

PCBT COVID-19 Policy and Procedures **Updated 12 May 2020**

This page provides information, advice and procedures for the Perth College of Business and Technology (PCBT) community. We encourage you to check the PCBT website and/or your emails frequently for updated information.

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The outbreak of the COVID-19 virus (previously known as novel coronavirus) has evolved rapidly since first being detected in Wuhan, in the Hubei Province of China in December 2019. The situation is still extremely fluid and PCBT is following WA Government advice and Federal Government advice to protect the health and safety of the PCBT community.

From 20 March 2020, only Australian citizens, residents and immediate family members are able to travel to Australia.

From 28 March 2020, all travellers arriving in Australia will be required to undertake a mandatory 14-day quarantine at designated facilities (for example, a hotel), in their port of arrival.

Information for PCBT international students:

If you *can* return to your home country
COVID-19-related restrictions around travelling outside Australia do not apply to people ordinarily resident in a country other than Australia. You can return to your home country/country of habitual residence if it is safe and possible to do so.

If you *cannot* return to your home country
You should apply for a new visa before your current visa expires.

Staying in Australia

You must apply for a new visa before your current visa expires. You might be granted a bridging visa that will keep you lawful until a decision is made on your visa application.

Procedure to follow:

- As of 30 March 2020, all classes at PCBT are moved online until further notice.
- Students are to attend their online classes as per their regular schedules.
- **If you suspect you may have coronavirus symptoms or may have had close contact with a person who has coronavirus, you should contact the Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080.**

For further advice from the government regarding the impact on PCBT, read this [information sheet](#).

We understand that members of the PCBT community are concerned about this situation. Please check the PCBT website and/or your emails frequently for updated information. PCBT is monitoring the situation and the advice from the Government as part of developing PCBT's response to the COVID-19 virus.

Home isolation, quarantine periods and/or the spread of COVID-19 can be stressful and may leave you feeling concerned. There are a range of support services available, including talking to the college counsellor Malisa (email counsellor@pcbt.wa.edu.au) or other mental health professionals or ring the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

We will continue to update students and staff as new information becomes available, and take actions to protect the health and wellbeing of our community.

Updated information:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/current-alerts/novel-coronavirus>