Course Progress Monitoring Policy and Procedure

1. Purpose

This Policy and Procedure provides the framework for the monitoring of the Course Progress & attendance requirements of Students enrolled in a course at Contempo College, as required under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, and contained in the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students, 2018 (National Code).

2. Related Documents

- Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure
- Refund and Cancellation Policy and Procedure
- International Student Handbook
- Trainer Guide
- Intervention Invitation Letter
- Intervention Strategy Form
- Individual Training Plan
- Student Statement Form
- Intervention Policy and Procedure

3. Related Legislation

Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018

4. Scope

- 4.1 This Policy and Procedure applies to:
 - 4.1.1 The management of students enrolled and studying with Contempo College, and
 - 4.1.2 Staff and Trainers employed with or on behalf of Contempo College .

5. Responsibility

- 5.1. The Student Support Officer of Contempo College has the overall responsibility for the management and monitoring of Contempo College students' course progress and participation, and
- 5.2. The Contempo College Student Support Services has been delegated with the responsibility for overseeing the operational management of the Contempo College strategies and practices for the monitoring of student course progress and the Contempo College intervention strategies and practice, and
- 5.3. The Contempo College Student Support Services is delegated with the responsibilities for overseeing and managing the daily operations and practices of Contempo College students' services staff in administering Contempo College student's progress and intervention strategies in accordance with the current Contempo College Policies and Procedures.

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6. Definitions

CoE	Confirmation of Enrolment. A CoE is required to be issued to all International
	students wishing to study in Australia on a Student Study Visa.
Compassionate or	Circumstances generally beyond the control of the student which will affect the
Compelling Circumstances	student's course progress or wellbeing.
DoHA	The Department of Home Affairs, which includes responsibility for immigration
	matters.
ESOS Act	The Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000. Commonwealth of Australia
	Legislation.
Intervention Strategy	A plan to assist students who have been identified as being at risk of not completing
	their course of study in the registered duration allocated for them to complete their
	studies, and:
	• I s designed to assist a student in managing their studies successfully and
	maintaining satisfactory course progress;
	 can consist of various components depending upon a student's individual
	circumstances, needs and willingness to engage with the strategy;
	 aims to assist identified students get their studies on track and complete
	within the registered duration of the course or provide useful strategies to
	assist the student in developing a new and more appropriate study plan to
	complete their program.
International Student	A student studying in Australia on a student study visa.
National Code 2018	The National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas
	Students 2018, established pursuant to Part 4 of the ESOS Act 2000.
Principal Course	The principal course refers to the main course of study to be undertaken by the
	International student where a student visa has been issued. The principal course of
	study is typically the final course of study where the international student is granted
	a student visa to study multiple courses in Australia.
PRISMS	Provider Registration and International Students Management System: The
	Australian Government database that provides Australian education providers with
	Confirmation of Enrolment facilities required for compliance with the ESOS Act
	2000.
Risk of Unsatisfactory	A student is considered "at risk" of unsatisfactory course progress when the student
Course Progress	has failed to maintain satisfactory course progress for the first time.
Satisfactory Course	Students must complete each unit of competency required for their course of study
Progress	within a specified scheduled timeframe.
Unsatisfactory Course	The continued failure to successfully complete or demonstrate competency in at
Progress	least 50% or more of their scheduled unit/s of competence or scheduled assessment
	requirements for each course study Term (each Term = 10 weeks).

7. Policy Provisions

7.1. This policy details the requirements of Satisfactory Course Progress and the process for the monitoring each student's Course Progress, and the actions required where students are identified as being at risk of and/or having Unsatisfactory Course Progress.

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- 7.2. The National Code requires providers to have documented policies and processes for monitoring and assessing International student's course progress & participation including:
 - 7.2.1. requirements for achieving satisfactory course progress, including policies that promote and uphold
 - 7.2.2. the academic integrity of the registered course and meet the training package requirements where applicable
 - 7.2.3. processes to address misconduct and allegations of misconduct.
 - 7.2.4. processes for recording and assessing course progress requirements.
 - 7.2.5. processes for recording course participation of minimum 20 scheduled contact hours per week.
 - 7.2.6. processes to identify overseas students at risk of unsatisfactory course progress
 - 7.2.7. details of the registered provider's intervention strategy to assist overseas students at risk of unsatisfactory course progress.
 - 7.2.8. processes for determining the point at which the overseas student has failed to meet satisfactory course progress.
- 7.3. Where the provider has assessed a student as not meeting satisfactory course progress requirements, the provider must issue the student a written notice as soon as practicable which:
 - 7.3.1. notifies the student that the provider intends to report the student for unsatisfactory course progress
 - 7.3.2. informs the student of the reasons for the intention to report and advises the student of their right to access the providers complaints and appeals process within 20 working days.

