

# STUDY IN **AUSTRALIA**



# AUSTRALIA

Australia offers a truly world-class education and regularly features in global rankings. Australian universities, colleges and schools are committed to equipping you with practical skills and knowledge to help you succeed in your chosen industry.

Australia has an outstanding higher education system. The courses in all institutes are constantly updated with input from industry leaders to ensure that students get the correct skills and knowledge strengthening their ability to compete for jobs.



Almost all universities in Australia are strong in research, excelling in areas such as arts, biotechnology, business, humanities, education and sciences. Australia is also a proud contributor to global research, credited for many important discoveries, such as penicillin, electronic pacemaker, polymer notes, Google Maps, IVF and Wi-Fi.

Australia is a technologically advanced country with a strong, globally competitive economy. Australian cities are consistently ranked as some of the most liveable in the world. The quality of education, healthcare, transport, infrastructure and government services are rated well above international averages.

Australia is a friendly and welcoming country and Australians are known to be friendly and helpful people with a great sense of humour. The country values individual freedoms, and the rights of citizens and visitors are protected under a transparent legal system. Australians speak English, which makes it easy for most international students to understand and be understood.

## EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Australian education system provides primary, secondary and tertiary education. English is the official language of Australia and the main language of instruction in the education system.

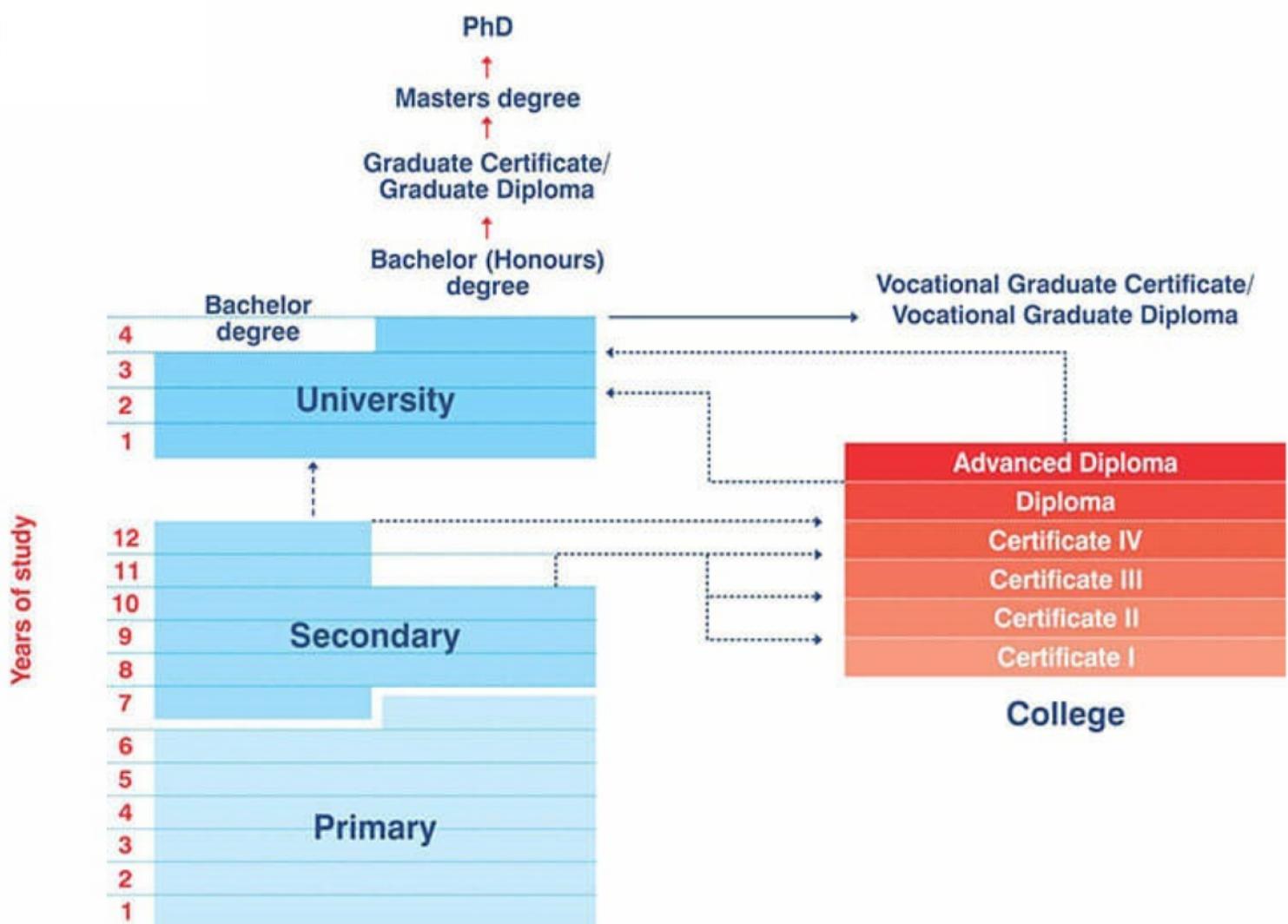
School education is similar across all of Australia with only minor variations between states and territories. Tertiary education includes both higher education (including universities) and vocational education and training (VET).

