

Evidence of **Academic Suitability** and **Citizenship** when applying for a VET Student Loan

Evidence of Academic Suitability

To be eligible for a VET Student Loan, you must be assessed as being academically suitable to undertake your course. You can meet this requirement through one of the following ways:

1. Provide a copy of your Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (Year 12 certificate) as awarded by an Australian State or Territory OR
2. Provide a copy of a Vocational Education Qualification certificate issued for completion of a Certificate IV qualification or higher and that was delivered in English OR
3. Complete the Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and attain an Australian Core Skills Framework Exit Level 3 result or higher for literacy and numeracy. Most students will have taken the LLN test as part of your interview. If you scored below exit level 3 and do not have either of the first two requirements, you will be invited to re-sit the LLN.

Evidence of Citizenship

Australian Citizens

You can demonstrate your Australian Citizenship with a current Australian Passport. However, if you don't have one, the evidence required may differ depending on whether you were:

- born overseas
- born in Australia before 20 August 1986
- born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986.

Applicants born overseas and acquired Australian citizenship by application

Applicants will need to provide one of the following documents:

- a current Australian passport OR
- an Australian citizenship certificate OR

Applicants born in Australia before 20 August 1986

Applicants will need to provide one of the following documents as evidence of their Australian citizenship:

- a current Australian passport OR
- a full Australian birth certificate An exception to this is where the applicant's parents were in Australia as diplomats or consular officers at the time of the applicant's birth. In these circumstances, the applicant will need to provide a citizenship certificate as evidence that they are an Australian citizen.

Applicant was born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986

Applicants will need to provide one of the following documents as evidence of their Australian citizenship.

When at least one parent was an Australian citizen at the time of the applicant's birth and born before 20 August 1986:

- a current Australian passport OR
- a full Australian birth certificate.

When at least one parent was an Australian citizen at the time of the applicant's birth and born on or after 20 August 1986:

- a current Australian passport OR
- a full Australian birth certificate AND one parent's full Australian birth certificate or parent's citizenship certificate.

When at least one parent was a permanent resident of Australia at the time of the applicant's birth:

- a current Australian passport OR
- an Australian citizenship certificate.

When neither parent was an Australian citizen nor an Australian permanent resident but the applicant spent the first 10 years of their life in Australia:

- a current Australian passport OR
- an Australian citizenship certificate.

If you cannot provide any of the above you should apply for your own evidence of Australian citizenship through the [Department of Home Affairs](#).

Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder

- Permanent humanitarian visa VEVO

Pacific Engagement Visa Holder (PEV)

- Copy of your Pacific Engagement visa VEVO

First Nations applicants not registered at birth by the relevant state/territory authority

Applicants in these circumstances without a current Australian passport may submit a Statutory Declaration Form - citizenship - First Nations student - birth not registered.

Note: The Statutory Declaration has been pre-populated and must only be used by applicants to whom these circumstances apply. The Statutory Declaration must be witnessed by a person included in the List of Occupations or the List of Persons provided in the template on the department's website. Statutory Declarations are not acceptable forms of proof of Australian citizenship for any applicants other than First Nations people whose birth was not registered by the relevant state/territory authority.

New Zealand Citizen

To be eligible for VSL, you will have:

- to be a New Zealand citizen who holds a Special Category Visa (SCV); and
- first entered Australia as a dependent minor aged under 18 years; and
- been residing in Australia for the previous 10 years (that is, you have been present in Australia for at least 8 out of the past 10 years) at the time of application for the loan; and
- been residing in Australia for the past 18 months out of the last 2 years at the time of application for the loan.

You will need to provide the following:

- Copy of your current New Zealand passport
- Copy of your current Visa (SCV subclass 444)
- An up-to-date copy of your [international movement records](#) (that includes details during the last ten years) from the Department of Home Affairs.

If you require any further information in relation to citizenship requirements for VET Student loans, please email Student.Loans@angliss.edu.au