

***ADMISSION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTION VISA (TPV) HOLDERS***

***APPROVED AT COUNCIL MEETING 16 APRIL 2007***

***RESOLVED CO07/08***

***That Council approves*** that the UNSW Policy on Applicants Residing in Australia under Temporary Protection Visas be reinstated until 2011, or until such time as TPVs no longer exist. [File. 2003/1772]

***UNSW Policy on Applicants Residing in Australia  
Under Temporary Protection Visas***

Applicants holding Temporary Protection Visas (TPV) are not Permanent Residents of Australia and are considered to be International Students. Commonwealth funds may not be used to provide educational resources for them and the provisions of the HECS scheme cannot be accessed by them. Australian Universities receive no Commonwealth funding for enrolled students who are TPV holders.

UNSW will provide up to 5 funded places each year for TPV holders for entry to an undergraduate or postgraduate program based on academic merit. This policy will apply for entry in 2004 and 2005; this policy will be reviewed in 2005, and a revised policy may apply for entry in 2006.

UNSW policy relating to this group concerns admission requirements, fees, and post-entry support.

***Admission Requirements***

Applicants holding TPV should apply for admission to the University in one of the following ways:

1. Lodge an application directly to UNSW if:
  - applying for an undergraduate program and not sitting a Year 12 examination in Australia;
  - applying for a postgraduate program
  
2. Lodge an application with the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) if:
  - sitting a Year 12 examination in Australia

Applicants holding TPV will be selected on academic merit in the same way as other international applicants. In addition, applicants holding TPV will be given concessional entry similar to that given to refugees who are Permanent Residents of Australia and

who apply for entry through the ACCESS Scheme if applying for an undergraduate program; if applying for a postgraduate program, then they will be given concessional entry following evaluation of relevant academic materials and an interview by UNSW.

### ***Fees***

Applicants holding TPV are not eligible for HECS places at Australian Universities. They are liable for International Student Fees. Any waiver of such fees is considered “valuable consideration” by the Commonwealth, and will lead to the loss of the Special Benefit provided by Centrelink.

Up to 5 TPV holders enrolled at UNSW will be given a waiver of International Student Fees. Funded places will be awarded on academic merit. Funded TPV holders will be given a living allowance equivalent to the Special Benefit being received at the time of entry to UNSW plus \$3,000. [By way of illustration, currently for someone over the age of 18 living away from home, this would equate to \$8,060 + \$3,000 = \$11,060.]

TPV holders who subsequently become Permanent Residents of Australia will be required to re-enrol as local students. They will then be eligible to access the provisions of the HECS scheme and will cease to be funded under the arrangements of this policy.

### ***Post-Entry Support***

Support given to TPV holders enrolled at UNSW will be the same as that given to other UNSW students in general and international students in particular.

In addition, however, TPV holders enrolled at UNSW will be given support similar to that offered to ACCESS students through the Equity and Diversity Unit, and will be provided assistance through a mentoring scheme.