The unique factor of the Australian education system is its implementation of Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), the national policy established in 1995 that specifies the standards of qualifications for the tertiary education sector (higher education, vocational education and training) in addition to the school-leaving certificate, called the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education. With AQF, your degree is recognized and authorized by the government.

Under the AQF, there are 10 levels that interconnect various schools, colleges, universities and educational institutions in one single national system. This allows flexibility, choice and better career planning for students to move from one study level to another as long as their student visa requirements are fulfilled. Here's an overview of the different levels and qualifications available as per the AQF:



# AUSTRALIA EDUCATION SYSTEM



## Vocational Education & Training Qualifications

The qualifications offered at vocational education and training institutions are Certificates I-IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma. They meet national industry standards and will prepare you for employment in a host of occupations or for further studies.

- Diploma (18 to 24 months)
- Advanced Diploma (2 to 3 years)
- Vocational Graduate Diploma

## University Qualifications

The following qualifications are available at Australian universities & approved higher education providers.

- Associate Degree (2 years)
- Bachelor Degree, Bachelor Degree (Honors) (minimum 3 years 4 years).
- Graduate Certificates (6 months)
- Graduate Diplomas (12 months)
- Master's Degree (1 to 2 years)
- Doctoral Degree (typically 3 years)

# INTAKES

Australian Universities and most private colleges offer two major intakes:

**February / March Intake**

**June / July Intake**

Intakes may also be referred to as a semester in some universities. While a few universities follow the trimester system and have a smaller intake in which starts in October / November for limited courses. Most vocational institutes have their intakes in January, May or July, depending upon the course.

Different universities/colleges/institutes have different deadlines for each intake, so we suggest that the application process should be planned well in advance. Start at least six months before, be done with Language and Entrance Tests before three months and dedicate remaining time for the admission and visa processes.

## AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES



### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

#### CANBERRA

- Australian National University
- University of Canberra

### QUEENSLAND

#### BRISBANE

- Griffith University
- Queensland University of Technology
- The University of Queensland

#### GOLD COAST

- Bond University

#### SIPPY DOWNS

- University of Sunshine Coast

#### ROCKHAMPTON

- CQ University

#### TOOWOOMBA

- University of Southern Queensland

#### TOWNSVILLE

- James Cook University

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

#### ADELAIDE

- Flinders University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- University of South Australia
- The University of Adelaide
- Torrens University

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### PERTH

- Curtin University
- Edith Cowan University
- Murdoch University
- The University of Western Australia

#### FREMANTLE

- The University of Notre Dame

### NEW SOUTH WHALES

#### ARMIDALE

- University of New England

#### BATHURST

- Charles Strut University

#### LISMORE

- Southern Cross University

#### NEW CASTLE

- The University of New Castle

#### SYDNEY

- Australian Catholic University
- Macquarie University
- University of New South Whales
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Sydney
- Western Sydney University
- Wollongong
- University of Wollongong

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

#### DARWIN

- Charles Strut University

### VICTORIA

#### BALLARAT

- Federation University

#### MELBOURNE

- Deakin University
- La Trobe University
- RMIT University
- Monash University
- Swinburne University of Technology
- University of Divinity
- The University of Melbourne
- Victoria University

### TASMANIA

#### HOBART

- University of Tasmania

# Tuition Fee Living Expenses

Students should be aware that the costs of studying in Australia will depend on your education provider, the level and type of study you choose and the university or school you opt for.

