

## Under 18 visa holders

At Think Education, we welcome applications by international students who are under 18. You will need to have formal arrangements for a place to stay and your welfare before the Australian Government will process your visa.

We are guided by requirements set out in the ESOS Framework. For more information about studying in Australia when you are under 18, visit the [Australian Department of Home Affairs website](#).

There are two ways to do this:

### 1. Accompanied: Living with parents or family

If you decide to travel and live with parents or relatives in Australia, you must apply to the Department of Home Affairs for approval.

Think Education is not required to issue a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation (CAAW) letter with your electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) and will not accept responsibility for your welfare conditions. You will need to liaise directly with Department of Home Affairs to meet their conditions for your welfare. For more information visit the Department of Home Affairs website.

### 2. Unaccompanied: Think Education accepts responsibility for welfare and accommodation

You may study and live in Australia with Think Education taking responsibility for your welfare arrangements as a condition of your student visa.

You will be required to use Think Education approved service provider companies for your accommodation and welfare arrangements. The Think Education will not approve arrangements with any other service providers or arrangements with family members. All approved providers are expected to meet high standards of service.

Approved providers of welfare and accommodation are regularly added and updated.

Think Education will not enrol international students who are under 16 years of age at their commencement date of their course under any circumstances.

How to apply for your Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) letter

- a. Review of costs/services of Australian Homestay Network Pty Ltd and ISA Guardian and Welfare Services
- b. Sign a contract with Australian Homestay Network Pty Ltd and ISA Guardian and Welfare Services and pay them any necessary fees
- c. Pay Think Education the minimum fee required for tuition (and health cover if you would like us to arrange this for you)
- d. Your service providers will forward the International Team copies of your contracts as evidence that you have engaged their services
- e. When we receive both contracts from your providers for accommodation and welfare, and we receive your minimum payment for tuition from you, we will issue you an eCoE and a CAAW letter
- f. You may then apply for your student visa.

Please note the period of our care will extend up to your 18th birthday only, as this is the minimum requirement of your student visa. You may choose to remain in this welfare agreement and accommodation option with providers beyond the date of your 18th birthday if you so choose.

Think Education approved providers:

**Accommodation: Australian Homestay Network Pty Ltd**

Website: [www.homestaynetwork.org](http://www.homestaynetwork.org)

Email: [sydney@homestaynetwork.org](mailto:sydney@homestaynetwork.org)

Phone: +61 2 9264 0470

Fax: +61 3 9459 8710

**Welfare: ISA Guardian and Welfare Services**

Website: [www.studentguardians.com](http://www.studentguardians.com)

Email: [info@studentguardians.com](mailto:info@studentguardians.com)

Phone: +61 3 9663 2887

Fax: +61 3 86781317

### 3. References

For more information, see Think Education's relevant Policies and Procedure documents:

[International Student under 18 Procedures](#)

[Enrolment and Attendance Policy](#)