status	Current	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	Status	Current	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			Superseded	<input type="checkbox"/>			Superseded	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Training Package Link	<a href="https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/AVI50222">training.gov.au/Training/Details/AVI50222</a>				<a href="https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/AVI50519">training.gov.au/Training/Details/AVI50519</a>					
AQF Level	5				5					
Delivery Period	9 months full-time				16 weeks full-time					
Pre-requisites	Nil*				AVI50222 Diploma of Aviation (CPL-Aeroplane)					
Industry	Aviation – Air Transport Professionals									
Licencing & Regulation	Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) as directed by Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR)									
Learner Group	Prospective Commercial Pilots or Flight Crew. Domestic students and CRICOS students on the student visa (subclass 500)									
Locations	Port Macquarie Airport – Flight Training Suite 4, 149 Gordon Street, Port Macquarie – Classrooms									
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## 1 Welcome



Welcome to Australian International Aviation College (AIAC). We are glad to have you join us. Aviation is a very rewarding career and one that will see you go many places. Flying can be an amazing and rewarding career. At AIAC you will be inspired and challenged to be the best pilot that you can possibly be. Your experience will be like nothing you have ever experienced before. Our instructors will provide continuous encouragement, they will equip and inspire you to fulfill the dreams in your heart to be a pilot.

Flying an aeroplane is an exciting and thoroughly enjoyable experience, one that you will never tire of. That thrill of applying pressure to the throttle, pushing it forward and feeling the thrust of an aircraft move forward until its wings create lift. The feeling you get when you feel the wheels leave the ground is something that will always have that special feeling. Even the most experienced pilots still enjoy the thrill of flying somewhere new or being able to experience a new type of aircraft. Aviation always provides something new to challenge and inspire you. Your journey through the Pilot ranks and various aircraft types will provide you with a great source of personal achievement and inspiration.

When you become a pilot, you become a part of an elite group of well-trained professionals. You will meet new people and colleagues that will become lifelong friends that will form part of your aviation family and career, now and into the future. Throughout your journey of becoming a pilot you will learn more about yourself and be able to develop skills that will constantly amaze you. You will become an excellent decision maker as the environment and challenges of piloting present themselves.

*“Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.” — Leonardo da Vinci*

Imagine the destinations! Whether you are interested in an international career or a domestic career in your home country. Aviation can take you places; you will be able to meet so many people and be able to experience so many cultures. You will never tire of the endless possibilities that become available to you. Even if you do tire of the cockpit, there are so many other career opportunities in aviation that your pilot training and experience will be able to benefit you in.


As the Head of Operations, I am personally interested in your entire journey here at AIAC. I look forward to meeting you and hearing the story that led for you to become involved in Aviation.

Ged Byrne,  
Head of Operations  
Australian International Aviation College.



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## 2 About AIAC

The Australian International Aviation College (AIAC) is a privately owned and operated Flight School that has been operating since 1990 and is now a member of Hainan Airlines (China). Located in Port Macquarie which is located on the North Coast of New South Wales.



Formally known as Johnston Aviation Services, who catered for domestic flight training and Arena International Aviation who serviced the needs of international training developed a respected technique and personalised environment over the past two decades they continued to ensure impeccable high standards of training and safety were maintained across both flight training colleges.

Using new factory Diamond aircraft for flight training ensures that the training is not only safe but is also carried out using the most advanced systems available. Over time we have developed highly proficient training techniques and offer a personalised environment to ensure that our high standards of training and safety are maintained across all our courses for our international students.

### Experienced Staff

Many of our flight instructors have been trained by our company from the onset of their own flight instructor rating training; this ensures that we maintain and facilitate a high level of standardisation in our training methods and leads to enhancing the learning experience of students which ensures consistency and uniformity. Our flight instructors undergo in-house training and checking programs to ensure they continue to fly and instruct to optimum levels of proficiency. Our Chief Flying Instructor and CASA Flight Examiners are also active pilots and instructors with over 20 years of experience and knowledge of the flight training industry. They are all closely involved in the tuition and instruction of all students.



Australian International Aviation offers a unique learning environment of excellence where students of all levels are catered for. With uncongested airspace and next to no taxi delays your training dollar is maximized enhancing your learning experience therefore offering you more time to learn in the air. Above all the Australian International Aviation is committed to training safe, ensuring competent, and employable pilots.

## 3 Handbook Purpose

The purpose of this International Student Handbook is to provide relevant information to potential and current international student that is enquiring about studying at AIAC. The International Student Handbook includes relevant information relating to AIAC and is designed to help prospective and current students make informed decisions about studying in Australia and at AIAC. The International Student handbook should be used as a reference whilst studying at AIAC.

The information provided with our best intention; however, students are encouraged to conduct further research and make their own conclusions to any matter relating to this document or their visit to Australia.


Copies of all **policies and procedures** (P&P) referred to in this document can be found at <https://rebrand.ly/student-policies>. It is recommended that all prospective students download and read the following P&P's:

- Recruitment & Enrolment
- Student Attendance
- Complaints and Appeals
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) & Credit Transfer (CT)
- Student Support
- Student Code of Conduct
- Refunds
- Student Progress Monitoring
- [Schedule of Fees and Payment Terms](#)
- Student Transfers
- [Pre-Enrolment Information Pack](#)
- Defer-Suspend-Cancel
- [Enrolment Application](#)

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## 4 Statement of Quality Assurance

As a Registered Training Organisation, AIAC seeks to provide the highest and best quality of education and training. To ensure that we provide a high standard of education and training AIAC seeks to be compliant with the VET Quality Framework as outline below. The Vocational Education and Training Quality Framework is aimed at achieving greater national consistency in the way RTOs are registered and how they are monitored to ensure that the standards in the vocational education and training sector are enforced.

The VET Quality Framework comprises:

- Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015
- Australian Qualifications Framework
- Fit and Proper Person Requirements
- Financial Viability Risk Assessment Requirements, and
- Data Provision Requirements.

In addition to the above, AIAC is compliant with the National Code of Practice. The National Code of Practice is a set of national standards that governs the protection of International students and delivery of courses to those students by providers registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students.

AIAC is also compliant with all Civil Aviation Safety Authority regulations including the high standards of operating and maintaining aircraft and the syllabus content. All certification documents/certificates that the learner receives from AIAC complies with the Australian Qualifications Framework ensuring that your certifications are genuine and nationally recognised.

## 5 Student Enrolment

For information on how to enroll and the minimum requirements for enrolment, international students should refer to the **Recruitment & Enrolment Procedure** (International) and the **Enrolment Application form**.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfers (CT) may be available for students who have demonstrated previous flying experience or who have completed some AQF units of competencies. Please refer to our **RPL/CT Policy**. Fees will apply for RPL and CT process as AIAC may need to conduct flight or other assessment.

