

## **Statement of Purpose (SOP) for students who are applying for their first visa**

SOP was introduced since the commencement of the Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF) in 2016. All students seeking to enrol in any VET or Higher Education courses are now required to prepare and submit a Statement of Purpose (SOP) along with their visa application.

The purpose of the SOP is to demonstrate that you as a potential student meet the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs's Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirements.

Students who cannot demonstrate that they meet the GTE requirements will be unlikely to be successful with their visa application.

Note that your SOP is an important part of the student visa application process and the information written in the SOP must also be included in the Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) section of the student visa application portal. Students should either copy and paste the information they have written into this section or add a note stating that the visa office should 'refer to the Statement of Purpose document included with the application'. SOP must be written by the student (not by student agent or a family member) and should match the student's current English ability.

Your SOP will need supporting documents to substantiate all your claims. For example, students who are undertaking study for the purpose of getting a new promotion in your current job after returning to your home country, then you will need to submit the job offer letter from your existing work to support this claim.

### **Guideline for writing your Statement of Purpose**

Generally, your SOP shall have the below information:

**A brief section about yourself including your family members, parents and siblings' details. Include financial or economic circumstances in your home country.**

*Detail family composition, number of dependents (if any), family income, family employment details, assets (such as investments, property, businesses etc.) and liabilities (mortgages, bank loans etc.).*

#### **Your academic background**

*Detail your academic background clearly including the courses you have completed previously; detail the percentage of marks you have achieved and how they are related to your chosen course.*

#### **Reason for study or work gaps longer than 6 months**

*Detail explanation and attach documentary evidence to support your claims. Clearly outline WHY you have had study/work gaps and how these are related to your chosen future course.*

### **Reason for not studying further in your home country**

*Research well and detail explanation and attach documentary/statistical evidence to support your reasons. Include in a separate paragraph WHY you have chosen Australia for your educational destination. If you have incomplete qualification in your home country, outline why you want to complete the qualification in Australia. Provide details what kind of institute in your country you might have applied for, and provide evidence how you have conducted research.*

### **Course and education institute listed in the application**

*Detail why you have chosen this course (e.g. Bachelor of Electrical Engineering) and why you have chosen this institute (e.g. Sapience College). Do research about your chosen course and relate how this is related to your previous academic or professional background, and/or how this is related to your future career objectives. Also research well about the institute and provide details of why you have chosen this one among others.*

### **Career plan after completing your course in Australia**

*Detail your future career plans after completing this course; e.g. further study or going back to work in your own country. Relevance of the course to your family business, previous professional background, future job opportunity etc.*

### **Reason for going back to your home country**

*Detail WHY you need to get back home immediately after finishing your course. Outline how it shall help your own career objectives, family related issues, helping your country etc.*

- You should provide specific details on how you conducted your research.

### **Details of planned living arrangements in Australia**

*Detail any details of any partner/spouse, children, siblings, relatives or friends who are in Australia, especially if you intend to stay with any of the above during your study in Australia.*

### **Student visa conditions**

*Detail here your understanding of student visa (sub class 500) conditions. Outline what you are allowed to do and what you won't be allowed to do; e.g. attendance, passing all subjects, limited working conditions of 20 per week etc.*