

SOP - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

Here is your guide to writing a successful SoP for Australian admissions and student visa applications. Use the guidelines below to help you present your unique story in an honest, realistic and accurate fashion. Your SOP should not be longer than two pages and should be written to the best of your ability.

- 1** Start by introducing yourself with your full name, date of birth, nationality and current country of residence. Include the name of the course you intend to study and institution where you will be studying. Don't forget to identify who will sponsor/finance your studies abroad.
- 2** Give a brief overview of your education history. Your Year 10 and Year 12 equivalent qualifications to your highest completed qualification. E.g Certificate III in Early Childcare and Year 12 Certificate.
- 3** If you have work experience write a short description of your employment history. Include the name of the companies you have worked for, your position title and the length of your employment. Repeat this for your entire employment history.
- 4** Do you have extended periods without work or study? If so, give a reason and attach any supporting documents. e.g A Doctors certificate for extended illness.
- 5** Outline the course & institution research you conducted, leading you to decide to study at Lexis Education. Include the duration and name of the course and school where you are hoping to study in Australia. Describe the career opportunities, pathways and recognition associated with your course. This information is available in the course section of LexisEnglish.com - www.lexisenglish.com/courses/
- 6** Link your previous study and/or work experience to the course you have decided to study. If there is no relation, detail why you have decided to change careers.
- 7** If there are similar courses available to you of the same international standing please highlight why you have chosen to study in Australia rather than your home country. You must explain how this course will improve your career prospects back in your country of origin or another country besides Australia.
- 8** Please provide the names and age of any dependent children or spouses. You must identify if they will be accompanying you, are planning to join you at a later date or will remain in your home country while you are in Australia.
- 9** State any valid reasons for returning to your country of origin once you have successfully completed your course and after you have qualified for and utilised the post-study work Visa.
- 10** Are you planning on returning to your home country and working in a family business? If so please provide a detailed outline of the position you will have in the business and explain how you will use what you have learnt in your course to conduct your duties.
- 11** Outline any other relevant or important information that a person assessing your Visa would expect you to disclose. Examples of this would be past Visa refusals, reasons for frequent international travel and unusual financial conditions. If possible, attach any supporting documentation to your SoP.
- 12** Your SoP must end with the following statement: I declare that the particulars given above are true and correct in every detail. I understand that incorrect or misleading statements may result in the refusal of my admission and/or student visa application.