

COVID-19: What does it mean for students?

If you are on or about to start a placement and restrictions are in place in your area, follow the instructions of your school. Please be understanding, flexible and patient.

New students:

- All students are provided with a free and automatic 4-month extension on enrolment (total 16 months) to cover any COVID related delays especially in regard to completing your placement.
- We strongly recommend all students attend our free and live webinars held every Friday. Pre-recorded lectures are available in the student portal.
- Even if there are restrictions or lockdowns, students can work through their theory components.
- If you know someone who works at a school where you wish to complete your placement, speak with them after enrolling and try to book a start date for your placement. This prevents potential delays and means you won't miss out due to university placements. Remember to be flexible as placement dates may be changed.

Placement:

- Most schools have allowed placements to resume (but not all) – speak with your school for the latest advice.
- In this environment, the easiest way to organise a placement is to speak with your contacts (family members, friends, friends of friends, children's teacher etc.) about placement opportunities. Your trainer can assist and provide support as usual. Forms and information for schools are in your portal.
- Speak with schools about a tentative placement booking early in your course. This gives you a due date (for theory assessments) and ensures a place is set aside for you.
- Remember that we require 15 days' notice before your first placement day as a minimum, however the longer the better.
- While in normal times we would visit all students on placement, some schools prefer that we collect video evidence (and some will only allow video evidence) instead of a trainer entering the school.
- Don't forget to consider high schools and special needs schools because fewer people apply there for both placement and employment.

If you have any questions, please contact your trainer for the latest advice.

Happy training!

The ITAC Team