

# **PROCEDURE**

Policy Name	INTERNATIONAL AGENT RECRUITMENT & MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE		
Policy Number	G017 – PR (Governance)		
Purpose	<ul> <li>The purpose of this procedure is to outline the Institute's approach to:</li> <li>Recruiting and training high quality international education agents</li> <li>Monitoring and managing international education agents</li> <li>Clearly specifying agent roles and responsibilities</li> <li>The process for terminating international education agents.</li> </ul>		
Scope	This procedure includes the recruitment, management, and termination of all international education agents by Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia's marketing team, across campuses and for all CRICOS registered courses offered by the Institute.		
Procedure	<ul> <li>This procedure applies to and requires actions by the following:</li> <li>Whitehouse marketing staff</li> <li>Educational agents.</li> <li>Whitehouse Recruiting and Training Agents:</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Agents interested in wishing to apply to represent the Institute as approved Agents shall contact the marketing team in writing.</li> <li>The marketing team may issue the prospective Agent with an Agency Application</li> <li>The Institute will refer the Agent to the government's online training program at <a href="https://www.icef.com/academy/courses/education-agent-training-course-eatc/">https://www.icef.com/academy/courses/education-agent-training-course-eatc/</a></li> </ul>		
	Whitehouse Monitoring Agents:		
	<ul> <li>Performance monitoring includes but is not limited to:         <ul> <li>Visits to Agents offices and face to face meetings where practicable</li> <li>Telephone/online meetings</li> <li>Documented notes form agent meetings</li> <li>Agent reports</li> <li>Feedback from students recruited by the Agent</li> <li>Surveys of students/parents of students recruited by the Agent</li> <li>Surveys of Agents</li> <li>Observations from education fairs / showcases</li> <li>Quality of students recruited (completion rates, statistics regarding students reported to DIAC etc) Conversion rates of offer letters to CoEs</li> <li>Government or industry body advice/reports.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If issues of concern about an Agent's performance are identified throughout the year</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>It issues of concern about an Agent's performance are identified throughout the year the Institute will immediately act to remedy the situation through further training as if required a written warning</li> <li>Annual reviews will require summarising all data on an agent for the academic year and writing a report with a recommendation for the Executive Director on the agent performance.</li> </ul>		

#### **Termination of Agency Agreements:**

- As a result of breach of the agreement, the Institute may terminate the agreement by notifying the agent in writing. The Agent needs to respond in writing to the notification within 14 working days after being given notice and request the breach to be resolved.
- In the case of a serious breach, such as but not limited to being engaged in false or misleading advertising, unethical practices, or breach of the The National Code 2018 the Agreement can be canceled without prior notice.
- In the case of receiving a notification of termination of an agreement the agent should:
  - Submit all applications and fees received from prospective students up until the notice of termination, and
  - Immediately stop all advertising and other marketing of the Institute and return all material to the Institute by registered mail or reputable international freight company
- Agents interested in representing the Institute should contact the Marketing Manager expressing their interest in writing
- Agents should advise the institute's marketing staff if stocks of marketing materials are low.

## Relevant Legislation

- Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS)
- Privacy Act (Cwlth) 1988
- <u>Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018</u> (The National Code)
- The Migration Act 1958
- The Migration Regulations 1994

### Key Related Documents

Code of Conduct

Access and Equity Policy and Procedure

Privacy Policy and Procedure

Whitehouse Website

**Education Agent Application** 

Agent Reference Agreement Template

**Education Agent Certificate Template** 

## Keywords

Advertising, marketing, CRICOS Code, brochures, website, social media, international marketing, education agent, recruitment, overseas student

#### **Definitions**

**Agents:** Individuals/organisations, either in Australia or overseas, whose primary business is to recruit students into an educational institution for which they are a paid a commission for successful placement.

CRICOS: Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students

**ESOS Act**: Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 of the Commonwealth of Australia

**ESOS Regulations:** Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 of the Commonwealth of Australia

	<b>The National Code:</b> National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018	
	<b>Prospective Student:</b> A person who intends to become, or who has taken any steps towards becoming, a student and 'overseas Student' or 'intending overseas student' as defined by the ESOS Act 2000.	
	<b>Student</b> : A person who holds an Australian Student Visa is an 'overseas Student' as defined by the ESOS Act 2000	
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Approval Authority/ Authorities	Board of Governors	
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Documents superseded by this Procedure	001 – 008 – The implementation of the latest version of this policy supersedes all previous versions of this Policy.	
Amendment History	<ul> <li>Minor edit and update of text, various sections</li> <li>Checked and updated the links.</li> <li>02/2019</li> <li>Update procedure to reference The National Code 2018, replacing all National Code 2007 references.</li> <li>07/2018</li> <li>Rebranding &amp; Changed Formatting – Header &amp; Footer</li> <li>06/2013</li> <li>Approved</li> <li>12/2012</li> <li>Changed formatting – including procedure and policy in one document.</li> <li>Minor adjustments and inclusions to policy wording.</li> <li>09/2012</li> <li>Approved by Board.</li> </ul>	

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