7.4. Course Progress

SATISFACTORY COURSE PROGRESS is achieved when:

7.4.1. A student has successfully achieved more than 50% of their scheduled units of competence or scheduled assessment activities during each study period (study period = 1 Term/10 weeks).

UNSATISFACTORY COURSE PROGRESS is when:

- 7.4.2. A student has NOT successfully achieved more than 50% of their scheduled units of competence or scheduled assessment activities in two (2) or more study periods (study period = 1 Term/10 weeks).
- 7.5. This includes where a student has a Not Yet Competent or Did Not Attend Result and/or a Not Satisfactory or Did Not Submit assessment outcome for one or more assessments due.

7.6 Monitoring Course Progress

Within four (weeks) from the end of each Study Period (Term/10 weeks), student scheduled assessment results and/or outcomes for the preceding study period are to be reviewed with action taken as follows:

- 7.6.1. Where a student is identified as NOT having successfully achieved more than 50% of their scheduled assessment results and/or outcomes, in the FIRST instance will require the Contempo College Intervention Strategy to be implemented, and
- 7.6.2. Where a student is identified as NOT having successfully achieved more than 50% of their scheduled assessment results and/or outcomes, in two (2) or more study periods is to be issued with a Notice of Intent to Report for unsatisfactory course progress.

7.7 <u>Intervention Strategy</u>

An Intervention Strategy is a written and agreed individual plan developed by a Student Support Services Officer in conjunction with relevant Contempo College Trainer/s and in consultation with the student. It provides

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details of specific assistance and/or advice provided to the student in order to rectify the issues preventing the student from achieving their satisfactory course progress requirements. Refer to the Intervention Strategy Form.

7.8 Complaints and Appeals Process

Where a student is identified as having Unsatisfactory Course Progress and Contempo College has issued the student with a Notice of Intention to Report, the Notice is to advise the student of their having an opportunity to access the Contempo College Complaints and Appeals Process.

7.9 Information Available

Contempo College provides information to students on its Student Course Progress Policy in the International Student Handbook, the Students Letter of Offer and Student Acceptance Agreement.

8. Policy Information

Authorised Officer	PEO
Supporting documents, procedures & forms of	International Student Handbook
this policy	Trainer Guide
	How to Guide: Competency Record Forms
	Intervention Invitation
	Notice of Intention to Report
	Intervention Strategy Form
	Individual Training Plan Template
	Intervention Policy and Procedure
Related Legislation and Codes of Practice	Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000
	National Code, Standard 8
Audience	Public

9. Procedure

9.1 Recording of Assessment Outcomes

Responsibilities:

The Student Support Services is responsible for overseeing and managing these procedures and to ensure the staff and trainers are recording and maintaining all student outcomes attained within the Student Management System.

9.2 Contempo College Trainers are required to submit a course Class Attendance Sheet = CAS within TWO (2) weeks of each unit of competency end date.

9.3 <u>Course Progress and Outcomes Reporting</u>

The Student Support Services is responsible for ensuring regular Course Progress Monitoring Reports are generated and distributed to relevant key internal stakeholders and staff in order to ensure students' progress and participation is being monitored and managed effectively. Reports produced must align with the dates of each course intake.

Student Support Services Staff are required to generating the Contempo College Course Progress Monitoring Report using the following procedure.