The average tuition fees at one of Australia's tertiary institutions ranges between AUD 18,000 and AUD 40,000 a year. Courses in humanities, arts and education are a little cheaper, while subjects such as medicine and sciences are likely to be more expensive

Undergraduate degrees are generally three years in Australia as compared to four years in some other countries. Most postgraduate courses are 18 months to 24 months duration. In addition to this Australian VET and TAFE courses are among the cheapest in the world

## Vocational Education & Training (TAFE, VET)

COURSE	ANNUAL TUITION FEE
Certificates IV to VII Diploma & Advanced Diploma)	AUD 10,000 – AUD 18,000

## Undergraduate

COURSE	ANNUAL TUITION FEE
Bachelor's Degree - Non Lab courses (Programs in Arts, Business, Economics & others)	AUD 25,000 to AUD 36,000
Bachelor's Degree - Laboratory Based (Programs in Sciences & Engineering)	AUD 28,000 to AUD 40,000

## Post Graduate

COURSE	ANNUAL TUITION FEE
Graduate Diplomas or PG Diplomas	AUD 21,000 to AUD 26,000
Master's Degree programs	AUD 26,000 to AUD 40,000
Doctoral Degree programs	AUD 28,000 to AUD 45,000

## Living Costs in Australia

Living costs include accommodation, food and bills, and clothing as necessary, and will vary according to your lifestyle. The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa for Australia. As of October 2021 the 12-month living costs are:

- For students or guardians - AUD\$21,041 per annum
- For partners coming with you - AUD\$7,362 per annum
- For a child coming with you - AUD\$3,152 per annum



# Australian Student Visas(Sub-Class 500)

The student visa must be lodged online using the Immi Account at Department of Home Affairs website, this can also be done using an education agent or MARA agent via their organizational account.

Anyone intending to undertake 3 months or longer full time study in Australia will need to obtain a student visa. This permits the holder to travel to, enter and remain in Australia for the duration of the course of study. As an international student, you would most commonly require a student (subclass 500) visa, regardless of your field of study.

Depending on the length of your course, your visa will be granted.

The basic rule to be eligible to apply for student visa are:

- You should be enrolled in your desired study program in Australia
- You should hold Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) or either fall in any of the exemption categories
- You must be equal to or more than 6 years
- You need to prove that you have a welfare arrangement (in case you are less than 18 years of age)

As a part of the student visa application you will also need to get your health check up done and provide proof that you are in good health.

A non-refundable base application charge of AUD 630/- applies to all visa applications. Applicants who are bringing eligible family members to live with them in Australia while they study should note that an additional applicant charge applies for each additional family member included in a combined visa application.

## Living Costs in Australia

**\*Passport copy (front and back page)**

**\*Passport photograph**

**\*Confirmation of Enrolment (COE)**

**\*English Proficiency (IELTS / PTE or TOEFL score report)**

**\*Financial capacity**

The Latest bank statements, Education loan sanction letter, Income tax returns, other income sources, Affidavit of support from parents (sponsor) etc

### **\*Change of Name**

Marriage or deed poll certificate or a certified copy of evidence of the name change from relevant authorities.

### **\*Relationship - spouse, de facto partner (if married)**

Certified copy of your marriage certificate, Family Book, Household Booklet or other evidence of family composition.

### **\*Employment history**

Evidence of current or most recent employment which includes payslips or a contract. You can also attach your most recent curriculum vitae or resume.

### **\*Evidence of all Qualifications**

Certified copy of your academic transcripts, Educational Certificate (Degree, Diploma etc.) or letter/statement from your overseas Education Institution.



### \*Other identity documents

Birth certificate, National identity number

### \*Health Insurance

Evidence of Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

### \*Genuine temporary entrant requirement

Include a statement outlining your aims, objectives and that intend to genuinely stay in Australia temporarily (Statement of Purpose)

### \*Appointment of an authorized recipient / MARA agent

Form 956 or Form 956A

**PROCESSING TIME: BETWEEN 2 WEEKS TO 12 WEEKS**

## Working while you study

Most international students visas allow you to work for up to 40 hours every two weeks while your course is in session, and unrestricted hours during any scheduled course break.

All Universities have a careers office, which regularly posts employment vacancies. The local industry and employers generally recruit students for part-time work from here. In addition to this the careers office will also prepare students with resume writing skills and give them an update on the opportunities and where to find them. Other options of finding jobs are through local community news papers and networking. Students will have to meet people, go and personally drop resumes at various spots which can include local service stations, fast food joints, restaurants and other business establishments.

Good communication and English speaking skills, willingness to learn and hard-work are the key to get the desired job .

## Post Study Work Opportunity in Australia

After successfully completing studies in Australia students have several options available to them if they want to work and live in Australia. The Temporary Graduate Visa (Subclass 485) allows students to live and work in Australia for upto 1.5 to 4 years

This temporary graduate visa (subclass 485) has two streams:

**-Graduate Work stream** (Valid for 18 months).    **-Post-Study Work stream** (Valid for 2 to 4 years)

Apart from this there are also several other visa categories open to international students and Australia has a very straightforward path to permanent residency under the skilled migration program. Most International students studying in Australia who hold a vocational, higher education or postgraduate student visa will still be able to apply for permanent residence if their occupation is on the new Skilled Occupation List (SOL) and they meet other requirements.



