

Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

Newsletter March 2008

Kia ora koutou

Greetings Colleagues

This is our first Code of Practice Newsletter of the New Year. We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing summer break and are refreshed for the year ahead.

The Code Office is already receiving your calls and emails with Code queries and we are encouraged by your commitment to meeting the needs of your International Students. We look forward to working with you this year to promote even better pastoral care standards across all education sectors.

The Code of Practice Team.

Code Workshops

Code Workshops are being held across the country during March and April. Please contact the appropriate regional organisation to register.

Regional Group	Contact Person	Date of workshop
Education Christchurch & Canterbury	Trish Leddy, phone: 03 378 0091 Email: trish.leddy@cdc.org.nz	Friday 14th March 2008
Education Wellington	Guy Pascoe, phone: 04 494 2565 Email: guy@pwb.co.nz	Thursday 3rd April
International Education Manawatu	Richard Forgie, phone: 06 350 1830 Email: richard@visionmanawatu.org.nz	Thursday 27th March
Education Dunedin	Sue Radcliffe, phone: 03 476 7100 MOB: 021 271 2110 Email: education.dunedin@xtra.co.nz	Monday 10th March
Waikato Education International	Lester Finch, phone: 07 858 5690 Email: lfinch@waikato.ac.nz Geoff Mitchell, phone: 07 855 2185 Email: geoff.mitchell@clear.net.nz	Thursday 20th March
Study Auckland - CBD	Esther Somers, phone: 09 979 7043 Email: somerse@aucklandnz.com	Monday 10th March
Study Auckland - CBD	Esther Somers, phone: 09 979 7043 Email: somerse@aucklandnz.com	Tuesday 11th March
Study Auckland - Warkworth	Esther Somers, phone: 09 979 7043 Email: somerse@aucklandnz.com	Thursday 13th March



Code Review

The Ministry wants your feedback on the review of the Code of Practice to help guide any changes to the Code, to inform policy development, ensure providers can clearly understand and comply with their obligations under the Code, and strengthen our communication with providers. Your feedback is required by 28 March 2008.

Copies of the discussion document, Review of the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students, and the feedback form are available to download from the Ministry of Education website at the following links: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/index.cfm?ID=12429> (a direct link) or www.minedu.govt.nz/goto/international (you need to scroll to the bottom of the page).

The discussion document and feedback form are only available in electronic form, consequently no hardcopy or printed documents were posted to schools or Code signatories. If you have trouble accessing the website links please email, code.feedback@minedu.govt.nz or telephone Deborah Tennyson on 04 463 7098 and alternative arrangements can be made.

We welcome feedback on the discussion document and any other aspects of the Code any time between now and when the consultation period for the Code review finishes, on 28 March 2008.

Once the submission period ends on 28 March 2008 and all the submissions have been collated the Ministry will report on them to the Minister of Education. The revised Code will be gazetted before implementation. The sector will have a period of up to six months to adjust to any significant Code changes, should this be required.

Immigration Advisers Act

You may have heard that The Immigration Advisers Authority has been set up to license Immigration Advisers according to the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007.

Please note that:

- This is a separate authority within the Immigration Department
- Anyone giving immigration advice will need a licence (unless exempt)
- Education sector exemption. People **offshore** who advise on **student visa** and **permit applications** only

Any inquiries at all regarding this Act and Authority should be directed to:

The Immigration Advisers Authority:

- (A) PO Box 6222
Wellesley Street, Auckland
- (W) www.iaa.govt.nz
- (T) NZ Freephone 0508 IAA IAA (0508 422 422)

FAQ

Q. "I have received an enquiry from an international student who wishes to study at my school. How do I know if they are eligible to enrol as a domestic or an international? If they are classified as domestic, what evidence do I need before I enrol them?"

A. **Education Circular 2007/1 updated** defines Eligibility for Enrolment in New Zealand Schools. This relates to schools only and not to other education providers. The circular gives clear definitions of international and domestic status and also the evidence required for enrolment purposes if the student is classified as domestic. You can download the circular from the MoE website. Go to: www.minedu.govt.nz and type "Education Circular 2007/1 updated" into the Search field.

If you have a question that you think may be useful to others, please send us an email at: info.code@minedu.govt.nz and we will publish the question and answer in our next newsletter.

Immigration Contact (All Areas)

Please direct your student permit queries to: Linda Funnell:

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