

Date: 30 July 2020

## UPDATE ON KOI OFFSHORE APPLICATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2020 INTAKE

Dear KOI Agent,

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has prompted border closures around the globe. Australia has also closed its borders to all non-citizens and non-residents. However, the Australian Government has made a number of changes to student visa arrangements to ensure that Australia remains a priority destination for international students as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the big changes that may be of interest to you and your students includes:

- The (Australian) Government will recommence granting student visas in all locations lodged outside Australia. This means when borders re-open, students will already have visas and be able to make arrangements to travel.

Source: <https://minister.homeaffairs.gov.au/alantudge/Pages/supporting-international-students-support-australian-jobs.aspx>

The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) has already started granting student visas for offshore applications and this is very encouraging for our agents and students. As a result, KOI will now commence issuing offshore COEs for November 2020 intake and students will be encouraged to apply for their visas.

If travel restrictions are not fully lifted by November 2020 for international students with valid visas, they will be required to enrol for online studies commencing in November 2020 intake with KOI. In this situation, students will be requested to undertake **a minimum of two (2) subjects** in November 2020 intake. Please note that COEs for offshore applications will only be issued if the applicant agrees to the requirements to enrol for online studies in case of international travel restrictions.

Once restrictions are removed, all enrolled students must make necessary travel arrangements to commence face-to-face studies with KOI in Australia. Any arrangements relating to self-isolation as advised by the Australian Government, are to be managed by the student.

### Student Declaration

I have read and understand all of the above conditions. I also agree to the requirement to enrol for online studies in case of international travel restrictions for November 2020 intake.

Full Student Name	<input type="text"/>	Applicant ID	<input type="text"/>
Student Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

**Note:** This letter is to be submitted prior to requesting a COE for November 2020.