

Global Engagement

Global Engagement welcomes all International Students to the North-West University



- NWU CULTURE STATEMENT
 - To achieve our NWU Dream we actively build a welcoming, inclusive and enabling culture among staff and students underpinned by behaviours congruent to commitment to social justice, diversity and an ethic of care.
- NWU Values and Values-Driven Behaviour
 - Caring
 - Embracing Diversity
 - Transparency
 - Excellence
 - Ethics in all endeavours
 - Responsibility and Accountability
 - Academic Freedom and Freedom of Research

Embracing Diversity

• The NWU builds an inclusive university community that embraces differences and respects the rights and dignity of its members.

• In doing so we are:

- Including everyone in the University community
- Seeking to understand the differences between one another
- Remain respectful to other cultures and languages
- Expanding your own comfort zone with regards to your cultural curiosity and understanding
- Developing your own behaviour in a manner which supports and includes other cultures and languages.

Global Engagement Structure



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Global Engagement functions to support and facilitate internationalisation activities at the NWU, whilst demonstrating excellence, equity and innovation in the pursuit of internationalisation and promoting a culture of global awareness and appreciation for international perspectives and cultural diversity at the NWU.



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Functions of GE in Support of International Students:

- One of Global Engagement's primary functions is to serve as an immigration office
- In doing so, we ensure compliance with the South African Department of Home Affairs' immigration legislation.
- Thus, Global Engagement and its staff members have to comply with the Immigration Act as an Institution.
- We also issue letters for students to open bank accounts, mobile phone accounts, letters for the traffic department, etc.
- Students requesting accommodation are directed to relevant departments, and if they require airport transfers, we put them in contact with transfer services.
- Provision of practical and emotional support for international students.

Compliance with the Immigration Act

- **39.** (1) No learning institution shall knowingly provide training or instruction to:
- (a) an illegal International personnel;
- (b) an individual whose status does not authorise him or her to receive such training or instruction by such person; or
- (c) an individual on terms or conditions or in a capacity different from those contemplated in such foreigner's status.

(2) If an illegal international individual is found on any premises where instruction or training is provided, it shall be presumed that such individual was receiving instruction or training from, or allowed to receive instruction or training by, the person who has control over such premises, unless prima facie evidence to the contrary is adduced.

Compliance with the Immigration Act

OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGNERS

Obligation of non-nationals (Immigration Act)

43. An international personnel shall:

(a) abide by the terms and conditions of his or her status, including any terms and conditions attached to the relevant visa or permanent residence permit, as the case may be, by the Director-General upon its issuance, extension or renewal, and that status shall expire upon the violation of those terms and conditions; and

(b) depart upon expiry of his or her status.

International Students Support

Pre-arrival

- Once an international student has successfully applied and awarded admission at the NWU, they
 need to contact the Global Engagement Offices. They will be issued with an invitation letter
 important for visa application purposes.
- We will also send other necessary forms and attachments to the prospective student for completion.
- The office also assists Asylum Seekers and Refugee permit holders (who must submit a copy of a valid Asylum Seekers permit or Refugee permit respectively).

International Students Support

Post-arrival

- International students are obliged to report to the Global Engagement Offices at their respective campus before registration or re-registration can take place.
- All documentation is needed before proceeding to final registration. Submission of these documents is compulsory and needed for verification purposes by a designated international officer.
- A sign-off form needs to be submitted before registration. This sign-off form can only be obtained from Global Engagement.
- Failure to submit all the requested documents will lead to delays and the Global Engagement Office not being able to clear the student for registration.
- Students will still need to adhere to all the requirements as set out by the NWU after being cleared for registration.

Required Documentation

For Registration Purposes Following Documents are Required:

- Passport
- Permit/Visa
- Green ID Book: Non-SA Citizen and not a SA National
- Proof of MMR and Meningitis Vaccinations
- Proof of Medical Cover
- DHA Regulation 40-49
- Global Engagement Data Sheet
- Occupational Health Care Form



- International student needs to be the holder of a valid passport
- Passport needs to be clear, visible and in colour
- Biographic details need to be the same as in the barcode



Visa

Accepted Visas

- Visitor's Visa
- Study Visa
- Permanent Residence Permit
- Refugee/Asylum Seeker
- Exceptional/Critical Skills Permit the holders of such visa will be advised accordingly as there is certain conditions to such a visa issued and then content of the condition taken in account after consultations (certain instructions might be applicable for any visa holder of such a visa)

Must take note of the following:

- Visa must be valid
- All the information on the permit should be clearly visible
- The conditions on a permit are very important as they stipulate the kind of permit the permit holder is holding

Vaccination Certificates

Upon arrival the following medical certificates are required:

Meningitis Vaccination MMR – Measles Mumps and Rubella Vaccination Medical Radiologic certificate (Tuberculosis) if applicable Proof of COVID-19 vaccination if applicable

- Vaccinations as an adult and not childhood vaccinations, being vaccinated as an adult is a booster and a requirement
- Failure to submit the proof of vaccinations will result in registration not being permitted
- Students with PRPs are also required to submit these vaccinations certificates
- Thus, It is compulsory* to submit proof of these vaccinations, cannot be waived

Medical Aids

- It is a requirement of the SADHA that a foreign student makes adequate provision for medical aid or insurance.
- A medical insurance approved by the SA Medical Board is needed.
- Should a student have a medical insurance from their home country that is approved by the SA Medical Board then he/she needs to submit a letter from the Medical Insurance stating that they are aware of his/her travels and that they will cover the costs in the RSA.
- Please note that a foreign nationals with no adequate medical aid coverage will not be accepted as students at the NWU.
- The submission of proof of medical insurance is optional for students with PRPs.

Global Engagement - A15 Forms

The forms below need to be completed and submitted to our offices in one collective email or by hand collectively:

Global Engagement Datasheet
 2. DHA 40-49
 3. Health Care Clinic Form

All this forms can be obtained from any Global Engagement Offices

- Sign-off Form will be issued to permit registration.
- However, registration will be permitted on a condition that all required documents are submitted to Global Engagement offices and are in order.
- Once again, the student will still need to adhere to all the NWU requirements.

Conclusion

Once again Global Engagement Office welcomes all the International students, we trust that your stay here will be a happy and fruitful one and not only add lustre to our institution's international standing but also prepare you to become leaders in your chosen field of expertise, as well as a competent and professional global citizens.



Thank you.

