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## RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL COURSES FOR SKILLED MIGRATION

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ISA recommends that when considering international students for permanent migration pathways, enrolment and study in an Australian school should count positively towards their application as permanent migrants.

Currently the points available for the Australian Study requirement for skilled visas only applies to a bachelor's degree or higher, a diploma, an advanced diploma, or a trade qualification.<sup>1</sup> School courses are excluded from consideration.

Students who come to Australia to study develop strong cultural and linguistic skills from their time in school as well as core skills and values such as respect, tolerance and teamwork. These students have often experienced living with homestay families and have been part of their school and local community, and have experienced the Australian lifestyle.

It is not surprising then many international students go on to further education in Australia and then have the desire to make Australia their home and continue to contribute to Australia through applying for permanent migration.

The role of schools in developing this pathway should be acknowledged.

## ADDRESSING TEACHERS AND OTHER SCHOOL STAFF SHORTAGES

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In 2017 the Australian Government abolished the Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457 visa), commonly used by Australian employers to sponsor skilled overseas workers to work temporarily in Australia. It was -3(al)-4(ii)-4(ed)-1 0 0 1 142.82 539.11 Tm0 0.00392 0 rg0 32 841.92 2t was

