

Students under 18 years of age and accommodation: Exploring the non-homestay option in two countries

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Both Australia and New Zealand have had regulations relating the care and accommodation of younger students for several years (Australia since 2000 and New Zealand since 2002) and in both countries these regulations were revised in 2006. One of the most complex issues in the care and monitoring of students under 18 years of age is the finding of the best accommodation situation for these students. While homestays and school boarding houses have filled this role in many situations, there are many occasions where these are not available or are not the best option for a number of reasons. This paper will compare and contrast the regulations in this area in the two countries and look at ways these regulations have been met by non-homestay accommodation providers.