

International Students

Attendance Requirements and Medical Certificates

Attendance Policy Reminder

It is a condition of your visa that you maintain :

- a) satisfactory attendance and
- b) achieve satisfactory academic results

Attendance policy is no less than 80% attendance to all classes (or greater if the course module dictates). Please refer to the International Student Handbook for full policy.

Can a medical certificate excuse me from missing class?

No. An absence supported by a medical certificate is still counted towards the student's total absences when calculating attendance.

This means a medical certificate does **not** provide you an exemption for missing class or a class credit.

This means if a student is sick and absent for a period of more that 20% of the course, a medical certificate does not necessarily mean the student can continue with the original program of studies.

What happens if I am sick and miss more than 80% of classes?

A medical certificate does **not** provide you an exemption for missing class or a class credit.

If a student is absent more than 80% of class attendance and the College cannot support the student making up this missed course work, then in most cases, the College will have to report this non-attendance to DIAC.

The College will note on this non-attendance report to DIAC that to continue with the course of studies the student will have to repeat course modules or subjects and this will require an extension to the original visa.

DIAC will then determine if this visa extension is possible (not the College).

Keep your medical certificates for DIAC

The College strongly recommends you keep you medical certificates to support any requests for visa extensions with DIAC.