

#### OVERSEAS STUDENTS OMBUDSMAN

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## **Overseas Students Ombudsman**

#### Here to help if you need it!







# Who are we and what do we do?

| Commonwealth Ombudsman |             |                    |     |                    |                      |                   |                         |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Defence<br>Force       | Immigration | Law<br>Enforcement | ACT | Postal<br>Industry | Overseas<br>students | Private<br>Health | VET<br>student<br>loans |

The Overseas Students Ombudsman is a part of the Commonwealth Ombudsman's office.

We help students and education providers to resolve disputes about:

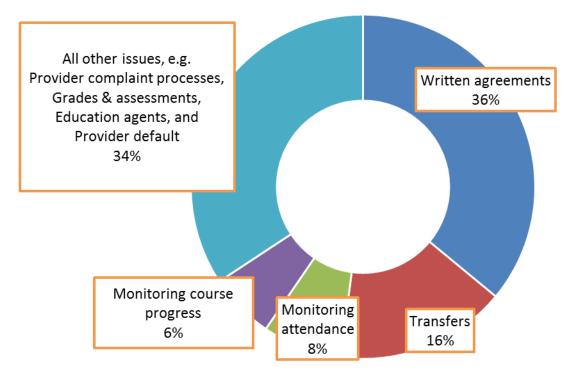
- Enrolment
- Fees and refunds
- Course progress, attendance, deferrals and transfers
- Other decisions affecting your study

Because the Commonwealth Ombudsman is also the Immigration Ombudsman and the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman, our office can also help with disputes concerning **VISAS** and **HEALTH INSURANCE** 



# What do students complain about mostly?

Common complaint issues





# What do you need to know?

- FREE to students studying with registered Private Education providers in Australia
- Try to resolve your dispute with the education provider first





Providers are required to have a compliant complaint/appeals process and to give students information about this process





# What if my problems is not about my education provider?

| Other issue regarding:                   | Help is available through              | Where to find out more    |  |  |
|--|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| Public education provider                | Victorian Ombudsman<br>(state)         | ombudsman.vic.gov.au      |  |  |
| Employment                               | Fair Work Ombudsman                    | fairwork.gov.au           |  |  |
| Discrimination                           | Australian Human Rights<br>Commission  | humanrights.gov.au        |  |  |
| Housing                                  | Consumer Affairs Victoria              | consumer.vic.gov.au       |  |  |
| Legal, welfare and advocacy              | Study Melbourne Student<br>Centre      | studymelbourne.vic.gov.au |  |  |
| Quality of<br>training and<br>assessment | Australian Skills Quality<br>Authority | asqa.gov.au               |  |  |



### How to find us

Your education provider will provide you with information



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#### Thank you and we hope you enjoy your studies



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