



Studying and living in Australia

Australia is a popular destination for international students because there is so much to do, see, explore and eat.

Swimming at Bondi Beach. Enjoying the mix of cuisine, or finding the perfect coffee in Melbourne. Admiring the picturesque landscape of the South Coast, and enjoying the laid-back culture of every-day Australians.

Boasting the fourth highest number of international students in the world, Australia has seven of the top 100 universities in the world and over 22,000 courses across 1,100 institutions. This strong academic offering has resulted in more than 2.5 million graduate international students (in 2018 there were 624,000 international students in Australia, representing 194 nationalities, with the majority studying in higher education institutions). It has also consistently rated one of the safest countries in the world.

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Living conditions

Australia is home to six of the 50 best cities in the world for students, based on student mix, affordability, quality of life, and employer activity – all-important elements for students when choosing the best study destination.

Australia offers a wide variety of options on everything from accommodation to dining out, shopping to entertainment and transport costs. Fuel is expensive in Australia, so being close to public transport is far cheaper than the costs associated with driving a car. There is a wide variety of public transport to use such as, trains, trams, buses and ferries.



Career opportunities

Having an international degree provides a range of career opportunities. Learning about another country and perfecting another language is a huge advantage towards your career. You can also build a global network of contacts, and recruiters will value your skills and attributes from studying abroad.

If you decide not to return to your home country after your studies, you could apply for the “Temporary Graduate Visa”. This allows you to work in Australia for up to 18 months after you have graduated.

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Diversity and culture

Besides Australia's natural beauty and breathtaking landscapes, Australia has a diverse, rich culture. Classrooms in Australia encourage active participation and people are friendly and most-often informal. You can get involved in a social sport, or attend social events in your local area to immerse yourself in the Australian culture.



Healthcare in Australia

Health care systems are different all over the world. Student visa holders in Australia are usually not eligible for publicly funded healthcare, known as "Medicare". This means students need to purchase health insurance to help cover the costs of medical and hospital care during your studies. It is also a visa requirement for international students to have health insurance.

Before coming to Australia, you will be required by law to purchase health insurance to cover the full period of your student visa – this is known as Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). For more information, visit the **Department of Home Affairs** website.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Are there support services available at university?

A There are many free services available for international students, some provided by schools or universities, and others provided by a range of state, territory and federal government departments.

University student services and facilities may be able to provide language and academic support, orientation programs, childcare, health and counselling, employment services or prayer and worship rooms. They might also be able to help with practical advice on banking and shopping options, or tips on where to make social connections or workout.

Q What if my parents want to visit?

A If you want to have your parents or a family member visit, they will need to obtain a visitor visa. For more information on bringing family members to visit, please refer to the **Department of Home Affairs** website.

Q Can I work while studying?

A As an international student in Australia, your student visa permits you to work up to 40 hours a fortnight during the academic year or full time during the holidays.

Resources

universitiesaustralia.edu.au/australias-universities/key-facts-and-data#.XNNqOI4zaUm

topuniversities.com/city-rankings/2018

overseasstudentsaustralia.com/

studyinaustralia.gov.au/english/live-in-australia

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