AIAC does not guarantee any assessment, graduation, migration, or employment outcomes. All training is competency based and students will be required to fulfil all the course requirements to ensure that they are able to graduate.

The Enrolment process is complete when:

- All applications and supporting documents have been received at AIAC
- Confirmation of Enrolment has been received by the student
- Written agreement has been signed by the student and returned to AIAC0
- Confirmation of Enrolment has been returned
- Course deposit has been paid and receipted

### 5.1 Pre-enrolment interview

In most cases students will be interviewed either remotely or upon arrival at AIAC (or both) to determine their suitability for completing the course and to also assess potential areas that the student may need to be provided extra support.

Aviation is an intense career and the training that AIAC delivers reflects the demands of the job. Therefore, AIAC will only enroll students who are believed to be able to complete the course within the required timeframes. AIAC may ask to review further evidence such as school reports or certificates, any qualifications that have already been achieved, English Language proficiency, personal references and any other items deemed necessary.

## 5.2 Other Requirements

To study Aviation in Australia, you will also need to apply for an ARN, pass a medical examination at a DAME and hold an ASIC. This must be done prior to enrolment to ensure international students meet all CASA eligibility requirements.

To apply for these items, you will need to have your own valid email address. Refer to the **Recruitment & Enrolment Procedure** for more information.

1. The first step is to apply for your ARN. Without this, you cannot get your medical or ASIC. You will need to prove your identity with certified documents. For more info and to apply, visit <https://www.casa.gov.au/standard-page/individual-aviation-reference-number-application>
2. After you have received your ARN, you can then apply for your medical through CASA and attend an examination at a DAME. To apply for your Medical or to find a DAME or for more information, refer to <https://www.casa.gov.au/licences-and-certification/aviation-medicine/medical-certification-process>
3. For information on obtaining your ASIC, please visit <https://aviationidaustralia.net.au/application.html>. Once you have finished your application, AIAC will need to verify and send them off on your behalf.



If a student has issues with vision, hearing or any other medical impairments, the student may not be able to complete the courses in which they are enrolled into as Part 61 Manual of Standards cannot be attained, nor numerous competency standards of AVI50222/AVI50519, most particularly, the licensing unit AVILIC001. Note that in most instances, wearing glasses will not prevent you from becoming a pilot.

**International students** will (in most cases) not be able to obtain their CASA medical or ASIC until they arrive in Australia. Therefore as part of the enrolment application, you will be required to submit a copy of a translated Police Clearance Check and a copy of a translated medical certificate addressing the medical requirements of CASA – <https://www.casa.gov.au/licences-and-certification/aviation-medicine/examination-requirements>. These items will also be required for your Visa application.

## 5.3 Appeals processes

The final decision of enrolment rests with our Head of Operations. If you feel the result of your application assessment is not a fair and accurate representation of you or your ability to complete the course, you may appeal the decision through contacting the CO at [rto@aiacollege.com](mailto:rto@aiacollege.com) for your assessment to be re-viewed.

If you have been declined an invitation to enroll, AIAC will provide to students with a written report of why our assessors did not feel your application was successful. You will have the ability to address any of our concerns and how you could address those concerns. Upon receiving your appeal application, the RCO will then consult a different aviation expert from whom already reviewed your application; and a second 'ability to complete' evaluation will be performed on your behalf. If your appeal is declined a second time, we ask you wait 90 days before you attempt another enrolment at AIAC. AIAC is not liable for any costs that may be incurred during an appeals process. Refer to our **Complaints and Appeals procedure** for more information.

## 5.4 Communication

All international students will need their own personal email address. Please note that many country restricted emails such as qq.com or 163.com do not work well in Australia. AIAC's formal communication process will primarily be through emails. Information regarding flight bookings, any changes, school information etc. will be sent via email. Once you have been enrolled, AIAC will issue you with an Outlook email and Office365 account which will then be used as your primary email and communication method.





## 6 Campus Information

### 6.1 Floor plans/Evacuation diagrams

Floor plans for all AIAC locations can be viewed in the building or on the Student SharePoint site in the 'Factsheets' folder.

### 6.2 Location

AIAC's base of operations is at the Port Macquarie Airport, NSW which is located on the beautiful east coast of Australia. We are a short one-hour flight north of Sydney or an easy five-hour drive along the picturesque Pacific Motorway. The AIAC facilities at Port Macquarie consist of 3 buildings:



- Hangar 1 – Flight Sim, Study rooms, lunch area & Instructor rooms.
- Hangar 24 – AIAC Maintenance & Engineering facility.
- Admin Building – AIAC Offices & admin staff.

AIAC also have a number fully equipped classrooms located at Gordon Street, Port Macquarie where ground theory sessions and exams take place. Transport to and from can be provided if needed and is included in your school fees.

### 6.3 Other Airports

You will also experience various other airports as you progress through your aviation training. The different airports allow you to experience varying situations, conditions, and airspace requirements, giving you the tools needed to be workplace ready. Some of the airports you will visit include:

#### 6.3.1 Kempsey Airport

Kempsey is a small rural town about 45 minutes' drive north of Port Macquarie. Mostly made up of farming communities. Kempsey is best known for the iconic Australian hat, the Akubra and the Slim Dusty Centre. The airport is in Aldavilla, located about 10 minutes west of Kempsey Town.

#### 6.3.2 Tamworth Regional Airport

Located about 4 hours west of Port Macquarie is the regional airport of Tamworth. Tamworth is famous for its Country Musical festival and the Golden Guitar. At Tamworth you will experience flying in Controlled Airspace and be communicating with the control tower. Tamworth Airport is larger and busier than Port Macquarie and is currently undergoing a \$4M upgrade to its terminal.

#### 6.3.3 Gold Coast Airport

Beautiful one day, perfect the next! Yep, you will even get to experience the warm Queensland sunshine when refueling at the busy Gold Coast Airport. Located at Bilinga, just a few minutes' drive from Coolangatta. Here you will get to experience airport operations at a small, yet busy international airport. Keep an eye out for whales during the cooler months as you fly up the east coast of Australia you might just see one!

### 6.4 Facilities

#### 6.4.1 Aircraft

AIAC is proud to own and operate the New Generation of Diamond Aircraft. We fly the Diamond DA42NG, multi engine aircraft and the Diamond DA40NG, DA40CS & DA20CS single engine aircrafts. You can check out these aircraft in more detail at <http://www.diamondaircraft.com> or on our website. We also use a modern Mechtronix DA40/42 Flight Training Device with a 200° x 40° High Definition screen.



#### 6.4.2 Classrooms

Our classrooms are comfortable, modern, and clean. Each student will have his/her own study space. We use a range of teaching devices to include multi-media systems and whiteboards for an immersive learning experience. Classroom etiquette requires all international students to be attentive, polite, and respectful at all times to both their instructors and peers. Water is always allowed in the classroom, but no other food or drinks are permitted. You are welcome to come and visit our facilities at any time.

