

International Student Support Unit News

Important UTAS Dates

November 9th
Exams End

November 26th
Semester 2 results released

December 9th – 16th
Deferred and supplementary
exams

January 7th, 2011
Deferred and supplementary
exam results released

February 14th-18th, 2011
Orientation Week for New
Students in Sem. 1

February 21st, 2011
Semester 1 begins

GRADUATION

Are you graduating this semester? Congratulations from all of us at International Services! Check out important details at the UTAS Graduation website: <http://www.utas.edu.au/graduation/>

You will become a part of the UTAS alumni network, with more than 40,000 UTAS graduates from around the world. Update your details and stay connected: [Alumni & Friends of UTAS](#)

Returning Home: If you are returning to your home country and have concerns about readjusting, please email or make an appointment with an international student advisor. We can give advice on how to prepare for your departure and what to expect.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Semester 1 Orientation 2011

Would you like to volunteer to help in orientation at the beginning of next year? If you are interested, and you plan to be here from Monday, February 7th, 2011, then register your interest by email to ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au. Please include your name and student ID in all correspondence. We will be in touch with more details. .

As you already know, it is with the generous help of volunteers that we can welcome new International Students to UTAS each semester.

It is always a busy and exiting time, meeting and greeting the new students, introducing them to university life, and helping them enrol in their courses. In semester 1 next year, we will be introducing some new aspects to the orientation programme again, and be asking volunteers to be involved in some new and exciting ways. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Protect Yourself from Scams

Have you ever received a suspicious phone call or email asking for your PIN, password, or login information? Did you receive notice of winning a contest or lottery that you never entered? Please beware!

- Never send money or give bank account details to someone you don't know or trust.
- Never respond to an unsolicited email asking you for your PINs or passwords.
- Never give out your personal information to someone you don't know or trust.

For more tips on how to protect your money, phone, computer, and identity from scammers, visit http://www.consumer.tas.gov.au/fair_trading/scams

Consumer Affairs reports on a recent phone scam: [See Article](#)

If you have details of a possible scam, please forward the information to Consumer Affairs & Fair Trading using their [on-line form](#).

Driving in Tasmania- Do you need a new licence?

You can drive in Tasmania on your overseas licence if you have a temporary visa (e.g. international students).

- You must carry your current overseas licence with you
- If your licence is NOT in English, you must also carry either an official translation of your licence OR a current International Driving Permit
- Your overseas licence and International Driving Permit must be current (not expired, suspended or cancelled)
- If you need to apply for a new Tasmanian driver's licence, visit Service Tasmania at 134 Macquarie St., Hobart [Service Tasmania Website](#)

For a review of important Road Safety Rules, see the following site:

http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/licence_information/tasmanian_road_rules

Medibank Private OSHC Important Information

The Australian Government has recently changed some rules. Next time you renew your OSHC, you **cannot** just pay for a year of cover, rather for the length of your Student Visa. For more information, log on to [Medibank Private's website](#), or contact ISSU.

New ways to claim

There are now three ways to claim your medical expenses through Medibank Private:

Claim on the spot: if you visit a registered provider, then you can claim your expenses while you are on location in the medical centre.

Claim online: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you can make your claim online.

Claim by post: Download a claim form and send it in to Medibank private in Hobart.

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Human Rights Week December 6-10

Human Rights Day is celebrated every year all over the world to mark the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In Tasmania, we mark the occasion with Human Rights Week (HRW). The HRW Committee invites international students studying in Tasmania to participate in Human Rights Week.

Event 1: Launch of Human Rights Week:

at 3pm on Monday 6 December at the Hobart Town Hall there will be a Forum with speakers, entertainment, awards and an intermission with the opportunity to meet and greet and have some refreshments. We invite you to attend. As numbers are limited please RSVP before the event.

Event 2: The HRW March: on Friday the 10th of December. The March will walk from the ABC building in Hobart to Parliament Lawns where the marchers will have free sausages. There will be speakers and entertainment on the lawns. Everyone is invited!

For further information:
Phone: (03) 6233 4841 or email
Claire.Hansen@justice.tas.gov.au

Invitation Letters for Family & Friends

If family members or friends from overseas are coming to Australia to visit you or attend your graduation ceremony, you can request an invitation letter from International Services.

The letter request form can be collected from and submitted to International Services reception in Hytten Hall.

Excluded from Your Course?

The faculty reviews your academic progress at the end of the semester. If you were not as successful as you would have liked and do not pass 50% of your enrolment, you might be placed on probation or excluded. Please read details about this UTAS policy online: [Academic Progress Review & Exclusions](#)

If you are excluded, please make an appointment with an International Student Advisor to discuss your options. Call 6226 2706 or email ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au.

Promote Your Event in the Next Newsletter

The International Student Support Unit News is sent at the beginning of each month to all Hobart international students.

If you have an event to promote or a topic you want included in the next issue, please send the details to ISA.Hobart@utas.edu.au before November 26th.

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