



Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances

Policy

In order for a student to establish compassionate and compelling circumstances they must provide proof of these circumstances. The evidence will be reviewed and a decision made at the discretion of Carrick.

Definition

Compassionate or compelling circumstances are generally those beyond the control of the student, when they have an impact on the student's course progress or wellbeing. These could include however are not limited to:

- i. serious medical condition or injury which requires hospitalisation or impairs mobility (general illnesses such as cold, flu, aches and pains will not be considered as grounds for compassionate or compelling circumstances);
- ii. bereavement of close family members such as parents, grandparents, siblings and children;
- iii. major political unrest or natural disaster that impacts the student and requires immediate travel;
- iv. a traumatic experience which could include but is not limited to:
 - involvement in or witnessing of an accident; or
 - a crime committed against the student; or
 - the student being a witness to a crime and this has impacted on the student;
- v. the wedding of the student, or the students parent(s) or sibling(s) by birth;
- vi. the situation where a student is required to re-sit a unit or units that Carrick is not offering at the time of the resit and which results in an extension of the student's course duration. This situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Guidelines

- 1.0 Medical certificates provided as evidence must:
 - a. be issued by a medical practitioner registered with the state/territory medical board;
 - b. state that the student has a 'medical condition and is unfit for class';
 - c. state the length of time the student will be unfit for class; and
 - d. include the doctor's contact details.

- 2.0 Death certificates provided as evidence must be certified and translated into English at the student's expense.
- 3.0 Evidence of major political unrest or a natural disaster must be within reasonable proximity to the students' family and may be investigated by Carrick.
- 4.0 Evidence of a traumatic experience must include a police report or psychologists' report/letter or a report/letter issued by a suitably qualified professional.
 - 4.1. The psychologist report/letter must:
 - a. be issued by a state/territory registered psychologist
 - b. include the psychologist's contact details
- 5.0 Weddings will be considered in the case where it is the wedding of the student, or the student's parent(s) or sibling(s) by birth.
 - 5.1. Evidence of the wedding must include a copy of the invitation and documentary evidence, where the wedding is not the student's, of the relationship of the student to the person being wedded.

Related Policies

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EL 18 English Language International Student Attendance Policy

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CHESMP 35 Deferral Suspension and Cancellation

Policy Locations

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