#### 6.4.3 Flight Training Device

AIAC is proud to own one of a handful of Class 5 Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTD) in Australia. It is a motionless system equipped with the latest in technology boasting the Garmin G1000 which is a fully integrated instrument panel. The projection system uses three high powered, high-definition Sony projectors creating an immersive 180-degree view of the landscape in front of the cockpit. The cockpit is based on the Diamond aircraft with pilot and co-pilot seating and full aircraft controls as they appear in the Diamond Aircraft. The FSTD is equipped to service the Diamond DA40 and DA42NG aircraft.



#### 6.4.4 Study Resources


As well as the above aircraft and FSTD, students will have access to Wi-Fi and printing when on campus. In the foyer of Hangar 1 there is a multimedia display showing current flights in the area and the current weather conditions. AIAC is equipped with a general use library for all students to access which includes a variety of aviation documents and textbooks. Other items such as headsets, kneeboards, life vests etc. will be issued as needed. You will need to supply your own computer device and personal effects such as pens, pencils, notebooks, uniforms, and any other items relating to personal study needs.

Below is a list of training resources that AIAC will supply for your learning experience.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeppesen Airways Manual</li> <li>• BAK and PPL textbook</li> <li>• CPL Aerodynamics textbook</li> <li>• CPL Meteorology textbook</li> <li>• CPL Navigation textbook</li> <li>• CPL Aircraft Gen. Knowledge textbook</li> <li>• CPL Human Factors textbook</li> <li>• CPL Operations planning book</li> <li>• Instrument Rating Manual</li> <li>• Civil Aviation Safety Regulations</li> <li>• Aviation Headsets</li> <li>• Navigation Kneeboards</li> <li>• Pilot Equipment Bag</li> <li>• Pilot log book</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Chart Australia</li> <li>• Coffs Harbour VTC Chart</li> <li>• Sydney VTC Chart</li> <li>• Newcastle VNC</li> <li>• Brisbane VNC</li> <li>• Gold Coast VTC Chart</li> <li>• Armidale WAC</li> <li>• Sydney WAC</li> <li>• Brisbane WAC</li> <li>• CR-2 Navigation ruler</li> <li>• 180nm navigation ruler</li> <li>• Navigation protractor</li> <li>• ERSA</li> <li>• Mini Maglight</li> </ul> |
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##### 6.4.4.1 AVI50222 Aircraft

As well as spending a minimum of 9 hours in the FSTD, students studying the Diploma of Aviation – CPL Course will fly exclusively in the New Generation, Diamond DA40-NG aircraft. This DA40-NG aircraft was manufactured in 2015 and comes equipped with the Garmin G1000 glass cockpit with wrap around canopy so that you can fully enjoy your surroundings. It is equipped with the latest technology and provides 4 seats for comfort and safety. The G1000 incorporates the latest features including the ultra-precise GFC700 Automatic Flight Control System. With a maximum cruise speed of over 280km/h, long max range of 984nm, high crosswind capability and precision handling, the DA40-NG is a superb aircraft to train in.

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#### 6.4.4.2 AVI50519 Aircraft

The Diploma of Aviation – Instrument Rating includes a minimum of 21.5 hours in the FSTD. Additionally, cadets will get to fly in the Diamond DA40-NG and spend a minimum of 12.5 hours in the Diamond DA42-NG twin engine. Advanced twin technology, safety, and performance; with its panoramic wrap around canopy, the DA42-NG offers exceptional visibility. The fully integrated G1000 flight deck comes with a 3-axis GFC700 AFCS, Yaw damper and Electronic Stability & Protection. The 170hp turbo-charged Austro AE300 engine combined with exceptional aerodynamics allow the DA42-NG to reach a top cruising speed of just over 350kph. A comfy and spacious cabin, baggage area and long range (1273nm) will allow you to be able to fit your golf clubs in and head to almost any golf resort in the eastern half of Australia, or even New Zealand.

*Please note, we do not fly to New Zealand! View our website for more info on our aircraft and facilities.*

#### 6.4.5 Meals On and Off Campus

AIAC does not provide any meals during your study period. All meals are the responsibility of the cadet. AIAC Campus is located at the Port Macquarie Airport where there is a takeaway shop located that serves breakfast and lunch. We encourage students to bring a packed lunch. AIAC provides fridges, microwaves, kettles and other kitchen utensils and facilities for food preparation should international students require these. All meals off campus are the responsibility of the student. All AIAC accommodation is provided with kitchen facilities.

### 6.5 Transport

AIAC buses service most areas within Port Macquarie. There is a set timetable for pick up and return in place from the AIAC Airport campus. The timetable might vary and upon your arrival to the college however we will update you with the latest timetable information as soon as possible. If the AIAC bus timetable does not suit your flying schedule as set out by your instructor, the instructor will look after your transport needs.

#### 6.5.1 Driving to College

AIAC recommend that all international students use the AIAC buses provided for transport. However, for international students who do wish to drive to college, free parking is available near the Admin Building at Lot 11, Abbott close, on the grassed area.

##### 6.5.1.1 International students

AIAC does not accept responsibility for any issues, accidents, damage to property or any other problems that arise from students driving their own vehicles to the campus or for recreation. Therefore, we encourage all international students to make use of the company buses.

Our buses are fully insured, and our company has public liability insurance to cover any incidents. However, AIAC insurances will not cover you if you have an accident in your own vehicle.



Refer to the **Student Code of Conduct** for AIAC rules if you intend to drive a vehicle to college.

#### 6.5.2 Public Transport

Port Macquarie has a quality public bus system. There is also a train station located at Wauchope with a bus service running to Port Macquarie. The Train line is on the Brisbane to Sydney line and takes around 7 hours to go from Wauchope to Sydney.

Refer to <https://www.busways.com.au/> or <https://transportnsw.info/regional> for more information. Route 341 is the local bus that stops at the Port Macquarie Airport.

The Busways network map for the Greater Port Macquarie region can be found here [https://www.busways.com.au/sites/default/files/network-maps/2019-03-09/Port-Macquarie-Network-Map\\_0.pdf](https://www.busways.com.au/sites/default/files/network-maps/2019-03-09/Port-Macquarie-Network-Map_0.pdf)

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## 7 Living in Port Macquarie

### 7.1 Port Macquarie

Located on the east coast, Port Macquarie is a rapidly growing coastal town. Living in Port Macquarie means that you can expect sunny days on the warm beaches, wonderful fishing opportunities, good shopping experiences and a lovely selection of bars and restaurants.

Travelling around Port Macquarie is easy, with access to most parts of the city only taking 10-15 minutes from any point. The CBD area of Port Macquarie is located on the banks of the Hastings River and a short walk from the beach. On the western fringe of the city you have wonderful wilderness areas including state forests and national parks, all of which include beautiful bush walks, rivers, and streams. All International students studying the Diploma will be based in Port Macquarie.



