



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECEIVES REDUCED OUTCOME AT COURT

In 2022, M* arrived in Australia to study. In early 2024, M was stopped by Victoria Police on a major road for riding a motorbike with a broken light. The police officer asked M for their licence and M showed the police officer their overseas motorcycle licence. Police questioned M about why they had not applied for a Victorian licence and M replied they didn't think they needed to do this. Some weeks later, paperwork arrived in the mail addressed to M and they realised they had been charged with riding a motorcycle without a valid Victorian licence.

M quickly made an appointment with the Deakin Student Legal Service and spoke with a lawyer who provided them with advice and explained their legal options. The Deakin Student Legal Service held a Summary Case Conference with Victoria Police and asked the police to consider a Diversion Order in this case.

Written submissions were prepared by the Deakin Student Legal Service for M to take to their court hearing. After reviewing the submissions, M was given a reduced fine without conviction by the court.

* names omitted for privacy reasons.

The Deakin Student Legal Service is a partnership between DUSA, the Eastern Community Legal Centre and the Barwon Community Legal Service.

The Deakin Student Legal Service provides free and confidential legal advice, information, referral and education to students enrolled at Deakin University.

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