

Student Leave of Absence Request Form

First name

This form is for a coursework student wishing to apply for Leave of Absence in accordance with AIHE's Enrolment and Withdrawal Procedure. Before completing and submitting this form, please consult the guidelines for Leave of Absence at the end of this document.

If you are an International Student on a student visa you are only permitted to take Leave of Absence on compassionate or compelling grounds, which are supported by documentary evidence. Applicants must complete all sections of this Form and attach any required evidence.

Return this form to:

Family name

Please email a completed copy of this form and any supporting documents to student.assist@aihe.sa.edu.au.

1. STUDENT DETAILS & COURSE INFORMATION

| Student ID | | | Course | | |
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| AIHE email address | | | Contact r | number | |
| 2. LEAVE OF ABSENC | E DETAIL | .s | | | |
| A. Is this a new application for leave? | | ☐ No (please go to Question B) | | ☐ Yes (please go to Question C) | |
| B. What is the period of existing leave? (DD/MM/YYYY) | | From: | То: | | |
| C. Leave of Absence requested from: (Year & study period) | | Year: ☐ Study Period 1 | ···· | | |
| D. I intend to recommence studies in: (Year & study period) | | Year: □ Study Period 1 □ Study Period 2 □ Study Period 3 | | | |
| E. Reason for request | | ☐ Family Commitments | | ☐ Personal | |
| (Please tick ONE box and provide | | ☐ Financial | | ☐ Bereavement | |
| further information in Ques | stion F) | ☐ Serious Illness | | ☐ Parenta | al Leave |
| | | ☐ Overseas Study | | ☐ Other (please specify): | |
| | | □ Travel | | | |

□ Work Commitments



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| F. Please provide more detail about your reason/s for requesting Leave of Abs | sence. | | | |
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| 3. DECLARATION | | | | |
| I have read the Applying for Leave of Absence Guidelines below. I have sought appropriate academic counselling. I understand that I will be withdrawn from all subjects in the study period whilst taking Leave of Absence and withdrawn from all subjects in the subsequent study period. I have provided the required supporting documentation. I understand the consequences of my request for Leave of Absence and accept responsibility to re-enrol by the stipulated re-enrolment deadline. | | | | |
| I also declare that I understand and accept that: | | | | |
| ☐ I have read and understand the details of the Schedule of Fees, Fees and Refunds Policy, and Course Enrolment and Withdrawal Policy and Procedure at https://aihe.sa.edu.au/pages/policy-and-procedure-directory . | | | | |
| $\hfill\square$ At the end of the leave of absence period I am required to enrol in the course | e. | | | |
| \Box I am subject to the policies, fee rates and other arrangements in place at the time I first enrol in my course, i.e. after the leave of absence period. | | | | |
| \Box I may forfeit my place in the course if I fail to enrol by the due date following an approved period of leave of absence. | | | | |
| \Box The course fees and any available fee credits will be held without penalty for 12 months only. | | | | |
| ☐ If I subsequently withdraw after the leave of absence period, the fees refunded will be calculated from the date of receipt of my request for leave of absence in relation to the original commencement date. This includes any non-refundable fees and charges. | | | | |
| Student's Name: | | | | |
| Student's Signature: | Date: | | | |

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Leave of Absence Guidelines

A student may apply for a Leave of Absence (LOA) at any time after enrolment and until the teaching period



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census date. Once Leave of Absence has been approved, the student will be withdrawn from subjects in the study period affected by the leave and withdrawn from subjects in the subsequent study period. The normal rules for early withdrawal then apply, i.e. applications submitted prior to census date will not incur a fee liability.

Where an application has been submitted after the census date but before the last withdrawal date, Leave of Absence may be considered. If approved the student will be withdrawn from subjects in the study period affected by the leave but still incur a fee liability and withdrawn from subjects in the subsequent study period.

- 1. In order to be eligible to apply for a Leave of Absence, you must be currently enrolled in a course of study at AIHE.
- 2. It is your responsibility to investigate the consequences that taking a Leave of Absence might have with any external bodies (for example impact on Centrelink benefits).
- 3. You must obtain appropriate academic counselling before taking a Leave of Absence.
- 4. AIHE may authorise a Leave of Absence for a maximum period of twelve (12) months. Applications for a Leave of Absence longer than 12 months; or more than one application for a total continuous period of more than 12 months, may also be considered by AIHE. (Supporting evidence should be attached where appropriate).
- 5. Leave of Absences cannot be approved if you have outstanding work in the course you are seeking leave from (e.g. unfinished/unmarked assessments or deferred grades) or you have sanctions against your record. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis.
- 6. The Head of School is entitled to specify appropriate conditions for subsequent re-enrolment. Such conditions may include the need to undertake a subject already studied.
- 7. If you do not abide with the conditions of your Leave of Absence, you may be withdrawn from your course. If this is the case then you shall lose all rights and privileges of a continuing student and may be required to re-apply for admission into the course.
- 8. If you are denied a Leave of Absence, or the period of leave requested, you have a right to appeal.
- 9. AIHE may refuse or revoke an approved Leave of Absence, should you provide any information that is false or misleading.

Other Notes

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Applications for Leave of Absence can be accepted up to the census date of the relevant study period in which leave is being requested. Applications submitted after the census date, but before the last withdrawal date, may be considered for approval however the subjects will show as Withdrawn on the student's Academic Transcript and the student will be liable for all fees and charges for the subject/s.

In determining whether the request for leave should be supported/approved, the following issues need to be considered:

- The reason for the application.
- The student's assessed capacity to successfully resume studies and complete the course after the period
 of leave.
- Any past applications for leave and the potential duration that the student will have taken to complete the course (relevance of study for the granting of the award).
- The impact of the absence on the student's capacity to complete the course within ten (10) years.
- That appropriate academic counselling has occurred.

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| Date form received | | Comment/s: | | |
| Leave of Absence approved (Y/N) | | | | |
| Last day to re-enrol | | | | |
| Student notified in writing | | | | |

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