Check out the following websites for more information.

<http://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Our-Region/Living-and-working-in-Port-Macquarie-Hastings>  
<https://www.discoverportmacquarie.com.au/>  
<https://www.portmacquarieinfo.com.au/>  
<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/north-coast/port-macquarie-area>

### 7.2 Libraries

Port Macquarie has a well-stocked public library where students can borrow books, CD's, DVD's and other material for free. The library also gives free access to a range of e-services, including the ability to learn a language online... a great source for you to practice your English! You will need some identification documents (Passport etc.) as well as a document showing your Australian address to register at the libraries (can be supplied by AIAC).

For more information, refer to <http://mnclibrary.org.au/>

### 7.3 Accommodation

#### 7.3.1 Accommodation

Students will need to find their own accommodation. Some sites to look at include:


<https://flatmates.com.au/> | [www.realestate.com.au](http://www.realestate.com.au) | <https://www.rent.com.au/>

#### 7.3.2 Billeted Accommodation

AIAC may be able to assist students in finding billeted accommodation. AIAC will discuss this option with the student prior to arranging this. Homestay accommodation usually involves a student living with another family in their home in a shared or private room. In most cases (but not all) gas, electricity and other services are usually included in this price.

### 7.4 Personal Mail

All students are welcome to have personal mail sent to the college. Mail can be collected from the reception area of the campus at 11 Abbott Close, Port Macquarie. The receptionist on duty will handle your enquiry.

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All mail sent to the college for students should be addressed as follows:

Student Name  
C/- Australian International Aviation College  
11 Abbot Close  
Port Macquarie, NSW 2444  
Australia

## 8 Studying in Australia – International Students

AIAC welcomes and is well equipped to train international students. We have been training cadets from international countries for many years now and we encourage all those from students abroad to study in Australia with AIAC.

There are some extra requirements for a student coming from abroad, these are outlined below. We recommend that you check out <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/> and [www.studiesinaustralia.com](http://www.studiesinaustralia.com) for more information about studying and living in Australia.

### 8.1 CRICOS

Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) can only enroll and deliver training to students in Australia who hold a current international student visa if they are registered on CRICOS.



RTOs must ensure that training is conducted as per the requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007 (National Code).

### 8.2 ESOS Description

The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000, establishes the legislative requirements and standards for the quality assurance of education and training institutions offering courses to international students who are in Australia on a student visa.

National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (National Code 2018) governs international education in Australia. See <https://internationaleducation.gov.au> for more information.

A summary of the ESOS legislative framework can be found at <https://rebrand.ly/student-policies> or at <https://internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information/pages/regulatoryinformation.aspx>

### 8.3 English Requirements

International students where English is not their first language must hold an IELTS certificate with an overall pass of 5.5, with no individual unit score (Listening, Reading, Writing, Pronunciation) below 5.0. During your pre-enrolment interview you will also be given an Aviation English Language assessment. This will be used to determine what extra support you may need during your study.

The DoHA also have some rules on English Requirements which may affect an application for a student VISA. These can be found at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500-eligibility>. See Appendix A for more information on English in Australia.

### 8.4 Student Visa

International students seeking to study in Australia must obtain a current Student Visa from the DoHA. For more information, visit <https://www.immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/> or contact the nearest Australian Embassy or Consulate.

AIAC is not responsible for organising or renewing your student visa, although we can assist. More information on a student VISA can be found at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/study>. You will be required to complete your course with AIAC within the expected timeframe as your visa will only allow you to stay in Australia for the duration of your course.

### 8.5 Working in Australia

International students on student visas are only permitted to work 20 hours per week whilst studying is in session. Full time work may be possible during holiday periods whilst students are not required to partake in study sessions.



Always check this information against your Visa and DoHA. However, we do not recommend that students attempt to work and study as your training will be intense and your schedule may change from day to day. Fatigue management is part of your course (and the industry) and you will have a requirement to ensure that you maintain a healthy lifestyle during your study.

Working in addition to your study workload will affect your fatigue and alertness levels. Students showing signs of fatigue may be grounded which may delay your studies until adequate rest is achieved.

Refer to the Fair Work Ombudsmen for more information or if you have a complaint about your employer, <https://www.fairwork.gov.au/how-we-will-help/templates-and-guides/fact-sheets/rights-and-obligations/international-students>

Visit <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500#> for your visa obligations.

## 8.6 Schooling in Australia

In some instances, international students might need to bring their dependent children with them. It is law in Australia for children to attend school. School education in Australia includes preschool, preparatory, primary school, secondary school, and senior secondary school.

Schools fees for international students will apply to most dependents of temporary residents in New South Wales. For further information, visit the DE International website - <https://www.deinternational.nsw.edu.au/>

## 8.7 Australian Culture

The culture of Australia is a western culture, derived primarily from Britain. The culture has had a diverse input from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and other Oceanic people. The British colonisation of Australia began in 1788 with waves of multi-ethnic migration following.



Evidence of a significant Anglo-Celtic heritage includes the predominance of the English language, the existence of a democratic system of government drawing upon the British traditions of Westminster Government, Parliamentaryism and constitutional monarchy, American constitutionalism, and federalist traditions.

Christianity is the dominant religion, and the popularity of sports originating in (or influenced by) the British Isles. Australian culture has diverged significantly since British settlement – Wikipedia.

The Australian Culture is unique. Sometimes the Australian humour can be hard to understand and even at times can seem offensive. This humour should be taken lightly and we encourage those from abroad to not take offence at something that is said in fun. Australians speak good English; however this is generally mixed with some strange words.

Over the years Australians have developed our own form English, which is called Aussie Slang. Australian slang is a way of using certain words and phrases that have become iconic to Australians. You may find that Australians tend to speak quickly and have an unusual way of pronouncing words. Below is a list of commonly used words and phrases.

Phrase/term	Meaning	Phrase/term	Meaning
<b>Ace</b>	great, excellent	<b>Good on ya</b>	good for you (can be sarcastic)
<b>Ankle-biter</b>	child	<b>Maccas</b>	McDonalds
<b>Arvo</b>	afternoon	<b>Mate</b>	term of friendship
<b>Barbie</b>	barbeque	<b>No worries</b>	no problem, reassurance
<b>Bogan</b>	uncool person	<b>Reckon</b>	to agree, an opinion
<b>Bottle-o</b>	bottle shop (liquor store)	<b>Servo</b>	service station
<b>Bloke</b>	male	<b>She'll be right</b>	it'll be fine, reassurance
<b>Bludger</b>	lazy person	<b>Spewin'</b>	not happy
<b>Bugged</b>	tired, broken	<b>Sucked in</b>	to be conned or tricked
<b>Dodgy</b>	not quite right, suspicious	<b>Sunnies</b>	sunglasses
<b>Dunny</b>	toilet	<b>Ta</b>	thank you
<b>Fair go</b>	give an equal chance	<b>Thongs</b>	cheap rubber backless sandals
<b>Veggies</b>	vegetables	<b>Trackie daks</b>	tracksuit pants
<b>Whinge</b>	complain	<b>Yobbo</b>	a rowdy/loud/disruptive person
<b>Wuss</b>	a coward	<b>idiot box</b>	television

## 8.8 Bargaining

Australians generally do not bargain for their goods or services. In most cases it is normal to pay the price labelled on the item. However, for more expensive items such as cars, large television, whitegoods you may be able to put your negotiation skills to the test. It is advisable to shop around for the best price though should you have any questions please feel free to contact someone at one of the campuses for assistance.



