



Australian Government
**Department of Immigration
and Border Protection**

The simplified student visa framework

Key changes for Student Guardians

The simplified student visa framework (SSVF) will commence on 1 July 2016.

The SSVF is designed to make the process of applying for a Student visa and Student Guardian visa simpler to navigate for genuine students, deliver a more targeted approach to immigration integrity and reduce red tape for business.

This factsheet summarises the key changes under the SSVF for Student Guardians.

Changes under the SSVF

There will be two visa subclasses under the new framework: the Student (subclass 500) visa and the Student Guardian (subclass 590) visa.

The eligibility and visa requirements for the Student Guardian (subclass 590) visa will be similar to those of the former Student Guardian (subclass 580) visa.

New Student Guardian (subclass 590) visa

A new Student Guardian (subclass 590) visa will come into effect from 1 July 2016. The subclass 580 visa will be closed for new applications on 30 June 2016.

The Student Guardian visa (subclass 590) is a temporary visa for a person who needs to come to Australia to provide care and support for:

- a student visa holder who is younger than 18 years of age; and
- a student visa holder who is older than 18 years of age and who needs such care and support due to exceptional circumstances.

Lodging visa applications

From 1 July 2016, all Student Guardian visa applications must be lodged online via the Department's website using ImmiAccount.

Financial requirements

Student guardian visa applicants must have sufficient funds to support themselves, the nominating student(s) and any secondary applicants for the duration of their stay in Australia as they are not permitted to work in Australia. The funds must be accessible and available to financially support the applicant in Australia.

Student guardian visa applicants must provide evidence of their financial capacity. They must provide either:

- evidence that their spouse or partner has an annual income of 70,000 or more; or
- evidence of sufficient funds to cover travel costs, and the first 12 months' living costs for themselves and each dependent child included in the application. In some cases, applicants will also be asked to provide evidence of living costs for the nominating student.

More information is available in the factsheet *Key changes to financial capacity requirements* at: [XXX](#)

More information

More information about the Student Guardian visa can be found on the DIBP website at: [xxxx](#)