GENUINE TEMPORARY ENTRANT CRITERION

What is the Genuine Temporary Entrant Criterion?
Your individual circumstances must demonstrate that you genuinely intend to stay in Australia temporarily.

The factors that are considered during assessment of the genuine temporary entrant (GTE) requirement include: your personal circumstances in your home country, your potential circumstances in Australia, the value of the course to your future, your immigration history, and any other matter that is relevant to your intention to remain in Australia temporarily. If you are a minor the intentions of your parent, legal guardian or spouse will also be considered.

The information provided in your application form and supporting documentation will be used to assess the GTE requirement. You may be requested to provide additional information in relation to the factors set out above.

For further information please read the genuine-temporary-entrant attachment.

How can I address the Genuine Temporary Entrant Criterion?
The Department needs to understand you and the circumstances that brought/bring you to Australia to study. You should firstly provide a written statement explaining:

- your choice of course
- your choice of education provider
- your choice to study in Australia
- what benefit you believe your study will have for your future career plans
- what ties you have to your home country

You should also attach any evidence that helps demonstrate your purpose to study in Australia. For example if you are studying English for the purposes of improving your career prospects for a company that wishes to have english speaking staff then please provide a copy of your employment offer with this company. OR if you are studying in a particular industry because your home country has a need for more staff within this industry - evidence of current employment advertisements from your country may assist. Basically if you can provide any evidence to support the purpose of your study then please provide them.

Do I wait until the department asks me for evidence in regards to the Genuine Temporary Entrant Criterion?
No. On Form 157A you should have already completed Question 36 (the question addressing your purpose of study) and provided any evidence to support your claims. If you have not done this please send a statement to the Department declaring why you have chosen to study your intended course, how you believe it will help you with your future career plans detailing what are your future career plans, and also explain why you have chosen to study in Australia as opposed to your home country. If you have any evidence that would support your choices to study in Australia please provide a copy of it to the Department along with this statement.

Please note that even if you provide this information your case officer may request further information and evidence to better understand if you meet the Genuine Temporary Entrant Criterion.