

CRICOS Study Load Monitoring Policy

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Regulatory framework

- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011 (Cth).
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Outcome Standards for Registered Training Organisations) Instrument 2025 (effective for RTOs from 1 July 2025).
- Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) (ESOS Act).
- Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2019 (current compilation).
- National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (current compilation F2026C00148, including the 2026 education-agent commission amendment).
- Migration Act 1958 (Cth) and Migration Regulations 1994 (Cth), where student visa or welfare arrangements are relevant.

1. Purpose

To ensure overseas students can complete within the CRICOS-registered duration/CoE period and that changes to study load, online/distance delivery and course duration comply with National Code Standard 8.

2. Monitoring course duration

- Progress and enrolment load must be reviewed during each compulsory study period so students remain able to finish within the CoE duration.
- Course duration may only be extended for compassionate or compelling circumstances, implementation of an intervention strategy for a student at risk, or an approved deferment/suspension under Standard 9.
- Approved duration changes must be recorded and reported through PRISMS as required, and the student must be advised to seek immigration advice about visa impacts.

3. Online and distance delivery

- A CRICOS VET course must not be delivered exclusively by online or distance learning to an overseas student.
- No more than one-third of the units (or equivalent) of a VET course may be delivered online or by distance learning.
- In each compulsory study period, the student must study at least one unit that is not distance/online unless completing the last unit of the course.

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- For ELICOS, online/distance learning must be additional to the approved minimum face-to-face teaching requirements.

4. Reduced load and intervention

A reduced load is not an automatic entitlement and must not be used to circumvent CRICOS duration or visa requirements. Any approved reduction must be supported by a lawful reason, academic/support plan, documented decision and, where relevant, PRISMS action.

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