## 8.9 Money Matters



The Australian Dollar (AUD) is the only legal currency in Australia. Australia's currency is made up of both coins and plastic bank notes. You will be able to exchange your international currency at the airport when you arrive or otherwise at the various local banks. Also consider that you will have to pay fees. Banks usually do not give very good exchange rates.

It may be better for you to buy some AUD in your home country before coming to Australia to get you started. The ability to transfer money from overseas to your Australian Bank (if you decide to open an account) through exchanges like

[Western Union](#) or [XE money transfer](#). XE money transfer offer free transactions with competitive exchange rates. Visa, MasterCard and American Express facilities are widely available.

Note that the size of our coins is no indication of value. Our largest coin is the 50c piece and the \$2 coin is smaller than the \$1 coin. Australia no longer uses 1 and 2 cent coins. Your total price of shopping will be rounded up or down to the nearest 5 cents if paying with cash.

## 8.10 Weather

Australia is lucky to have some of the best weather in the world. Port Macquarie is even more blessed, being located on the Mid North Coast of the eastern seaboard. This means we have mild winters and relatively warm summers.

Climate data for Port Macquarie (Port Macquarie Airport AWS, 1995–2017)													[hide]
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	41.9 (107.4)	46.6 (115.9)	34.5 (94.1)	32.3 (90.1)	30.1 (86.2)	26.8 (80.2)	26.5 (79.7)	34.6 (94.3)	37.9 (100.2)	39.4 (102.9)	38.6 (101.5)	43.3 (109.9)	46.6 (115.9)
Average high °C (°F)	27.7 (81.9)	27.6 (81.7)	26.4 (79.5)	24.2 (75.6)	21.6 (70.9)	19.5 (67.1)	18.8 (65.8)	20.2 (68.4)	22.6 (72.7)	24.1 (75.4)	25.2 (77.4)	26.7 (80.1)	23.7 (74.7)
Average low °C (°F)	18.4 (65.1)	18.4 (65.1)	17.0 (62.6)	13.9 (57)	10.4 (50.7)	8.3 (46.9)	6.5 (43.7)	6.8 (44.2)	9.5 (49.1)	11.9 (53.4)	15.2 (59.4)	16.9 (62.4)	12.8 (55)
Record low °C (°F)	9.5 (49.1)	10.6 (51.1)	7.9 (46.2)	5.0 (41)	−1.6 (29.1)	−2.9 (26.8)	−3.0 (26.6)	−1.2 (29.8)	1.6 (34.9)	2.0 (35.6)	4.3 (39.7)	8.0 (46.4)	−3.0 (26.6)
Average rainfall mm (inches)	155.3 (6.114)	165.5 (6.516)	176.0 (6.929)	139.0 (5.472)	114.4 (4.504)	140.6 (5.535)	64.0 (2.52)	69.2 (2.724)	61.8 (2.433)	73.1 (2.878)	154.8 (6.094)	108.0 (4.252)	1,416.7 (55.776)
Average precipitation days	12.2	13.2	15.2	13.5	13.0	11.8	10.5	8.5	9.3	10.2	13.9	12.5	143.8
Average afternoon relative humidity (%)	65	66	65	64	61	60	55	52	56	59	65	64	61

Source: Bureau of Meteorology<sup>[10]</sup>

## 8.11 Cost of Living

Compared to many countries Australia has a very high standard of living. The United Nations ranked Australia 2nd in the 2016 Human Development Index (HDI). This means Australia is leading the world in Life Expectancy, Education and Income. This provides for a very wonderful environment to live and study in. Shopping in Australia is generally easy, readily accessible with many shops open long hours and weekends. Check <https://www.expatisstan.com/cost-of-living/sydney> for more information.

ITEM	AUD
Bread	\$2.00 - \$5.00
Milk per litre	\$1.25 - \$3.50
Red meat per kilogram	\$15.00 - \$30.00
Soft drink per litre	\$2.00 - \$3.00
Beer at pub	\$8.00 - \$10.00
Eggs (per dozen)	\$3.50 - \$6.00
Coffee from coffee shop	\$4.00 - \$5.00
McDonalds Restaurant meal for one	\$8.00 - \$15.00
Other Restaurants	\$15.00 - \$30.00
Monthly Mobile Phone Plan (BYO)	\$20.00 - \$60.00
Monthly Fixed Line Internet	\$40.00 - \$90.00
TAXI Hire	\$2.50/Km + Hire \$4.00

## 8.12 What to Bring

If you are bringing electrical items remember Australia is 240 volts. Ensure that your electrical goods are supported by the Australian standards. You may need to purchase an adapter to suit our electrical sockets. We recommend that you bring your own laptop or tablet to assist your studies.



Typical Australian

While studying in Port Macquarie we encourage you to bring a variety of warm and cool clothes. The weather can vary and you will need to be prepared. Please visit the ABF website to ensure everything you are bringing into Australia is compliant with our customs regulations. <https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/can-you-bring-it-in>

## 8.13 Staying Safe



Australia, and, the Mid-North Coast of NSW is home to some of the world's best and cleanest beaches, forests and national parks. AIAC hope that whilst you are here studying with us abroad that you get a chance to go 'Walk-about' (exploring). Not only is it good for the body to get out and explore, but it also helps to clear your head and reduce stress.

However, as beautiful as Australia is, it can also be just as dangerous. Australia is home to some of the most dangerous animals in the world! Although Australia boasts the world's deadliest snake, our dangerous animals are not just limited to snakes and spiders, but also include shell-fish, octopus, fish, jelly-fish and of course, the saltwater crocodile (not found in Port Macquarie though!). If that is not bad enough, even some of our plants are trying to hurt you! For more information, check out Australian Geographic - [Dangerous Animals](#) and [Poisonous Plants](#)

### 8.13.1 In the Water

Australians love the water. We are surrounded by oceans and have many rivers, streams, lakes, and dams available to swim and fish in.

Unfortunately, if care is not taken, our waterways can also be a dangerous place to play in. From 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, 291 people drowned in Australian waters. Also, during this time an additional 685 people were submitted to hospital in non-fatal drowning incidents. AIAC want you to have fun at the beach, but you need to ensure that care is taken. When swimming at the beach, look for a beach that is patrolled by Surf Life Savers. You will know if it is patrolled if you see 2 or more red and yellow flags set up on the beach. Swim between these flags only.