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Producing a Course Progress Monitoring Report

Step No	Task/Activity	Responsible Person
1	Generate the required Course Progress Monitoring Reports within sms.	Student Support
	Reports should align to the dates of each course intake.	Services Officer
2	Review the report as at the end of the study period – specifically, the	Student Support
	following details for each student listed:	Services Officer
	 The total number of assessment activities OR Units scheduled to be 	
	completed in the study period	
	 The number of scheduled assessments or units not successfully 	
	attained,	
	 The percentage of scheduled assessments or units satisfactorily 	
	attained by each student during the study period, and	
	 The actual percentage of assessments or units that the student has 	
	successfully completed in the Study Period	
3	Clearly identify each student with a reported percentage for scheduled	Student Support
	assessments OR units successfully attained - of LESS than 50%.	Services Officer
4	Prepare a Course Progress Monitoring Report that only shows those	Student Support
	students identified with a percentage for scheduled assessments OR units	Services Officer
	successfully attained - of LESS than 50%.	
	• This report identifies students who are "At Risk" of "Unsatisfactory	
	Progress" and must also include the following information:	
	– Each Student ID No,	
	– Each Student Name,	
	– Course Code,	
	 The Start and End Date of the Study Period (TERM), and 	
	The Actual Percentage EACH student has successfully attained the	
	scheduled Assessments OR Units within the Study Period (which was	
_	identified as being Less than 50%).	
5	Email this Course Progress Monitoring Report (Students At risk) to the	Student Support
	following internal stakeholders for their information and/or further	Services Officer
	action/s:	
	 Student Support Services Officer (Student Monitoring/ Intervention) 	
	– Each relevant Trainer, and	
	– PEO	
6	This Course Progress Monitoring Report must be sent to the internal	Student Support
	stakeholders within One (1) week after the end date of the relevant Study	Services Officer
	Period (Term).	

9.4 Students "At Risk"

Student Intervention and Notice of Intent to Report

9.4.1. On receipt of the Course Progress Monitoring Report (Identifying Students "At Risk" of Unsatisfactory Progress") - The Student Support Services Officer responsible for Student Monitoring and Interventions is required to complete the following tasks and activities:

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Process for Students Identified as "At Risk" of "Unsatisfactory Course Progress"

Step No	Task/Activity	Responsible Person
1	Analyse the content of the Course Progress Monitoring Report received identifying those students who are "At Risk" of Unsatisfactory Course Progress.	Student Support Services Officer
2	With consideration and reference to Standard 8 of the National Code 2018, and the relevant Policies and Procedures - Determine the most appropriate action to be taken from those listed below for each student listed within the report:	Student Support Services Officer
	Option 1 - INTERVENTION: Issue the student with a Warning: At Risk of Unsatisfactory Course Progress/ Intervention Request.	
	NOTE: This Warning is to be sent to the students via the student nominated email address on Contempo College SMS. This Warning letter is to include an invitation request for the student to attend a meeting with the Students Services Officer to discuss the students current unsatisfactory progress results, poor participation (if applicable), and possible support needs of the student in order to negotiate and develop an appropriate and effective Intervention Plan and/or Individual Student Study Plan if/where applicable.	
	Prior to meeting with the student, the Student Support Services Officer is to consult with the relevant trainer/s and seek their support in participating in the scheduled intervention meeting with the student, review the students record for past notes, support needs and other relevant documentation.	
	The scheduled meeting is to be coordinated by the Student Support Services Officer, and be conducted between: The Student Support Services Officer, the Student and the relevant trainer. Note: The Student is entitled to bring a nominated support person to be present at the meeting.	
	Option 2 - NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPORT (NOR): Issue the student with a Notice of Intention to Report – Unsatisfactory Course Progress.	
	NOTE: This Notice is to be sent to the students via the Student Support Services email – to the student's official student email address.	
	This Notice informs the student that they are on notice to be reported due to their having "Unsatisfactory Course Progress".	

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	Students should only be issued with a NOR in circumstances where the	
	Student has been identified as having "Unsatisfactory Course Progress in	
	TWO (2) separate study periods (Terms).	
3	Once the appropriate action option (from the above) has been determined, The Student Support Services Officer is to generate the relevant Warning or Notice for each student/s, then email it to the students email address.	Student Support Services Officer
4	The Student Support Services Officer is to ensure they record the details of each scheduled student intervention meeting date in the college SMS, and the dates for Intervention Meetings and NOR are recorded in the relevant calendars to ensure follow up action.	Student Support Services Officer

9.5 <u>Course Progress</u>

- 9.5.1 Trainers are required to email the Student Support Services Officers a copy of each weeks completed Student "Class Attendance Sheet" (CAS) (submitted on each Monday for previous week) which contains daily details of the attendance for each student allocated to each class of study.
- 9.5.2 On receipt of the completed daily CAS for each scheduled class showing the allocated students attendance/non-attendance for their scheduled class/es of study. The Student Support Services Officers are responsible for contacting each student identified in the trainers completed weekly CAS as having poor or no attendance in their scheduled classes via the Students Services email.

