

Agreement and Work Placements Information Sheet

What is the *Veterinary and Agricultural Work Placements agreement*?

The Veterinary and Agricultural Work Placements agreement is an agreement that formalises the arrangement between veterinary businesses and Murdoch University around placements/extramural experience.

Placement/ extramural experience is a component of work integrated learning, a compulsory part of the course as mandated by [veterinary education accreditation bodies](#).

The agreement formalises that your business is willing to host Murdoch students, but does not obligate you to, and articulates what your expectations should be of the placement. It outlines the insurance Murdoch provides, safety and health legislative requirements of all parties, and acknowledgement of veterinary regulatory requirements.

The Work Placements information sheet provides some additional information.

Why is it required?

The legislative environment, and accreditation standards requires Murdoch University to establish written agreements with all providers who provide placement opportunities within their businesses.

The [updated accreditation standards](#) set by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council requires that each student must undertake at least 52 weeks of work integrated learning across a number of settings. In addition, the standards require there must be documented agreements with businesses that participate in student placements.

By signing this agreement are my hosting obligations increasing?

No, your hosting obligations are not increasing by signing the agreement. The Australian legislative framework already has requirements around students in workplaces. The agreement articulates these, so everyone is clear about their obligations.

If there is a delay between receiving the agreement and signing, can we still accept students for placement?

We understand that in some cases there may be a delay in the agreement being signed. In these circumstances students would be able to attend, as the agreement is just formalising the obligations that both providers and Murdoch University already are required to adhere to as per Australian legislation.

I have further questions about the agreement, how do I communicate these?

Further questions or comments about the agreement can be directed to the Associate Dean of Engagement, School of Veterinary Medicine, Cristy Secombe (csecombe@murdoch.edu.au).