Every year almost 50% of beach rescues and at least 21% of drowning deaths are due to rip currents (sometimes called a 'rip'). These are strong currents beginning around the shore that run away from the beach. Being caught in one may feel like you are in a flowing/moving river. Not all rip currents flow directly out to sea. Some may run parallel to the beach before ultimately heading out to sea.

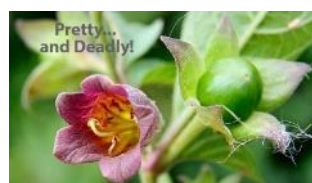
If you find yourself in a rip current, follow these steps:

- Do not panic.
- Do not try and swim against the rip current.
- If you are confident, SWIM PARALLEL TO THE BEACH – often this is towards the breaking waves which can then assist you back to shore.
- If at any time you feel you will be unable to reach the beach, raise your arm and call for assistance while floating to conserve your energy.
- Always stay calm.

### 8.13.2 In the Bush

Aussies also love to go walkabout. Originally from the Aborigine word Were-ma or wokabat, to go 'walk-about' generally means to go on a journey.

Port Macquarie is surrounded by some fantastic bushlands that enable you to go and explore with many hidden treasures like waterfalls, ruins, rainforests, rivers, mountains, and cliffs.



It is very easy to get lost or confused in the bush though so if you plan to go exploring, always ensure that you take plenty of water with you, advise someone of where you are going and when you expect to return, ensure that you wear good shoes and that you conduct research on the area that

you intend to explore. Do not go exploring on your own and keep an eye out for snakes and other animals.

Most flora and fauna in Australia are protected, meaning they cannot be destroyed, harmed, disturbed, or removed. In Most instances, you will not be allowed to start any fires to cook food, particularly in the warmer months. More information on bush safety can be found here: <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety>.

### 8.13.3 In the Sun

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. About two in three Australians will be diagnosed with some form of skin cancer before the age of 70. Skin cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australia. (Source: Cancer Council Australia). Australia's proximity to Antarctica means that the Ozone layer that helps to filter out harmful UV rays is thinner than in other parts of the world (Source: Medical Express). If you plan to be outdoors, follow these simple steps to protect yourself from the hot sun. Even on cloudy days, you can still get sunburned.

- Wear sun-protective clothing
- Apply good quality sunscreen, SPF30+ or higher
- Wear a broad-brimmed hat covering your ears and neck
- Seek shade as much as possible
- Wear Sunglasses.



### 8.13.4 In the Car

It is a legal requirement in Australia that all passengers in a vehicle to wear a seatbelt. It is also illegal to use or even touch a mobile device whilst driving or stopped at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings etc. Heavy fines apply for breaching NSW road laws. When travelling in AIAC buses/vehicles, please remember to use your seatbelt.

### 8.13.5 On Campus

It is a requirement of the school that you will need to wear some Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) whilst studying at AIAC. As part of your uniform, you are required to wear black enclosed shoes, preferably leather upper with a non-slip and oil resistant sole always whilst on any of the campuses.

AIAC will issue you with a Hi-Vis vest that is always to be worn whilst airside, or in a hangar (excluding classrooms). The vest must be returned after graduation. AIAC will also provide international students with protective gloves for refueling etc.

Sunglasses and sunscreen are also recommended for when you are outside or flying so that you do not get sunburnt. Whilst airside, you must always also wear your ASIC. You cannot go airside until you have an ASIC (fines will apply). Whilst airside, you must not enter any restricted areas. Students will be briefed on fueling planes and other safety issues during orientation.

The above applies to all airports that you land at. Life vests will also be required for all flights over water. These will be issued as required. Students who are not wearing the correct PPE and ASIC will be denied entry to all Hangars, classrooms and other AIAC training areas. Note that wearing PPE and following correct WHS procedures are assessed as part of your training.

AIAC has a Safety Manager that is available 24 hours, 7 days a week. If you encounter any issues, contact your SCO or your flight instructor. They will determine if the Safety Manager is required and what action/s need to be taken.


## 8.14 Fishing in NSW

If you enjoy fishing, Port Macquarie offers up plenty of opportunities for you to 'wet a line'. However, as with most things, there are regulations regarding fishing and hefty fines may apply if you disregard these regulations. All persons wishing to fish in NSW waters, both saltwater and fresh, are required to obtain a fishing License. There are also size and 'bag' limits to what you can and cannot keep. Some fish are also protected meaning you are not able to keep them.



Check out <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational> for more information on fishing in NSW.



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## 9 Course Induction and Orientation

On your first day at AIAC you will be greeted and welcomed by the AIAC team. All students will be required to attend a compulsory orientation program. During the induction process students will meet key staff who will be involved in the delivery of their course. At the conclusion of the orientation program, students will be asked to sign a checklist stating that certain aspects were covered in the induction training.

The induction and orientation will take 5 days to complete. For international students, time will be set aside where an AIAC staff member will assist you with anything related to settling into Australia such as:

- Establishing Bank accounts
- Setting up mobile phone accounts
- Understanding the town and its facilities and any other concerns you may have.

### 9.1 Student Portals

You will also be given student login details for the FSM, SharePoint and the AIAC student portal (known simply as the 'Intranet').

## 10 Course Attendance and Progress Monitoring

Students are required to be available for training continuously. Students are required to attend all scheduled training sessions whether in the classroom or in the air. Students will be required to sign in and out of class.

Leaves of absence or interruptions to training at AIAC are to be discouraged but not prohibited. Scheduled holidays during the training period may be applied where there is good reason. Reasons that holiday request can be approved could include but not limited to sick or compassionate leave, significant cultural holiday seasons, religious observances etc. Please note that any leave from college does not extend your Visa requirements or course completion timeframes.

Refer to our ***Student Attendance P&P*** and our ***Student Progress Monitoring P&P*** for more information.

### 10.1 Minimum requirements for satisfactory attendance

The National Code requires Registered Training Organisations to be proactive in warning and assisting students who are at risk of failing to ensure that they meet course progress. Such means would include ensuring that the RTO contacts students and offer tutoring to those students who are at risk of failing to meet the course requirements.

International students should understand that under the ESOS Act, a student must attend at least 80% of the scheduled course hours. It is not to be assumed that if a student attends more than 80% of the course they will be competent to qualify for graduation. Students will only Graduate if their flight and theory performance meets the minimum requirements.

All international students must ensure that they sign into and out of AIAC campus each day. Failure to do so will result in the student being noted as absent for that day.