Process for Monitoring and Managing Course Progress

Step No	Task/Activity	Responsible Person
1	Student Support Services Officer identifies student requiring an	Student Support
	intervention strategy. This can be via:	Services Officer
	Student Attendance Monitoring Report – Student with less than 70%	
	attendance over 1 study period.	
	Course Progress Monitoring Report – Students who have been	
	deemed NYC/Not Pass or DNS/DNA (by not submitting the required	
	assessments) for more than 50% of the units studied during one study	
	period.	
	Student Observation Record - completed by Contempo College Staff	
	member, detailing concerns they have about the student/s.	
2	Prepare the Intervention Invitation Letter via Email for the student/s	Student Support
	identified.	Services Officer
3	Record all appointment times with student name and number in Google	Student Support
	calendar, inviting Contempo College staff members are required. Details	Services Officer
	of appointments should be recorded each student folders and SMS	
4	Meet with student/s and record details discussed on the Intervention	Student Support
	Strategy Form or Incident Report Form as appropriate.	Services Officer
5	Prepare letter outlining agreed intervention strategy for student. This	Student Support
	must be done within five (5) working days of meeting, include	Services Officer
	appointment to review how the strategy is going with the student.	
6	Record details of agreed 'strategies' in SMS, and file copy of the	Student Support
	intervention strategy plan on the student file	Services Officer
7	Co-ordinate the processes required to fulfil the requirements of the	Student Support
	intervention strategy.	Services Officer

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9.6 **Monitoring Course Progress**

- 9.6.1 At the end of each study period, Contempo College's Student Support Services Officers monitor each student's course progress via the Student Management System.
- 9.6.2 Student Support Services Officer will identify students who have unsatisfactory progress and require an Early Intention Strategy. This can be via:
 - Course Progress Monitoring Report where a student is at risk of unsatisfactory course progress (for example, the student has not completed the assigned course level within the first 10-week term); or
 - Student Observation Record/Email Completed by Contempo College staff member, detailing concerns they have about student/s.
- 9.6.3 The Student Support Services Officer will compare the highlighted students to the previous study period's Course Progress Monitoring Report and determine if the student is:
 - Subject to report the student was deemed at risk during a previous study period and was placed on an intervention strategy; or
 - At risk the student is not on an intervention strategy and at risk of unsatisfactory course progress.
- 9.6.4 Based on the review of the Course Progress Monitoring Report, the Student Support Services Officer will record in the Action Required Column the required action to be undertaken for each student. These options are:
 - implementing an intervention strategy; or
 - Issuing a Notice of Intention to Report (Unsatisfactory Course Progress) Letter. Implementing an Intervention for Students
- 9.6.5 <u>Issue the Warning:</u> At Risk of Unsatisfactory Course Progress/ Intervention Invitation_ Course Progress letter. This letter invites students to attend a meeting at Contempo College to discuss their course progress and prepare an Intervention Strategy Form.
- 9.6.6 Record all appointment times with student name and number in Google calendar, inviting Contempo College staff members, as required. Details of appointments should be recorded in the Student Management System for each student.
- 9.6.7 Meet with student/s and record details discussed on the Intervention Strategy Form or Incident Report Form, as appropriate.
- 9.6.8 Prepare the letter outlining the agreed Early Intervention Strategy for the student. This must be done within 5 days of meeting and include an appointment to review how the strategy is working for the student.
- 9.6.9 Record details of the agreed strategy in the Student Management System and file a copy of the Early Intervention Strategy in the student's file.
- 9.6.10 Co-ordinate the processes required to fulfil the requirements of the Intervention Strategy.

