

# Australian Institute of Language - Complaints and Appeals Policy

# **Complaints and Appeals Process for Students**

At AIL, we take complaints and appeals seriously. If you are unhappy with a decision, follow these steps to resolve the issue in a clear and structured manner.

## Step 1: Informal Complaint (Resolve the Issue Directly)

- 🟅 Timeframe: As soon as possible
- 1. Speak with the person involved (e.g., trainer, staff member).
- 2. If the issue is not resolved, talk to our Student Service Team.
- 3. The Student Service Team will provide a response within 10 working days.

✤ If the issue is not resolved, move to Step 2.

## **Step 2: Formal Complaint**

- 🟅 Timeframe: 10-15 working days
- 1. Fill out the Complaints and Appeals Form
- 2. Submit the form via email or in person to the Student Service Team.
- 3. Receive a written acknowledgment within 10 working days.
- 4. AIL will investigate and provide an outcome within 20 working days.

5. If more than 20 working days is required, AIL will provide a written explanation and regular updates.

★ If you are not satisfied with the outcome, move to Step 3.

#### **Step 3: Appeal the Decision**

🟅 Timeframe: 20 working days

1. If you disagree with the decision, you may submit an internal appeal within 20 working days.

- 2. Our Compliance team will review your case.
- 3. You will receive a final decision within 20 working days.

✤ If you are still not satisfied, move to Step 4.



#### Step 4: External Appeal

Timeframe: Varies (depending on the external body)

If you are still unhappy with the appeal decision, you may take your complaint to an external agency. Options include:

- Resolution Institute: <u>https://www.resolution.institute</u>
- Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria: <u>https://www.disputes.vic.gov.au</u>
- Overseas Students Ombudsman: <u>https://www.ombudsman.gov.au</u>

AIL will implement any external recommendations within 10 working days.

## **Important Notes**

- You will remain enrolled while your complaint or appeal is being processed.
- All complaints and appeals are kept confidential.
- No fees are charged for submitting a complaint or appeal.
- All documentation is stored for 2 years.

**L** Need help? Contact the Student Service Team at <u>admin@ail.edu.au</u>



# **Complaints & Appeals Form**

Before lodging a formal complaint, students are encouraged to resolve the issue informally.									
Completed Complaints & Appeals Forms should be submitted to the Student Service Team in person or via email: <u>admin@ail.edu.au</u>									
Please tick the appropriate box:									
Complaint Internal Appeal									
Name:				Date:					
<b>Position:</b> Student   Other (Specify):									
Contact Phone No.									
Email:									
Course Undertaking (if applicable):									
Date/s of event complaint refers to:									
Describe your complaint or Appeal (Include dates, time and other people involved if appropriate) - (You may wish to attach further documentation).									



What have you done to resolve the complaint?								
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What would you like to see happen as a result of this complaint?								
(If complaint received in person) I agree that all the information provided is true and correct.								
Signature:			Date:					
OFFICE USE ONLY								
Name of Support Officer:								
Signature:			Date:					