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# Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Framework - Snapshot

## ESOS

- The [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Act 2000](#) sets out the legal framework governing delivery of education to overseas students studying in Australia.
- The University classifies the ESOS Act as a Tier 1 piece of legislation.
- ESOS only applies to students on an Australian [Student Visa](#) enrolled in an onshore program.
- ESOS is consumer protection legislation that establishes and maintains nationally consistent standards, with the aim to promote quality education.
- The [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency](#) (TEQSA) regulates ESOS.
- Only [CRICOS](#) registered programs at a CRICOS registered provider can be offered to international students studying under a student visa.
- All CRICOS registered programs must be available full-time and not be offered exclusively in an external mode.
- The University's CRICOS number (00123M) must be displayed on all promotional materials (including electronic) used to invite international students to study at the University.

## The National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018

- The [National Code](#) supports the ESOS framework through the establishment of the standards that CRICOS registered providers must adhere to.
- There are 2 parts to the National Code, A & B. Part B contains 11 standards that providers must meet in their interactions with international students. The University is required to be able to evidence compliance with all parts.

## COVID-19

Information contained in this snapshot relates to standard ESOS requirements and does not apply to ESOS responses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) have released [regulatory information](#) relating to obligations to students impacted by travel restrictions, exclusion periods and on-line learning.

More information for staff can be found at <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/learning/educational-compliance/esos-cricos-elicos/>

Questions regarding ESOS and the National Code can be directed to LQS via [lqscompliance@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:lqscompliance@adelaide.edu.au).

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