

Dear (name of school) Directors board,

As you are aware due to COVID -19 outbreak we have been requested to attend classes online, which has taken away all the essential aspects of learning this course for several reasons.

Unfortunately, as we are international students the government does not allow us any welfare to support our living here in Australia.

Because of our visa conditions, we mostly have access to jobs within hospitality and retail which are amongst the sector most affected by COVID-19. Many of us have lost our jobs and find ourselves struggling to pay basic needs such as food and accommodation. Some of us cannot go back to our home countries as the borders are currently closed, most of us have to be in quarantine and some of us are even in self isolation as we were in high risk working venues serving tourists and people who had tested positive with the novel coronavirus.

We are aware that in these times we need to look after each other and we know you have the same personal needs. We are digging into our savings and even asking our families back home for support. We have requested our landlords to reduce our rents and some have agreed to a 50% reduction as it is a reasonable request.

Considering we can no longer share ideas with our classmates or ask questions regularly, the fact that there are always regular internet connectivity problems, sometimes on our end and some other times on our teachers end, which make the classes extremely disruptive when multiple people are talking at the same time we kindly request a reasonably reduction of a minimum of 30% in our fee for the upcoming term.

We pay significant amounts of money to study in this beautiful country with the main purpose of achieving a higher level of education, including being able to use the facilities and the overall experience of attending the classes in person.

Most of us are already having second thoughts about remaining in the country, as we need to look after our health and finances. If we cannot come to an agreement some of us will be forced to leave the country.

We thank you for your time and we are sure you will review our petition and get back to us promptly.

Regards,

(name and student id)