

This policy applies to all international students of Niche Education Group Pty Ltd (Niche), including all divisions of Niche (Australasian Academy of Cosmetic Dermal Science, Australian College of Beauty Therapy and Australian College of Specialist Make-Up) and all students where a third party service provider undertakes delivery and assessment of training.

Further reference to Niche in this document is to be read to include the above entities as it may apply to your specific enrolment situation.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

All courses offered by the Niche Education Group Pty Ltd (Niche) are taught in English. Niche requires a high level of proficiency in written and oral English.

Students who do not meet the required English proficiency scores are encouraged to undertake further English language study. (See overseas student support services)

## PREREQUISITES

Course	Pre-requisite	IELTS Test Score Required
Advanced Diploma in Cosmetic Dermal Science	No Pre-requisite– completion of Year 12 or mature age entry	6.5
Diploma in Beauty Therapy	No Pre-requisite– completion of Year 10 or mature age entry	5.5
Diploma in Specialist Make up	No Pre-requisite– completion of Year 10 or mature age entry	5.5
Diploma of Remedial Massage	Certificate IV in Massage Practice	5.5
Diploma of Aromatherapy	Certificate IV in Aromatherapy	5.5
Diploma of Reflexology	No pre-requisite – completion of Year 10 or mature age entry	5.5
Certificate IV in Aromatherapy	No pre-requisite– completion of Year 10 or mature age entry	5.5
Certificate IV in Massage Therapy Practice	No Pre-requisite– completion of Year 10 or mature age entry	5.5

## OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

Overseas students studying in Australia must have private health insurance as a condition of a Student Visa. Australia's national health system, Medicare only covers Australian citizens and permanent residents.

Students who intend to bring family members to Australia with them are also expected to provide evidence to the Department of Education and Training (DET) that their OSHC includes these family members.

Niche **does not** arrange for overseas students health cover. It is the student's responsibility to organise their own health cover prior to and for the duration of their stay in Australia. The estimate cost of health care cover for one year is \$498.00. Please note that you must apply for OSHC **before** you apply for your student visa.

Students who are already studying in Australia you will need to inform Niche of their OSHC membership number and the expiry date of their cover. Students will also need to send a photocopy of their membership card to provide evidence that they have cover for the course duration.

OSHC is available in Australia through Medibank Private, [www.medibank.com.au/oshc](http://www.medibank.com.au/oshc) or Australian Health Management Group Limited [www.ahm.com.au/oshc](http://www.ahm.com.au/oshc)

## ATTENDANCE

Where a student fails to satisfy course requirements relating to attendance or academic performance, Niche as a registered provider is required to send a notice informing the student of this to the student's last known residential address. If this address is not up to date, automatic student visa cancellation could occur without the knowledge of the student. Such cancellation may not be revoked if it has occurred where the student has failed to keep Niche informed of their contact details. You must notify Niche within 7 days of any change of address and/or telephone number.

Students holding a student visa are required to study on a full-time basis and complete the course in the minimum time. Niche requires a minimum of 80% attendance of the scheduled contact hours and requires medical certificates for any absences related to illness or bereavement.

## DEFERMENT

Students should note that once they are enrolled, deferment is limited to very exceptional circumstances such as serious illness, or compassionate circumstances beyond the students control and must be evidenced by a doctor's certificate.

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

A student will be in breach of their visa where they have not achieved the academic results that Niche certifies as at least satisfactory. Niche policy on Academic Performance/Monitoring of Course Progress states that students must obtain "**Competency**" in all summative assessments and at least a grade of 60% in all formative assessments. If a student is deemed "**Not Yet Competent**" in any one assessment, they will have one further opportunity to be deemed competent.

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## REFUNDS

Please refer to Niche Student Refund Policy – (International Students) for details of refunds.

## COURSE FEES

It is a requirement of admission to Niche, that overseas students make an initial payment called an administration fee. After enrolment, fee statements will be sent out indicating the balance of fees owing. These fees are payable before the course semester begins. Niche cannot accept course money from the student until the student has signed or otherwise accepted the agreement

## USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Information is collected on various forms and during your enrolment in order to meet our obligations under the ESOS Act and the National Code 2007; to ensure student compliance with the conditions of their visas and their obligations under Australian immigration laws generally. The authority to collect this information is contained in the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, the Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2001 and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007.

Information collected about you on this form and during your enrolment can be provided, in certain circumstances, to the Australian Government and designated authorities and, if relevant, the Tuition Assurance Scheme and the ESOS Assurance Fund Manager. In other instances information collected forms or during your enrolment can be disclosed without your consent where authorised or required by law.

## STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Niche Education Group Pty Ltd does not enrol students under 18 years of age.

“I confirm that I have read and understand these documents. I confirm that the terms and conditions of this offer and conditions of enrolment have been explained to me.”

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name (Niche Officer) \_\_\_\_\_

Niche Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_