

Statement of Purpose Questions (SOP)

This document must be included in your application. It will be assessed by the Rural Medical Education Australia (RuralMedEd) admissions team against the Genuine Temporary Entrant criteria.

Please prepare your responses as a separate document. Ensure you address each criterion as fully as possible and in your own words. Do not simply copy and paste information from our website. Your SOP should be a maximum of 2 pages.

1. Introduce yourself with your full name, date of birth, nationality and where you are currently living. Briefly describe your current circumstances (e.g. are you currently working, studying, travelling etc.). What program are you applying for and what city/campus?
2. Provide brief details of your education history – from Year 10 and 12 equivalent qualifications to your highest qualification. Please mention any highlights or academic achievements; or explain any circumstances where your grade results were affected.
3. If applicable, describe your employment history including the name of the company, job title and the duration of each job you have held. Attach a brief CV/resume to your application and any employer references.
4. Please explain reasons for any major gaps in your studies and/or employment history. **Note:** any gaps of more than 12 months must be explained even if this was for family reasons, travelling, or other commitments.
5. Describe what led you to choose to study in Queensland, Australia and why you chose TAFE Queensland instead of another education provider. Be specific about your reasons for wanting to live in the city where you will be studying.
6. Are there similar programs available in your home country and if so what led you to seek education overseas in Australia?
7. Tell us about your career goals and what kind of employment opportunities you are

- anticipating when you return to your home country. This could include information about recent economic developments and international opportunities. Please outline your salary expectations, promotion opportunities, professional or business development as a result of your studies, providing links to job postings or employer letters as evidence where possible.
8. Describe any other compelling reasons for returning to your home country once you successfully complete your studies in Australia (e.g. family, work commitments, etc.)
 9. If you already have a post-secondary qualification, discuss how a TAFE Queensland course will complement your previous study and /or experience. If there is no link, explain why you are seeking a change of discipline and therefore a career change. **Note:** major career changes need to be carefully explained.
 10. If you have dependents (spouse and children), please provide their names and age. Also indicate if they plan to accompany you or join you later or remain in your home country whilst you study in Australia.
 11. If applicable, detail any previous travel to Australia and any instances of a visa rejection for Australia or any other country. In which case, please provide a brief explanation and visa refusal decision record.
 12. Please describe how your studies and living costs will be funded. **Note:** You may be required to prove that you have sufficient funds to support yourself (and any dependents) during your first year of studies in Australia.
 13. Your SOP must end with the following statement:

I declare that the particulars given above are true and correct. I understand that incorrect or incomplete statements may result in my application not being accepted.

The following questions are applicable to applicants currently in Australia on a student visa or who have previously studied in Australia. Please ensure that you address all the questions:

- 14.** Please provide a brief history of your time in Australia including any and all enrolments you've held, attach related COE(s), and provide any academic transcript(s).
- 15.** Are you transferring from another provider and if so, why? Please provide transcripts for study undertaken. If you have already left your current enrolment, what was your last date of attendance, and what have you been doing since you last studied?
- 16.** If you are studying at another provider and are failing, have you tried engaging with learning support at the provider? Please provide details regarding this including evidence that you have engaged with learning support.
- 17.** Have you ever been cancelled or excluded from another provider? If so please provide further information. Please also confirm

whether you have ever been reported to the Department of Home Affairs for progression or attendance related issues.

- 18.** Please outline your employment expectations, specifically remuneration upon return to your home country/third country. Please include information such as job postings and/or market research with your SOP to support your expected return on investment.
- 19.** Please list all visas that you have ever held in Australia and the period that you held them. Include copies of the visas with your SOP.