



Overseas Student Health Cover Policy

1 PURPOSE

All overseas students are required by law to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) prior to VISA approval. Students are to obtain this cover prior to entry into Australia and are to be covered from the day they arrive until the end of the issued Visa.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to all Students who are making application to, or commencing study with OPIE.

Exceptions: You do not need OSHC if you are:

- a Norwegian student covered by the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme
- a Swedish student covered by the National Board of Student Aid or by Kammarkollegiet
- a Belgian student covered under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with Australia.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

As a condition of the student VISA, the Australian Government requires the student to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

OPIE is able to provide OSHC through BUPA, and will provide the associated fees and charges on the Letter of Offer, or (administration fee may apply).

The student is free to arrange OSHC themselves. Students will not be able to obtain a valid Student VISA, if they do not have proof of OSHC.

3.1 OPIE ARRANGED HEALTH COVER

As part of the Application for Enrolment students are required to indicate whether they require OPIE to provide OSHC. If OPIE is to arrange cover, the associated fees will be listed on the Letter of Offer and must be paid at the time of acceptance.

Failure to pay the required fee may affect the Confirmation of Enrolment provided by OPIE as well as your Student VISA application.

3.2 STUDENT ARRANGED HEALTH COVER

As part of the Application for Enrolment students are required to indicate whether they will arrange their own OSHC cover. If the student is to arrange cover, they are required to provide OPIE with all details in order to validate a Confirmation of Enrolment.

Failure to obtain OSHC may result in your Student VISA application being denied.