

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/095) - Student Visas - Programme 2.3: Visas

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11. What percentage of student visas have been revoked for failing attendance levels at Australian universities—
 - a. during the 12 months until 31 December 2016?
 - b. during the 12 months until 31 December 2015?
 - c. during the 12 months until 31 December 2014?
12. What percentage of student visas have been revoked for failing attendance levels at Australian educational institutions other than universities—
 - a. during the 12 months until 31 December 2016?
 - b. during the 12 months until 31 December 2015?
 - c. during the 12 months until 31 December 2014?
13. What percentage of student visas have been revoked for working hours infringements—
 - a. during the 12 months until 31 December 2016?
 - b. during the 12 months until 31 December 2015?
 - c. during the 12 months until 31 December 2014?
14. What percentage of student visas have been revoked for reasons other than failing attendance levels at Australian educational institutions or working hours infringements—
 - a. during the 12 months until 31 December 2016?
 - b. during the 12 months until 31 December 2015?
 - c. during the 12 months until 31 December 2014?
15. What is the level of completion for international students taking courses in Australian educational institutions?

Answer:

Visa condition 8202 of Schedule 8 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations) is a mandatory condition imposed on all primary student visa holders. This condition broadly covers enrolment, with 8202(2)(c)(ii) specifically requiring students to achieve “satisfactory course attendance”.

The following table provides percentages of student visa cancellations, as a total of all student visa cancellations, made under section 116(1)(b) for breach of condition 8202.

Student visa cancellations (breach of course attendance conditions) as percentage of overall student visa cancellations			
Educational Sector	2014	2015	2016
Higher education or post graduate research sectors	16%	6%	14%
All other sectors	8%	2%	3%

Visa conditions 8104 and 8105 of Schedule 8 of the Regulations are mandatorily imposed on secondary and primary student visa holders respectively. Amongst other things, they impose a limit of 40 hours of work that those visa holders can undertake in a given fortnight (subject to certain exceptions).

The following table provides percentages of student visa cancellations, as a total of all student visa cancellations, made under section 116(1)(b) for breach of conditions 8104 and 8105.

Student visa cancellations (breach of work hours conditions) as percentage of overall student visa cancellations			
Ground	2014	2015	2016
s116(1)(b) breach of condition - 8104	<1%	<1%	<1%
s116(1)(b) breach of condition - 8105	<1%	<1%	<1%

The following table provides percentages of student visa cancellations, as a total of all student visa cancellations, made for breaches of other visa conditions.

Other student visa cancellations as percentage of overall student visa cancellations		
2014	2015	2016
75%	92%	83%

The Department does not hold statistics about completion rates of international students taking courses in Australian educational institutions.