## English Language Requirements

All students must provide evidence of the English language skills at the time of admission and when they submit the student visa application.

Australian universities and colleges accept any one the following tests:

- The International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT)
- Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)
- Occupational English Test (OET)
- Cambridge C1 Advanced test

Students must have taken the English language test in the 2 years before you apply for a student visa.

Each university and course has its own English language requirement, so do check the university website

## Overseas Student Health Cover(OSHC)

All International students undertaking formal studies in Australia, and their dependents (for example, spouses and children under 18 years old), must obtain OSHC. It includes cover for visits to the doctor, some hospital treatment, ambulance cover and limited pharmaceuticals (medicines).

When you lodges the student visa application, you must provide a receipt or other proof of your OSHC payment. The OSHC should commence when you arrive in Australia. OSHC is offered by certain insurers under a Deed of Agreement with the Department of Health Australia to provide adequate health insurance to students at a reasonable cost. Only a small number of registered health insurers offer OSHC and they are :



## Genuine Temporary Entrant Requirement (GTE)

The **Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE)** is a pre-requirement to get an Australian study visa. Every student willing to study in Australia must submit a GTE statement where they need to prove that they are coming to Australia temporarily to gain a quality education and intend to use the student visa program for its intended purpose only.

The factors that are considered during assessment of the GTE requirement include: your personal circumstances in home country, the value of the course to your future, your immigration history and any other matter that is relevant to your intention to remain in Australia temporarily.

The information in your personal statement & in your application form along with supporting documents will be used to assess the GTE requirement.

# Studying in Regional Australia

Regional Australia is referred to as any area outside metropolitan areas of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Regional cities or towns have easy-going lifestyle with lower levels of stress. Away from fast-paced city life, students will find plenty of opportunities to relax and become a part of community activities. Regional universities offer excellent opportunities to experience Australia's natural environment. Compared to big cities regional education is more affordable and so is the cost of living.

The Australian Government encourages international students to study and live in designated "Regional Areas" of Australia. There are also numerous other benefits to studying in regional areas that will be introduced in November 2019 and they are outlined below :

## Extra Points for migration

One of the main benefits for international students choosing to study in regional cities is that they get 5 extra points when they apply for permanent residence under any of the skilled category and priority processing. This will increase your chance of getting Australian permanent residency

## Additional Year and Two on Post Study Work

From November 2019 students who study at regional universities will get one year to two years extra post study work visa. This visa allows students to stay in Australia with full time work rights.

## Lower Cost of Living

The cost of living in regional areas is much less when compared to major cities. Example: The rent for 2 bedroom flat in Toowomba costs around \$1370 per month and its around \$ 2200+ in Sydney.

## Discover the Real Australia

From tropical forests to snow covered mountains to white sandy beaches, regional Australia has it all. You can explore Australia's natural environment and take up a relaxed and amazing life style.

## Excellent Facilities

All regional cities are very cosmopolitan as well, with same facilities and entertainment that you will find in the big cities (think health care, cinemas, sporting venues, restaurants, cafés, bars and shopping), so you can be sure to find everything you need. One of the main differences is that these regional cities are more relaxed, and you will feel as if you are part of a community rather than just one person in a big city.

## Special Scholarships

The Australian government has announced special scholarships under "Destination Australia" for students studying in regional universities. More details check [www.dese.gov.au/destination-australia](http://www.dese.gov.au/destination-australia)

## TOP 15 REGIONAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN AUSTRALIA FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

**PERTH      GOLD COAST      ADELAIDE      CANBERRA      NEW CASTLE      TOOWOOMBA**  
**BENDIGO      DARWIN      HOBART      CAIRNS      BALLARAT      WOLLONGONG**  
**GEELONG      ALBURY      TOWNSVILLE**

# AUSTRALIA

## Not just a destination, it's a lifetime experience.



**Australia has one of the best higher education systems in the world**

**Australia with its unique mix of thriving cities and regional centres, vast open spaces & spectacular landscapes, attracts people from all over the world**

**Australian cities are consistently ranked as some of the most liveable in the world. Seven of the best student cities in the world are in Australia**

**Australia is a multicultural, friendly and welcoming country**

**The Australian Government has invested more than A\$300 million in scholarships for international students**





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