Applying for a Student visa (subclass 500) or Student Guardian visa (subclass 590) while in Australia

Step 1: You are in Australia and want to apply for a Student visa or Student Guardian visa. What visa do you currently hold?

A. Temporary visa

e.g. Working Holiday visa, Skills in Demand visa, Training visa, Student visa (as a dependent), See full list here or QR code below.

You must lodge your Student visa or Student Guardian visa application from outside Australia. You must also be outside Australia when the visa is granted.

Subclass 500 Student visa

B. Student visa

Step 2: Does one of these exemption criteria apply to you?

- You need up to 12 more months to complete the main course covered by your current Student visa with the same education provider
- You are applying for a new visa because your education provider has defaulted
- You are sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or Defence
- You are applying to study a PhD degree
- You are applying to undertake primary or secondary school studies
- You have completed your school studies and are progressing to a course that does not have an AQF level
- You have completed your main course and are progressing to further study. This may include moving to a higher AQF level, or from a course without an AQF level to one with an AQF level.

Yes You may be able to lodge another Student visa application while you are in Australia. Before lodging, check the exemption criteria on the Department of Home Affairs website.

No You must lodge your Student visa application from outside Australia. You must also be outside Australia when the visa is granted.

C. Student Guardian visa

You can continue to lodge another Student Guardian visa application while you are in Australia, if you meet the visa requirements.

Important: *This decision tree does not provide a complete summary of all the exemptions that may be available to an individual and makes no recommendations regarding pathways that are appropriate for that individual. Before lodging an application or making study, travel or financial commitments, check the Department of Home Affairs website.*

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