If an international student is noted absent for (one or more days) without notice, the SCO will make every attempt to contact the student and seek a valid reason for their non-attendance. The student will be requested to attend a formal review with the HOO and to provide documented evidence for the reason of non-attendance. If a student is listed as missing for 3 days or more, this will be considered as a critical incident and the situation will then be referred directly to the HOO and the CO. The DoHA will also need to be notified.


If a student has failed to comply with these policies, their enrolment may be suspended or even cancelled. These incidents will be reported to DoHA which could potentially affect their student Visa and their ability to remain in Australia. All international students will be notified in writing if their enrolment at AIAC has been affected.

### 10.2 Sick and Compassionate Leave

AIAC acknowledges that life is never perfect and that from time to time there may be good reasons for a person's non-attendance at AIAC. If the student is ill for two consecutive days they must produce a medical certificate, and also complete the required Leave Application form. This will not cancel a non-attendance but will provide a reason for it. Sick and Compassionate leave may include:

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- a personal illness, or injury or
- an emergency affecting the member.

If the student is too ill to attend AIAC they must notify their instructor immediately of their intentions. If the student requires an extended period for compassionate leave, they may be required to complete a leave application form and submit this to the CO. The CO in communication with the HOO and appropriate instructors will reply in writing within 5 days of the outcome of the application.

Compassionate leave applies when:

- immediate family, or
- a relative, or
- a member of the student's member's household contracts or develops a personal illness, or sustains a personal injury, that poses a serious threat to his or her life, or:
- the member of the immediate family or household or the relative dies.

Compassionate or compelling circumstances are generally those beyond the control of the student which will have an impact upon the student's course progress or wellbeing. These could include, but are not limited to:

- serious illness or injury, where a medical certificate states that the student was unable to attend classes
- bereavement of close family members such as parents or grandparents
- major political upheaval or natural disaster in the home country requiring emergency travel and this has impacted on the student's studies; or, a traumatic experience which could include:
- involvement in, or witnessing of a serious accident; and
- witnessing or being the victim of a serious crime.

Due to the nature of aviation, the student must take note that their attendance records will not be altered due to compassionate or compelling circumstances. The non-attendance will still apply, and the student will be required to catch up.

All medical, dental or any other personal appointments should be made outside of AIAC requirements. International students may be asked to present a doctor's certificate if their non-attendance extends for more than 2 days. If the student requires counselling or further support to encourage improved attendance, see the **Student Support P&P**.

### 10.3 Annual Leave & Study breaks

Due to the nature of the course students study breaks may be needed to complete remedial training, should this be required flight instructors in consultation with the HOO will determine with the student if this is necessary.

All NSW Public Holidays (excluding Christmas day and Boxing day) are normal study days. This more accurately represents the nature of Aviation and gives the learner the best chance of graduating on time therefore reducing costs of the course.

Leave requests outside of these times will generally be declined except on compassionate or extenuating circumstances. If students intend on travelling, they will be required to inform AIAC of the intended travel details. Any remedial training may need to be done during your study break to help you catch up.

### 10.4 Student Appeals

The student has 20 working days to appeal any decision by the college by following the procedures as outlined in the **Complaints and Appeals Policy**.

## 11 Student Support Services

We understand throughout life different people experience different journeys that may impact their ability to study and study well. AIAC is caring, sympathetic and understanding of these journeys. We want to ensure that each student is adequately cared for in every step whilst on their journey at AIAC. Support is available for Academic or Non-Academic issues.

Please refer to our **Student Support** and **Student Intervention Strategy Procedure & Policies** for more information.

### 11.1 Designated contact (Student Contact Officer)

Your SCO is Damien Murray. The SCO is an AIAC staff member assigned to assist you regarding any issues, questions, or problems you may have. Firstly, all students should try speaking to their designated flight instructor prior to seeking assistance from the SCO.

If your flight instructor is unavailable or unable to assist you, contact the SCO at [rto@aiaccollege.com](mailto:rto@aiaccollege.com) or on 0490 954 329.

### 11.2 Legal Help

Disputes can arise in many areas of life - whether it is a misunderstanding with a neighbour over a fence, a disagreement between you and a family member, conflict in your workplace, or even a dispute over debt. If we are unable to assist you, we recommend contacting the CJC which is a free service (<https://www.cjc.justice.nsw.gov.au>).



### 11.3 Interpreting Service

The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) is an interpreting service provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection for people who do not speak English and for agencies and businesses that need to communicate with their non-English speaking clients.



Fees may apply.

Web: <https://www.tisnational.gov.au> - Phone: 13 14 50

## 12 Health and Wellbeing

Students can access support by simply asking a staff member. If the staff member cannot assist, they will refer you to someone who will endeavour to assist you finding the most appropriate service for you.

Assistance may include:

- GP (Doctor) and medical information
- Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
- Hospital information
- Counselling and Support services
- International Student Care
- Community Justice Centre
- Other emergency contacts and more.



### 12.1 Overseas Student Health Cover

It is a requirement of the DoHA that all international students studying in Australia with a student Visa are covered with Medical Insurance. To fulfil the conditions of the Visa, the student will need to participate in a medical examination by an immigration approved doctor before the Visa will be granted.

For more information, visit <http://www.health.gov.au/> or <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

## 13 AIAC Safety Management

AIAC prides itself on providing a safe flight training environment. AIAC have several safety policies and procedures that govern the way we operate. These include:

- Safety Management System (SMS) including
  - Drug and Alcohol Management Plan (DAMP)
  - Emergency Response Plan (ERP)
- Workplace Health, Safety & Environmental Policy & Procedure
- Critical Incidents Policy & Procedure

The Critical Incidents Policy & Procedure can be found online with our other policies. Students will be introduced to the SMS as part of their orientation. As part of your training at AIAC, you will be required to familiarise yourself with the 142 exposition which contains the SMS.

## 14 Code of Conduct

AIAC practices integrity, openness, and professionalism in all it seeks to achieve.

AIAC therefore expects the same from those who choose to study here. We expect all students to comply with all Australian laws and any intentional decision to break any of these laws could jeopardise students continual learning at AIAC.

Good behaviour is essential for success at AIAC. All students should recognise that any voluntary and or consistent breach of any code of conduct could result in disciplinary action which could possibly affecting their enrolment at AIAC and notification sent to DoHA.

AIAC maintains a zero blood and alcohol policy for all students and employees in all its campuses.

Refer to our **Student Code of Conduct Policy & Procedure** for details. The code of conduct covers:

- |                                |                      |
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| ➤ Uniforms                     | ➤ Social Media       |
| ➤ Alcohol and Drugs            | ➤ Selfies            |
| ➤ Smoking                      | ➤ Mobile phones      |
| ➤ Student obligations          | ➤ Vehicles           |
| ➤ Plagiarism                   | ➤ Misconduct         |
| ➤ Acceptable use of Technology | ➤ Other requirements |



## 15 Personal Information and Privacy Policy

AIAC needs to collect personal and private details of all individuals who choose to study at the college. We are required to have a privacy policy as set out by the Australian Privacy Principles guidelines described in the Privacy Act 1998. Personal Information means any details, opinions or information that might relate to an individual's identity. Refer to our **Personal Information and Privacy policy** for details.

