

### WHAT IS SVP?

SVP stands for Streamlined Visa Processing.

Under SVP arrangements, eligible student visa applicants are assessed as a lower immigration risk, regardless of their country of origin, and will generally have reduced evidentiary requirements when applying for a student visa.

For more general SVP information visit the [Department of Immigration and Border Protection website](#)

### WHEN WILL TAFE NSW SVP START?

SVP will be applied to eligible students who receive an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) for a TAFE NSW vocational Advanced Diploma or Bachelor degree and apply for a student visa on or after 23 November 2014.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR TAFE NSW SVP?

SVP is for TAFE NSW Advanced Diploma and Bachelor degree courses only.

Students must complete the TAFE NSW International Student application, and complete a TAFE NSW SVP form.

Applicants will be assessed on course entry requirements such as academic requirements, English language, essay or portfolio requirements and on the answers in the SVP Form. Students must meet TAFE NSW SVP requirements in order to receive a full offer letter.

For [information on how to apply](#), visit our website.

### WHICH TAFE NSW COURSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SVP?

SVP applies to TAFE NSW Advanced Diploma and Bachelor degree courses as well as TAFE Diploma pathways to a TAFE NSW Advanced Diploma or Bachelor degree.

For a [list of Advanced Diploma and Bachelor degrees](#) TAFE NSW offer, visit our website.

### WHICH COURSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SVP?

TAFE NSW Associate Degree, Certificate, Diploma and ELICOS courses are not eligible for SVP, unless they are an approved package leading to an eligible TAFE NSW Advanced Diploma or Bachelor degree course.

(eg: ELICOS (EAP) + Bachelor Degree or TAFE Diploma + Bachelor Degree or Certificate 4 + Diploma + Advanced Diploma)

### CAN I APPLY FOR A DIPLOMA COURSE UNDER THE SVP ARRANGEMENTS?

Yes, many Advanced Diplomas can be packaged with Certificate or Diploma courses.

Some of the TAFE NSW Bachelor degree courses also have a pathway from a TAFE Diploma to a TAFE NSW degree course, some with credit.

### HOW CAN I SHOW MY ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEVEL MEETS THE ENGLISH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR A TAFE NSW ADVANCED DIPLOMA OR DEGREE?

The English language entry requirements for TAFE NSW degrees are:

- > Academic IELTS 6.5 (with no band score less than 6.0)
- > TOEFL (iBT) 79
- > PTE Academic 58
- > TAFE NSW – Certificate 4 in English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- > Successful completion of an EAP course at a recognised SVP English provider

The English language entry requirements for TAFE NSW vocational courses are:

- > Academic IELTS 5.5
- > TOEFL iBT 46
- > PTE Academic 42
- > TAFE NSW Certificate 3 in Advanced English for Further Studies
- > Successful completion of an Academic English course at a recognised SVP English provider

Students who do not meet these requirements can apply for an ELICOS + SVP package at a TAFE NSW English Language Centre.

To be assessed for ELICOS study, students must sit an assessment in a TAFE NSW approved agent's office. The outcome provides an estimated number of weeks of English language study, to be completed at a TAFE NSW English Language Centre or education business partner ELC.

### CAN I PACKAGE MY TAFE NSW ADVANCED DIPLOMA OR DEGREE WITH ANOTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROVIDER?

TAFE NSW has nominated four English language colleges as educational business partners. Students can package an approved Academic English course at these colleges with a TAFE NSW SVP course. Contact the ELICOS College for an assessment of your English level.

## **I ALREADY HAVE AN OFFER FOR A TAFE NSW ADVANCED DIPLOMA OR BACHELOR COURSE - CAN I APPLY FOR SVP?**

Yes, you must complete the TAFE NSW SVP form and be approved; you will also need to lodge your student visa on or after 23 November 2014. If you are from an Assessment Level 3 country and applying for a visa from outside Australia, you must apply through a TAFE NSW approved agent. This may also apply to other identified AL2 countries.

You can search for [TAFE NSW approved agents](#) on our website.

## **ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR SVP?**

No, there are no additional costs for students who apply to TAFE NSW for SVP.

If an SVP course is packaged with a vocational course then a prepaid non-refundable fee of \$4,500 will apply towards the SVP course fees.

## **IF I HAVE BEEN REFUSED A STUDENT VISA PREVIOUSLY CAN I APPLY FOR TAFE NSW SVP?**

You can apply for TAFE NSW SVP, however you will need to provide details on the reasons for your visa refusal and your individual circumstances will be assessed before a decision is made.

## **WHAT IS GTE?**

GTE are the Genuine Temporary Entrant requirements against which student visa applicants are measured to ensure that they intend to stay in Australia temporarily (for the duration of their studies).

For more general GTE information visit the [Department of Immigration and Border Protection website](#).

## **HOW LONG WILL MY SVP APPLICATION TAKE?**

5-10 working days - if all documents are provided and you meet all entry requirements. If your course has additional requirements it may take longer to assess your application.

## **HOW DOES TAFE NSW SVP DIFFER FROM UNIVERSITY SVP?**

SVP is the same for TAFE NSW and for a university. Education providers may have slightly different processes for students; however the SVP will be considered the same by the Australian High Commission or Department of Immigration and Border Protection office processing the student visa.

## **AM I ELIGIBLE FOR PSWR AFTER COMPLETING A TAFE NSW DEGREE?**

Yes you are eligible to apply for PSWR after completion of your degree.

For more general PSWR information visit the [Department of Immigration and Border Protection website](#).

## **DOES PSWR APPLY TO A TAFE NSW ADVANCED DIPLOMA?**

No, PSWR applies to Bachelor degrees.

## **DO I HAVE TO APPLY THROUGH AN AGENT?**

SVP applicants from AL3 and some AL2 countries applying from outside Australia must apply through a TAFE NSW approved agent.

You can search for [TAFE NSW approved agents](#) on our website.

## **CAN I CHANGE COURSES OR PROVIDERS IF I HOLD A STREAMLINED VISA?**

If you were granted a student visa under the SVP arrangements, you must remain enrolled in an SVP eligible program of the same subclass with an education provider participating in the arrangements.

If you change visa subclass you may be in breach of your current student visa conditions.

For further information visit the [Department of Immigration and Border Protection website](#).

## **HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

New Enquiries - contact our Customer Service Team: [isc@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:isc@tafensw.edu.au)

Current students/ applicants - contact TAFE Admissions Team: [intadmissions@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:intadmissions@tafensw.edu.au)