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Dear Ms Sinha *Akshita*

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 July 2026 regarding the visa application charge increase for the Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

The Australian Government recognises the important contribution the international education sector makes to Australia, the Australian economy and international relations. The Government remains committed to maintaining a sustainable, high-quality international education sector underpinned by strong integrity settings.

Visa application charges are set by the Government and periodically reviewed to ensure they are aligned with broader visa policy considerations and Government priorities. On 1 July 2026, the Government applied a range of visa application charge increases across most visa subclasses with some exceptions. This included a 25 per cent visa application charge increase for Temporary Graduate visa applications. Additional revenue from visa application charge increases will support the 2026-27 Budget measures and other Government priorities.

As mentioned in my letter from 16 April 2026, Australia's post-study work arrangements for international graduates remain generous when compared with many international counterparts. Temporary Graduate visa holders benefit from unlimited work rights. There is also no requirement for graduates to work in sectors linked to their qualification or be sponsored by an employer in Australia. Family members of Temporary Graduate visa applicants and holders can apply and be granted a visa as secondary applicants, with work and study rights.

Australia has historically had higher visa costs for international students and graduates compared with other like countries; it has remained competitive in attracting students and retaining graduates due to its world class education offerings and the attractiveness of the Australian lifestyle.

The Government will continue to monitor the impact of the visa application charge increase and other amendments to Student and Temporary Graduate visa setting on the international education sector to ensure they continue to facilitate its sustainable growth and quality.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely



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