

A53 – LEAVE OF ABSENCE (INTERNATIONAL)

This form is for VET, ELICOS, offshore, undergraduate and postgraduate (excluding research) international students. If you are a research student, please complete the [a52 leave of absence \(research\)](#) form instead.

Please read the information and instructions below carefully before you complete the details. The completed application must be submitted via the email option in [ASKVU \(askvu.vu.edu.au\)](#). From the dropdown menu, please select Enrolments > Leave of Absence. Sydney students must submit their application in person at the Student Services Centre. All applications must be accompanied by relevant official evidence to support your claim on the grounds of compassionate and compelling circumstances.

For detailed information, please see [vu.edu.au/leave-of-absence](#). You may seek advice from [International Student Support](#) before applying for a leave of absence.

Leave of absence restrictions

- A leave of absence may only be granted if you have accepted or confirmed your course (ie. currently enrolled).
- Applications must be in writing on this form.
- Until the leave of absence is approved, students must maintain their enrolment and pay all fees by the due dates.
- Your enrolment will lapse if you go on an unauthorised leave of absence. International students who go on an unauthorised leave of absence will breach their student visa conditions, will be cancelled due to inactivity and will have their Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) terminated.
- Your application must be approved by the Enrolments team.
- The supporting documentation for compassionate/compelling circumstances must be from an independent authority or source, and clearly indicate what the compassionate/compelling circumstances were, when they occurred, how long they lasted (or are expected to last), and the level of impact the circumstances have had (or are likely to have) on your studies.

Acceptable reasons and evidence may include, but are not limited to:	Evidence
Serious illness or injury (diagnosed).	Detailed medical certificate outlining the severity of illness and plan for recovery.
Death of a close family member (parent, sibling, spouse or child).	Death certificate.
Involvement in a traumatic experience (being the victim of a crime or the witness of a serious incident).	Police report.
Political upheaval or natural disaster in one's home country requiring emergency travel.	Notification from the Department of Foreign Affairs, or other official evidence and airline ticket.
Unavailability of pre-requisite units due to unusual course structure or provider default.	College email confirming unusual course structure or provider default.
Military service in home country.	Official notice from the home government department managing conscription.
An academic progress decision resulting in an intervention strategy.	Academic action plan and recommendation from a Student Advisor.

Refund of fees (onshore students only)

If you are eligible for a refund, please allow four to six weeks for processing. Your refund cheque will be sent to your preferred mailing address. Please ensure your contact details are correct or update your address online through [MyVU \(myvu.edu.au\)](#).

Students should refer to the University refund policy, which is available from Victoria University International (VUI). You must submit your completed refund application form to VUI. Please visit [ASKVU \(askvu.vu.edu.au\)](#) for more details about refunds.

If you are completing a hard copy of this form, please write in **BLOCK LETTERS** using a black or blue pen.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Student ID Family name

Given names Date of birth

Are you a sponsored student? Yes (please provide the name of your sponsor below) No

Sponsor name

Please note: If your address changes during your leave of absence period, please ensure that you update your details online using MyVU.

2. COURSE DETAILS

What VU course are you currently enrolled in?

Course title Course code

Campus Study year Study level

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Personal statement outlining reason for leave of absence:

Please provide the duration of your leave of absence:

Commencing study period Returning study period

4. STUDENT DECLARATION

- I declare the above information provided by me is true and completed in full.
- I have obtained College recommendation and have attached all supporting documentation.
- I have read the Privacy Policy and I agree to abide by the regulations and policies of VU.

Signature	Date
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OFFICE USE ONLY**College recommendation (College staff to complete)**Name Title Comments Will the duration of the course be impacted? Yes No Student expected course end date Study plan provided? Yes No**Signature****Date****Enrolments approval (approving officer to complete)**Is the application approved? Yes NoReason Name Phone **Signature****Date****Student admin processing**Received by (where) Date Name Comments **Signature****Date****PRIVACY STATEMENT**

Victoria University (VU) values your privacy and is committed to handling your personal information in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and other applicable privacy legislation. The personal information collected on this form will be used primarily for the purposes of assessing and processing this application. VU may also use and disclose your personal information to verify the information provided by you, to comply with government and other reporting requirements and/or to carry out associated activities connected with this application. Your personal information may also be disclosed to Commonwealth and State agencies such as the departments of education and the Department of Home Affairs in accordance with VU's obligations under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) (ESOS Act), the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (National Code) and other applicable legislation. Your personal information will not otherwise be used or disclosed without your consent, unless permitted by law. By completing and submitting this application, you agree to VU collecting, using and disclosing your personal information as described above and in accordance with VU's Privacy Policy and Student Information Privacy Collection Statement (which provides further detail about the types of personal information VU may collect from you and how it is managed) available on the Privacy page on our website vu.edu.au/privacy

You have a right to access your personal information held by VU. If you have any questions regarding privacy, please refer to the [Privacy page](#) on our website, our frequently asked questions at [ASKVU](#) or phone us on 9919 6100 or 1300 VIC UNI (or 1300 842 864).

PRIVACY INFORMATION: We collect and protect your personal information in accordance with our Privacy Policy vu.edu.au/privacy.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, you can access **ASKVU** (askvu.vu.edu.au), speak to us via live chat or call us on **+61 3 9919 6100**.

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City Flinders
City King

City Queen
Footscray Nicholson

Footscray Park
Sunshine

St Albans
Werribee