

## Genuine Student (GS) assessment

Information and checklist for applicants

### Genuine Student (GS) requirement assessment form

La Trobe University is requesting this information to support La Trobe University's obligation to undertake a GS requirement assessment. It is important to understand that while La Trobe University will undertake a GS requirement assessment, this is not indicative of a student visa grant. The Department of Home Affairs determines if a visa application will be granted. The advice below was provided by the Department of Home Affairs on the department website (which has been in effect since 23rd March 2024).

#### Advice from the Department of Home Affairs

Answers must be written in English, with 150 words per question.

- Along with the responses included in the application form, the applicant must attach supporting documents to their ImmiAccount.
- Generic statements unsupported by evidence are not given significant weight in the GS assessment. This means it is important to provide evidence to support a claim made by the applicant.
- DHA considers an applicant's overall personal circumstances when we assess whether they are a genuine student.

### SECTION 1 – PERSONAL DETAILS

<b>Family Name</b>	<b>Given Names</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>La Trobe Student Number (if known)</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Course name</b>	<b>Intake (Semester, year)</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Name of current agent (if any)</b>	<b>Country of citizenship</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### SECTION 2 – QUESTIONNAIRE

No.	Questions	Yes	No	Comments - If you answer "Yes" to any question, please provide details in the comment box
<b>2.1 Personal circumstances and travel history</b>				
1.	Do you have citizenship in more than one country? If yes, please list the countries.			
2.	Have you ever traveled internationally? If yes, include the countries and years visited in the comment box			



3.	Are you married or in a domestic relationship?			
4.	If yes, are you planning to travel to Australia with your spouse/de facto partner and/or dependents (if any)?			
5.	Have you or your accompanying family members had visa rejection(s) from any country? If yes, please list the countries and dates of rejection in the comment box and ensure to include the rejection letters in your application.			
6.	Are you or your accompanying family members currently awaiting a decision on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A migration visa for any country (including Australia)</li><li>• Any other visa (including student visa) for any country (including Australia)</li></ul> If yes, please list the countries and visa subclasses			
7.	Have you or your accompanying family members breached the conditions of any visa held at any time to enter Australia or any other country? If yes, please provide details.			
8.	Have you or your accompanying family members been refused entry into any country or deported from any country? If yes, please list the countries, the dates, and the circumstances.			
9.	Have you or your accompanying family members been convicted of any crime or offense in any country or are awaiting legal action? If yes, please provide details.			
<b>2.2 Circumstances in Australia</b>				
10.	Do you or your accompanying family members hold or ever had an Australian visa? If yes, provide the visa type, subclass, visa grant date, and expiry date.			
11.	Will you be under 18 years old at the time of your travel to Australia? If yes, do you have the necessary approvals and arrangements in place for your travel to Australia? Please specify. You can find more information on the <a href="#">Department of Home Affairs website</a>			
12.	Do you have relatives living in Australia? If yes, please provide the following details: Name, city, residency status (visa type), relationship to you, and occupation.			



Name	City	Residency Status (visa type)	Relationship to you	Occupation

### SECTION 3 – STUDY PLAN

Answer the following questions.

1. Give details of your current circumstances. This includes ties to family, community, employment, and economic circumstances.

2. Why do you want to study at La Trobe University? Explain your understanding of the requirements of the course and living in Australia. If you are applying to study in a discipline different from your academic background, please explain.



3. Explain how the course will benefit you and help you to achieve your future goals.

4. Give details of any other relevant information you would like to include. E.g. If you have a gap in study of more than 6 months, please explain.

5. If you have already studied in Australia and you have not finished your course or transferred providers, please explain your circumstances OR if you are holding a visa other than a student visa, please provide a reason for applying for a student visa.

## SECTION 4 – APPLICANT DECLARATION

Questions	Yes	No
I have read the La Trobe course guide and information about my course of interest, and I am familiar with the course structure, duration, subjects, and intended learning outcomes.		
I am fully aware of the campus location of my intended course; this includes the distance and the travel requirements from my intended accommodation.		
I am aware of the total cost of tuition, living expenses, OSHC, and other associated costs to undertake study in Australia for myself and accompanying dependents (if any).		
I have access to sufficient funds to support myself and my accompanying dependents (if any) for the total period of my visa.		
I understand that La Trobe University will not be able to fund my studies if at any time I or my scholarship provider/sponsor are unable to pay the required tuition fees and associated expenses for the duration of my stay in Australia.		
I am aware that I am required to obtain a student visa, and I must abide by all its conditions while studying in Australia including but not limited to maintaining contact information, a valid OSHC, work restrictions, maintaining satisfactory academic performance and attendance.		
I understand that my visa application may be rejected if the Department of Home Affairs is not satisfied that I am a genuine student or if I do not meet the health, character, or financial checks.		
I understand La Trobe University's genuine student assessment is independent of the assessment undertaken by the Department of Home Affairs in determining my eligibility for a visa.		
I acknowledge that I may be required to provide additional documentation to confirm any of my statements in this declaration.		

By signing this, I declare that the information and supporting documentation provided are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Entering your full name exactly below signifies you are completing this form using an electronic signature. By signing electronically, you are certifying that you have read and understand the information contained in this form.

**Signature of applicant (E-Signature is accepted)**  
**Parent of legal guardian (for applicants under 18 years old)**

**Date Signed.**

## SECTION 5 – AGENT DECLARATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AGENT, IF APPLICABLE)

1. I am satisfied to the best of my knowledge that the applicant is a genuine student who intends to complete the course/s applied for at the University and meets genuine student requirements.
2. I have sighted and verified identification documentation and can confirm the identity of the applicant is true and correct.
3. I commit to verifying all documents supplied by the applicant in support of this application once I have access to their application in the La Trobe University's International Application System online portal. If I determine any fraudulent content, I will report it to La Trobe University.
4. I have provided the applicant with relevant information to enable them to make an informed decision about studying at the university and their chosen course.



5. I have informed the applicant of the conditions attached to a student visa and their obligation to have sufficient funds to pay for all associated study costs and all living and travel expenses for themselves and any dependent/s traveling to Australia for the entire duration of their stay.
6. By signing this form, I am confirming that I have discussed this with the student and agreed on the declarations above.
7. By typing your full name exactly below, signifies you are completing this form using an electronic signature. By signing electronically, you are certifying that you have read and understand the disclosures/consent and agree to electronically sign. You also agree to receive required disclosures or other communications related to this application electronically.

**Agency Name**

**Date Signed.**

**Name of Counsellor**

**Signature of Counsellor**