### 15.1 Change of details

All students are required to provide us with an address, emergency contact, phone, and email. The student also has a responsibility to notify us within 7 days if any of these changes. AIAC will also confirm your details every 6 months.

## 16 Unique Student Identifier


The USI is a reference number made up of ten numbers and letters that:

1. Creates a secure online record of your recognised training and qualifications gained in Australia, from all training providers you undertake recognised training with
2. Will give you access to your training records and transcripts
3. Can be accessed online, anytime and anywhere
4. Is free and easy to create and
5. Stays with you for life



### 16.1 Who needs a USI and why?

If you are a new or continuing student undertaking nationally recognised training, you will need a USI to receive your qualification or statement of attainment. If you do not have a USI you will not receive your qualification or statement of attainment. If you have an exemption under the Student Identifiers Act 2014, the results of your training will not be accessible through the Commonwealth and will not appear on any authenticated VET transcript prepared by the Registrar.

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In this case, AIAC will confirm in writing that you wish to proceed with your education without a USI.

## 17 Cancellations, Deferment or Transfer

AIAC hopes that all students who participate in our courses will succeed. However, AIAC reserves the right to cancel or suspend a course because of willful misconduct, poor progress, poor attendance and or compassionate grounds.

Students may also be able to defer, suspend or cancel their enrolment at any time, but only in limited circumstances.

For international students, he or she must understand that cancellation, deferment, or suspension of their enrolment at AIAC could affect their student visa and ability to remain in Australia. **Refer to our Cancel-Defer-Suspend Policy & Procedure.**

### 17.1 Transferring Students

Transferring to or from AIAC can only be permitted under certain circumstances for Overseas students. Refer to our **Transfer Policy & Procedure** for more information.

## 18 Who is CASA?

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) was established on 6 July 1995 as an independent statutory authority. Under section 8 of the, Civil Aviation Act 1988, CASA is a body corporate separate from the Commonwealth.



CASA's primary function is to conduct the safety regulation of civil air operations in Australia and the operation of Australian aircraft overseas. It is also required to provide comprehensive safety education and training programs, cooperate with the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, and administer certain features of Part IVA of the Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959.

## 19 Financial Information

As part of the eligibility criteria to enroll at AIAC, the Finance Manager will confirm that all students can pay for their tuition fees and living expenses whilst enrolled in the applicable courses.

Refer to the [Schedule of Fees & Payment Terms](#) and the **Refunds Policy & Procedure** for information about Tuition fees & Incidental costs related to studying; or for more information on the below items.

### 19.1 Course deposit

The course deposit is a non-refundable part of your tuition fees that must be paid to secure your place in our program. The deposit is used to source your training materials, pilot equipment, PPE, and other items necessary for your training.

### 19.2 Cooling off Period

A student may cancel enrolment without penalty before the course deposit has been paid.

### 19.3 Incidental costs

Incidental costs are costs that may or may not be related to your study but are not tuition fees. Incidentals include things like food, entertainment, medical, uniforms, travel, remedial training, medical certificates etc. These are either paid to AIAC or a third-party and are not refundable by AIAC. The prospective student should understand that any remedial training or re-sitting of exams is not included in your tuition fees and is an extra cost for the student.

### 19.4 Changes to fees


AIAC flight training is affected by several external influences which could cause possible fee fluctuations. For example, external factors such as fuel, government fees and other miscellaneous charges could affect the cost of training.

AIAC reserves the right to pass on fee increases where external factors affect the agreed upon cost of training. The student will be notified in writing 20 working days before any adjustments in fees will be implemented.

### 19.5 Payment Terms

Refer to the [Schedule of Fees & Payment Terms](#).

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## 19.6 Refunds

Whether a student will or will not receive a refund depends on the reason for their request. A Refund application form is available upon request. Refer to the **Refunds Policy & Procedure** for more information.

## 19.7 Protecting Pre-Paid Fees and the Tuition Protection Service

*Note that the following does not apply as AIAC does not collect pre-paid fees in excess of \$1,500. The following is included simply for your information.*

Any fees for self-sponsored students that are paid prior to commencing study that are more than \$1500 are protected in accordance with state regulations.

In the unlikely event that AIAC is unable to deliver your course in full, you will be offered a refund of all the unused fees you have paid to date. The refund will be paid to you within 2 weeks of the day on which the course ceased being provided.

### 19.7.1 The TPS

The Tuition Protection Service (TPS) <https://tps.gov.au> is an initiative of the Australian Government to assist international students whose education providers are unable to fully deliver their course of study.

The TPS ensures that international students can either:

- Complete their studies in another course or with another education provider or
- Receive a refund of their unspent tuition fees.

## 20 Complaints and Appeals

AIAC believes that a person, who has a complaint or appeal, has the right to raise the complaint or appeal and expect that every effort will be made to resolve it in accordance with this policy, and without prejudice or fear of reprisal or victimisation. The person has the right to present the complaint or appeal formally and in writing.

AIAC will manage all complaints and appeals fairly, equitably, and as efficiently as possible and with transparency. AIAC will encourage the parties to approach the complaint or appeal with an open mind, and to resolve problems through discussion and conciliation. All complaints/appeals will be responded to, regardless of who the complaint/appeal is against.

Refer to the **Complaints and Appeals Policies & Procedures** for more information.

## 21 Access and Equity Policy


AIAC values social justice. AIAC is committed to acknowledging and providing for the right of all people to have fair access to the services of society, to be treated in caring and equitable ways, and to live with dignity in an environment free from bias, prejudice and discrimination. All staff at AIAC share the responsibility that our Policy and Procedures are always adhered to.

AIAC is committed to Equal Opportunity and recognises its responsibilities under both state and federal anti-discrimination legislation. To this end we are striving to promote non-discrimination against any person on the grounds of sex, sexual preference, marital status, race, political or religious conviction or age. We are focused to strive to create a harassment free environment and promote equality of opportunity for disadvantaged groups, and bias free communication.

Students who feel that the AIAC Access and Equity Policy has been breached are encouraged to follow the Grievance Policy until the issue is satisfactorily resolved.

Refer to the **Access and Equity Policy & Procedure** for more information.



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## 22 Student Completion Procedures

Upon completion students will be required to complete our student exit procedure. The procedure will address:

1. All financial accounts are settled
2. All college equipment is returned
3. College provided accommodation is left satisfactory
4. Students will be asked to complete a brief feedback survey form
5. All certificates & licenses issued
6. Security Bond will be returned (conditions apply)
7. International students are reminded of their DoHA obligations
8. Student exit checklist to be completed (document no AIAC-RTO-SD-017\_V1)



