

Medical Aid Cover Guide

Visa Regulations to Study at the Nelson Mandela University

All international students need to comply with the visa regulations as determined by the Immigration Act, Act 13 Of 2002.

Regulation 10(1) (i) determines the following:

**** An applicant for a study permit is required to provide:**

(i)*proof of medical cover with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998, recognized in the Republic*

In terms of the Immigration Amendment Act 19 of 2004, any prospective student to the Republic of South Africa, must provide proof of medical cover with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 Act 131 of 1998.

1. Medical Aid Registration requirements to study at Nelson Mandela University

Although you may, with some other foreign insurance products, secure a study visa from a South African diplomatic mission, NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY in accordance with the Medical Schemes Act does not accept such medical cover for registration purposes. **It is therefore recommended that you confirm your choice in medical cover with ABSA HCC prior to making any financial contributions to avoid additional and secondary purchases.**

2. What evidence to produce for registration purposes

For registration purposes NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY requires **proof** of full Medical Aid Cover with a South African registered medical aid scheme for each full academic calendar year (being from the first day of the month of registration until the last day of November). Study Abroad and Exchange Students must secure medical cover for the full duration of their stay. A minimum of six (6) months cover is provided by medical aid companies, no less. English Skills Students are required to purchase cover for duration of six (6) months. Note that a membership certificate is required which may easily be obtained through ABSA HC.

3. Payment of medical cover

It is thus advisable that international students make the necessary financial arrangements for the medical aid cover prior to entry into South Africa. Should the student rely on sponsorship he/she should ensure that the sponsor is advised of this requirement at the onset of the sponsorship and this requirement is applicable to NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY (for example Post Graduate Research Scholarships) related bursaries as well.

Payment for the required medical aid cover fee is made directly to the Medical Aid Company, **separately** from the tuition fees.

Please contact ABSA HCC with regard to the products that will be suitable for both your visa application, and registration at this University at: International.students@absa.co.za / absahealthcare@absa.co.za / Tel: (27) 860 100 380

ABSA HCC will advise you on the products offered by the medical aid companies listed below. The providers have developed student focused products which are registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act and are recommended by our office:

Momentum Health: <http://www.ingwehealth.co.za>

Compcare Wellness Medical Scheme: <http://www.studentplan.co.za>

4. Consultation

Please note that ABSA Healthcare Consultants have been appointed as (Office for International Education at NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY) product specialists. They have been operating nationally as Healthcare Consultants to most Higher Education Institutions from 2011.

5. Further important notes:

1. Block release students – Students are to submit proof of travel insurance for the full duration of their stay in South Africa. Should the student remain in South Africa for the continuation of the year, the student will be required to purchase medical cover as stipulated in item 2.
2. Degree Seeking Students doing in service training will be required to make payment for medical cover for the full duration of the stay of the academic period in South Africa.