

20th May 2020

Re: International Student Emergency Relief Fund

The Victorian Government recently announced a \$45 million fund to **support international students in Victoria facing hardship as a result of the coronavirus** (COVID-19) pandemic.

The International Student Emergency Relief Fund will provide a payment of up to A\$1,100 for international students who have lost their job or had a significant reduction to their employment and are facing financial hardship as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Who is eligible for the International Student Emergency Relief Fund?

To be eligible to apply to the International Student Emergency Relief Fund (Stream Two), you must meet all the following eligibility criteria:

1. You are an international student enrolled in a private tertiary education provider in Victoria, and you were enrolled on or before 16 March 2020.
2. You are an international student who has a current student visa that expires after 30 June 2020.
3. You are an international student who currently resides in Victoria, Australia and is presently physically located in Victoria.
4. You were employed in Victoria in March 2020, and have experienced exceptional circumstances of financial hardship due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and those circumstances of hardship arise from:
 - a significant reduction in hours of employment **OR**
 - loss of employment due to a business shutdown **AND**

- you are unable to supplement lost income from other sources of financial support

Being a student of Blue Lotus College, you will be eligible for the emergency relief fund of up to \$1,100 from the Victorian Government if you meet all the above criteria. [list of eligible private education providers and colleges in Victoria.](#)

Please click on the link below to apply if you have not applied for this funding yet:

<https://businessvic.secure.force.com/PublicForm?id=iserfaf2020#no-back-button>

Further information about the program can be accessed via Study Melbourne's Website:

<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/news-updates/international-student-emergency-relief-fund/private-training-providers>

Please contact Student Service, should you need further information in relation to the above.