

COVID-19: What does it mean for students?

New students:

- All students are provided with a free and automatic 6-month extension on enrolment (total 18 months).
- We strongly recommend students attend our free and live webinars held each week (Fridays) and keep in contact with their trainer on a regular basis.
- Students can complete all theory assessments in preparation for their placement (although most schools are now allowing placements to resume).
- If you have a school in mind, speak with your contact(s) as soon as possible to tentatively book a placement start date and to prevent delays when you are ready to do your placement. Keep in regular contact with the school and put your name down for relief work once enrolled.
- Class size has been limited to 16 places and all students are able to attend virtual classes and webinars at no cost.

Placement:

- Most schools have allowed practicum students to return. Speak with your school (principal, deputy, registrar) for the latest advice. The decision to allow work placements to return is with the school and the classroom teacher meaning some schools are allowing placements while others are not.
- In this climate, the easiest way to organise a placement is to speak with your contacts (friends, friends of friends, children's teacher etc.) about placement opportunities. Your trainer can assist and provide support as usual.
- Speak with schools about a tentative placement booking for Term 4 or next year, as soon as possible. This gives you a date to aim for and helps to ensure a place will be available when you are ready to begin. As training providers and universities have delayed placements since March, there will be more competition for places due to the back-log. In other words, get in early and plan your approach.
- Don't forget to consider high schools and special needs schools because fewer people apply).

If you have any questions, please contact your trainer for the latest advice.

Happy training!

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