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- 9.6.11 Where a student who is uncontactable or refuses to accept a proposed intervention strategy, a formal record of this will be made on the Student Management System. Issuing a Notice of Intention to Report (Unsatisfactory Course Progress) Letter
- 9.6.12 Students are issued a NOR for Unsatisfactory Course Progress following the monitoring of course progress completed by Student Support Services via the Student Management System. The NOR template informs the student of their right to access Contempo College's complaints and appeals process within 20 working days and provides reference to Contempo College's Complaints and Appeals Policy and corresponding procedure.
- 9.6.13 Student Support Services are required to set a calendar reminder as follows:
 - Invite <u>admissions@contempocollege.edu.au</u> to accept the calendar reminder;
 - Apply the due date of 20 working days from the date of NOR issue (taking into account weekends and public holidays); and
 - List all students on the calendar invite that have received a NOR during this specific Progress Monitoring.
- 9.6.14 The Student Support Services is required to accept the calendar invite. When the due date is reached on the calendar invite, the Supervisor, Student Support Services must email the Student Support Services Staff to request an outcome on all students listed on the NOR calendar reminder. Cancelling a Student's Enrolment and CoE for Unsatisfactory Progress
- 9.6.15 Contempo College's Supervisor, Student Support Services monitors the cancellation of students following the issuance of a Notice of Intention to Report (NOR) for Unsatisfactory Course Progress. The following processes must be actioned.
- 9.6.16 Student Support Services must only proceed with the cancellation of each applicable student's confirmation of enrolment (CoE) via PRISMS where:
 - the student has not submitted an appeal of the NOR
 - the appeal was unsuccessful and the student has not accessed the external appeals process; or
 - the student has withdrawn from the internal or external appeals process and notified Contempo College in writing.
- 9.6.17 Student Support Services are to provide written notification of the cancelled CoE and notify the student to seek advice from DoHA on the potential impact of their student visa.

9.7 Extending Course Duration

- 9.7.1 Contempo College may choose to extend a student's course duration in the following situations:
 - It is assessed that compassionate or compelling circumstances exist. Evidence must exist to support this decision;
 - If Contempo College has implemented or is in the process of implementing an Intervention Strategy for an overseas student who is at risk of not meeting satisfactory course progress;
 - An overseas student has an approved deferral/suspension of their enrolment.

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9.7.2 If Contempo College extends the duration of an overseas student's enrolment, students must be advised they need to visit the Department of Home Affairs (DoHA) website to seek advice on any potential impacts on their visa.

9.8 Extended Durations in Limited Circumstances

- 9.8.1 Where identified an enrolment needs to be extending, as per criteria covered in this policy, the following procedure will apply:
 - Student Support Services Officer will invite the student to a meeting and/or provide the student with the course variation form and assist in the completion thereof.
 - Student must be informed about the possible implications, such as:
 - o Effects on visa status
 - Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)
 - o Course schedule and the possible effects on both academic performance and participation.
 - Extending course beyond visa expiry date: If the approval of the application of course variation leads to the course extending past the student's visa expiry date, then the student must be made aware that any additional costs incurred for a new student visa will be borne by the student.
 - Completing course prior to expected completion date: If the course variations leads to the student finishing his/her studies prior to the expected completion date, the student must be made aware that their student visa will expire 28 days after the course has been completed. Contempo College will advise students to seek DoHA advice in regard to their visa.
- 9.8.2 All tasks on the Course Variation Form, task checklist is actioned within designed timeframes completed and relevant notices are sent to the students
- 9.8.3 All changes to a student's course duration are reported to DoHA, via PRISMS within designed timeframes

9.9 Course Extension Requests

- 9.9.1 Any Contempo College student who wishes to request a course extension must provide the following:
 - A Course Variation Application Form; and
 - Evidence to demonstrate the student meets one of the requirements specified in the Deferral, Withdrawal and Course Extension Policy.
- 9.9.2 Once the complete request has been received, the Student Support Services Team will assess the course extension request within 14 working days.
- 9.9.3 If the course extension request has been approved, the Student Support Services Team will:
 - Issue the student an extended CoE for the expected duration of study; and
 - Notify the student to contact DoHA to seek advice on whether a new visa is required.
- 9.9.4 The Student Support Services Team will record the following information on Contempo College's Student Management System:
 - The application for course extension,
 - The assessment of the course extension request,
 - All supporting documentation provided by the student (where applicable),
 - The decision of the extension request, and
 - The notification to the student. Refused Course Extension Requests

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- 9.9.5 If Contempo College refuses the course extension request, the Student Support Services Team will:
 - Issue a written response to the student outlining the reasons for the refusal; and
 - Inform the student of their right to appeal the decision within 20 working days, as per Student Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure.
- 9.9.6 The Student Support Services Team will record the following information on Contempo College's Student Management System:
 - The application for course extension,
 - The assessment of the course extension request,
 - All supporting documentation provided by the student (where applicable),
 - The decision of the extension request, and
 - The notification to the student.

10. Revision History

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