Overseas Student Health Cover Policy

1 PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to ensure that FIT Education provides current and comprehensive advice to prospective overseas students about Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) prior to VISA approval.

This policy has been developed to satisfy the requirements of The National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018, known as 'the National Code 2018'

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to all Students who are making application to, or commencing study with FIT Education.

Exceptions: OSHC is not required if the student is:

- a Norwegian student covered by the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme
- a Swedish student covered by the National Board of Student Aid or by Kammarkollegiet
- a Belgian student covered under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with Australia.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

As a condition of the student VISA, the Australian Government requires the student to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their student visa for themselves and any family members covered under a student visa dependent visa, such as spouses and dependent children under 18 years old.

The OSHC must be continuous (i.e. the cover must not have any gaps).

FIT Education will ensure that prospective overseas students are aware of the importance of not entering Australia before their health insurance has begun as they will be in breach of their VISA.

Students are to obtain this cover prior to entry into Australia. The overseas student is required to:

a) Arrange OHSC prior to submitting an application to study at FIT Education
b) provide FIT Education with details of their OHSC in order to validate a Confirmation of Enrolment.

Failure to obtain OSHC may result in the Student VISA application being denied.

4 RESPONSIBILITIES

CEO of FIT Education has responsibility for development, review, monitoring, evaluation, implementation and approval of all FIT Education Policies.

5 RELATED LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

- * The National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018, known as 'the National Code 2018' Standard 10
- Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2025
- Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2001
- Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000

6 Related Policies and Procedures

- Engagement Prior to Enrolment Policy
- Formalisation of Enrolment and Written Agreement Policy