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# Information for Students Affected by Sanctions

## What are Sanctions?

Sanctions are measures not involving the use of armed force imposed in situations of international concern.

There are two types of sanctions under Australian law:

- **United Nations Security Council (UNSC) sanctions** – sanctions that the Australian Government is legally obliged to implement as a result of UNSC decisions to maintain or restore international peace and security; and
- **Australian autonomous sanctions** – sanctions that the Australian Government chooses to implement as a foreign policy response to situations of international concern.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is the Australian Government's sanctions regulator.

Detailed information on sanctions regimes and their implementation under Australian law can be found on the DFAT website: [http://www.dfat.gov.au/un/unsc\\_sanctions/index.html](http://www.dfat.gov.au/un/unsc_sanctions/index.html)

## Can I continue my studies or enrol in study in Australia?

Whilst Australian education providers are autonomous, all Australian institutions are obliged to comply with sanctions law and regulations.

There is no basis in sanctions that the Australian Government implements for any Australian university or training provider to impose a blanket ban on the enrolment of students from any country.

Sanctions that Australia implements in relation to Iran and Syria prohibit, among other things, the provision of technical advice, assistance or training if it assists with the manufacture or use of "export sanctioned goods". This means that an Australian university may be prohibited from providing education services to a research student in fields that are relevant to those sanctioned goods.



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Determining whether an Australian university is prohibited from allowing a particular course of study to students affected by the sanctions requires a case-by-base consideration of each student's proposed research.

## Who can I talk to about my situation?

Your university or educational institution will need to consider your situation on a case-by-case basis.

The best person to speak to is the student adviser at your institution. Contact your University International Office for direction to your student advisor.

If you are studying at a Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institution please contact the International Student Officer or the Student Administration Office within your institution for assistance.

For further information about how to contact your University International Office, please see: <http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/page/462/about-us/committees---contacts/key-contacts/international-offices>