

**Monash University
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences****Briefing Note**

This note is to confirm the University's position on the status of Faculty of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences students on placements.

Students are placed at agencies under direct supervision for the purpose of learning. They are not paid employees of the agency and are not considered as workers. Their status will remain that of students.

We are able to confirm that students on clinical placements are covered by either the Victorian Government or the University's insurance policies. More specific information is detailed below.

The State of Victoria through Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) provides cover for Faculty students on placements involving public patients at any Victorian Public Hospital under the Hospital's Public Liability/Medical Malpractice Insurance Policy.

With regard to other placements, the University confirms that Faculty students whilst engaged in practical placement, community placement, enterprise experience or other work experience programmes or training activities, subject to working under professional supervision, are included in the definition of 'the insured' in the University's Medical Malpractice Policy. *Cover applies worldwide except for USA and Canada where cover is limited to non domiciled students temporarily working in the USA and Canada under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner.*

In addition Faculty students are also included in the definition of 'the insured' in the University's General (Public) and Products Liability policy as follows:-

"Any student engaged in practical training both on and off campus including but not limited to practical placement, medical and legal clinical placement, community placement, enterprise experience, work experience or off campus field assignments"

Monash University has a Personal Accident Insurance Policy which provides capital, medical and loss of income benefits for all currently enrolled Monash University students. The policy covers students actually engaged in, and travelling to and from practical or community placement activities.

We trust this information is sufficient for your purposes.

***This statement has been prepared in consultation with the
University Solicitor and the University Manager, Insurance Services.***

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