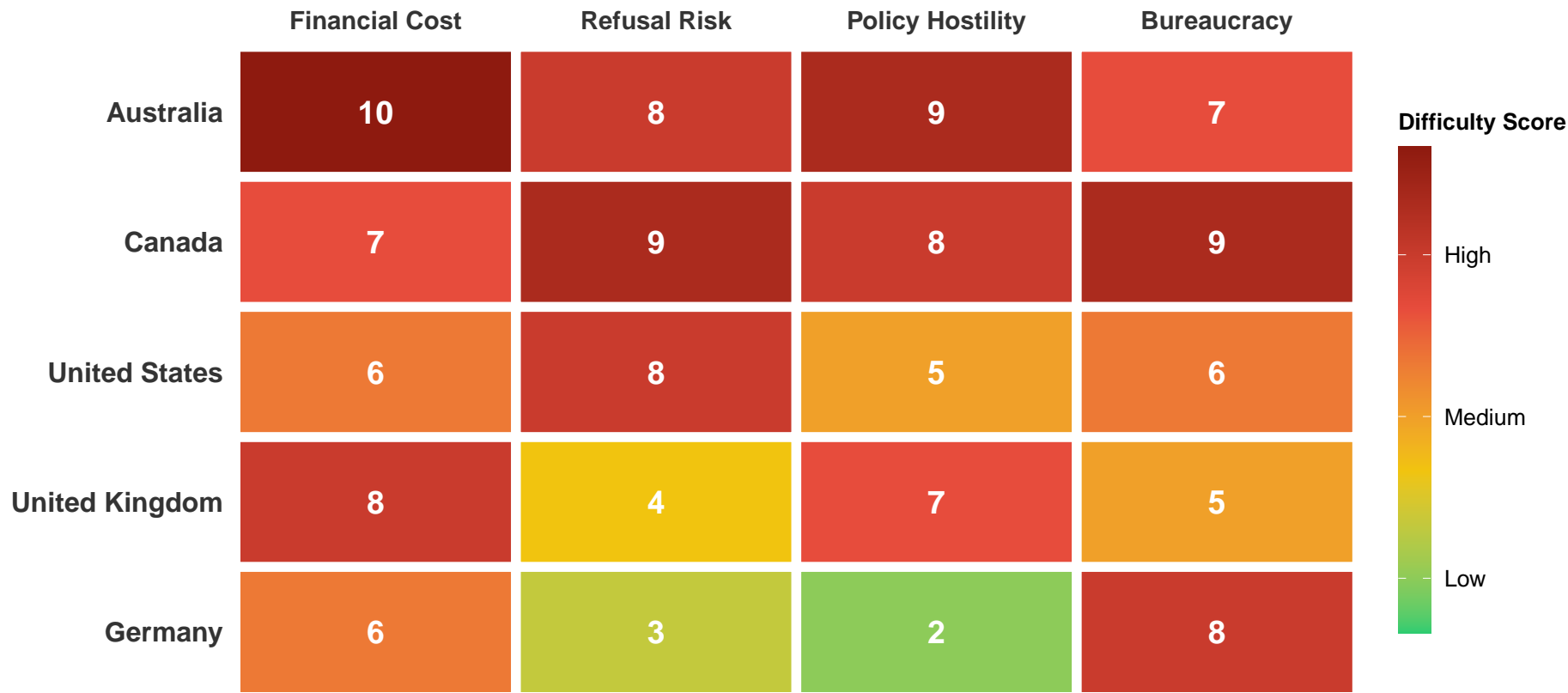


# International Student Visa Difficulty Index (2026)

Barrier to entry scores by country and dimension (1 = easy, 10 = very difficult)



Sources: Home Affairs Australia, IRCC Canada, UKVI, US State Department, German Federal Foreign Office, Japanese Immigration Bureau (January 2026).  
Financial Cost includes visa fees and mandatory financial proof requirements. Refusal Risk based on published rejection rates.  
Policy Hostility reflects caps, dependent restrictions, and interview requirements. Bureaucracy measures paperwork complexity and processing times.