



Subclass 407

Training visa

This visa allows you to take part in workplace-based occupational training activities to improve your skills for your job, area of tertiary study, field of expertise or in a professional development training program in Australia.

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For Applicants

For Sponsors

Overview

Stay

This is a temporary visa. We might grant you a visa allowing you to stay in Australia for up to 2 years.

Cost

From for the main applicant.

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

With this visa you can

- visit Australia to complete a workplace-based training (to improve your skills for your current occupation, area of tertiary study or field of expertise), or a professional development training program

[See all conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=407\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=407)

[Check your eligibility \(#Eligibility\)](#)

You must

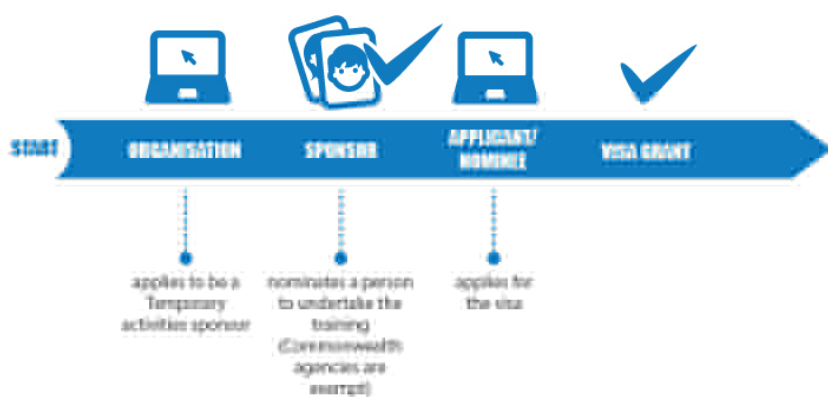
- be sponsored
- be nominated (unless your sponsor is a Commonwealth Government agency)

- be invited (if your sponsor is a Commonwealth Government agency)

Help with your visa

If you are getting help with your visa, before you pay someone, read information on [Who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Process



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With this visa, you can

- visit Australia to complete a workplace-based training (to improve your skills for your current occupation, area of tertiary study or field of expertise), or a professional development training program

Nomination types

This visa allows people to take part in workplace-based training to improve their skills for their job, area of tertiary study, field of expertise or in a professional development training program in Australia.

Nomination requirements are different depending on the purpose or type of training.

There are 3 types of occupational training covered by this visa:

- [Occupational training required for registration \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/training-407/occupational-training-types#content-index-0\)](#)
- [Occupational training to improve skills in an eligible occupation \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/training-407/occupational-training-types#content-index-1\)](#)
- [Occupational training for capacity building overseas \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/training-407/occupational-training-types#content-index-2\)](#). This includes overseas qualification, government support or professional.

Nomination is the stage where the sponsor provides details about the nominee (intended trainee), the purpose or type of training and how and where the training will be provided.

How long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. We might grant you a visa stay in Australia for up to 2 years.

You can leave and re-enter Australia on the visa while it is valid.

Stay longer

You can't stay in Australia longer by extending this visa.

You can apply for another visa. [Explore visa options \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder\)](#).

Include family

You can include members of the family unit in your application when you apply

Family members who apply for the visa with you must also meet our [health](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and [character](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character) requirements.

If you apply for this visa from outside Australia, family members who are not coming to Australia might also have to meet our health requirements.

Newborn children

Find out what to do if [your child is born after you apply or when you hold your visa](/change-in-situation/had-a-baby).

Subsequent entrants

If we grant you the visa, your family members might be able to apply to join you in Australia later as a subsequent entrant.

They can do this using the Temporary Work and Activity Visa (Subsequent Entrant) (403,407,408) form in [ImmiAccount](https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login) (<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>).

Family members applying subsequently should :

- be listed on the nomination form if their sponsor is not a Commonwealth Government Agency, and
- provide a letter from the sponsor of the primary applicant confirming the sponsor has agreed to sponsor them

Cost

The visa costs from for the main applicant.

There is also a charge for each family member who applies for the visa with you.

You might also have to pay other costs for health checks, police certificates and biometrics.

To work out what your visa will cost, use the [Visa Pricing Estimator](/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=407) (</visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=407>). The estimator does not take into account the other costs.

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa and when we decide on your application.

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times) (</visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times>). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

Your application might take longer to process if:

- you do not fill it in correctly
- you do not include all the documents we need or we need more information from you
- we have to verify your information

We can't process your application if you do not pay the correct visa application charge. We will notify you if this is the case and if necessary return your application.

Your obligations

You and your family members must obey all Australian laws.

Learn more about [conditions for this visa \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=407\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=407).

Travel

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid.

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

Visa label

We will digitally link your visa to your passport. You will not get a label in your passport.

Financial support

You will need to be able to financially support yourself while in Australia. You will need to be able to financially support accompanying family members.

Changing sponsors

If you decide to train with another organisation while you are in Australia, you will need to be sponsored by that organisation. They must submit a new nomination for you.

When the new nomination is approved you can do your occupational training with that organisation for the time remaining on your visa.

You do not have to apply for a new visa, as long as you continue to do the training program your visa was approved for.

If your occupational training program changes, you need to submit a new visa application.

If your sponsor ends your training you must tell us. You may try to find another organisation to sponsor you.

Apply for a new visa

If you want to apply for a new Training visa (subclass 407) you will need continuing sponsorship. You may have to provide an explanation of why you were unable to complete the training within the initial training period.

Eligibility

Have an approved sponsor

Your sponsor must be approved as a [temporary activities sponsor \(/visas/employing-and-sponsoring-someone/sponsoring-workers/becoming-a-sponsor/temporary-activities-sponsor#Overview\)](#).

Be nominated

Your sponsor must have nominated you to participate in a program of occupational training unless your sponsor is a Australian Commonwealth Government agency.

Nomination requirements are different depending on the purpose or type of training.

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- [Occupational training required for registration \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/training-407/occupational-training-types#content-index-0\)](#)
- [Occupational training to improve skills in an eligible occupation \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/training-407/occupational-training-types#content-index-1\)](#)
- [Occupational training for capacity building overseas \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/training-407/occupational-training-types#content-index-2\)](#). This includes overseas qualification, government support or professional.

Be this age

Usually, you must be 18 years old or older at the time we decide your visa application.

Have this visa

If you are applying in Australia, you must currently hold a valid temporary substantive visa that is not a:

- a Subclass 403 (Temporary Work (International Relations) visa in the Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or Consular stream) or
- a Subclass 771 (Transit) visa or
- a Special Purpose visa

If you are in Australia and do not hold a substantive visa, your last substantive visa must not have been one of the above visas and your application must be made within 28 days:

- after the last substantive visa you held ceased to be in effect or
- after the day you were notified of the Administrative Appeal Tribunal's decision to set aside and substitute the decision to cancel your substantive visa, or the Minister's decision not to revoke the cancellation of your substantive visa.

Meet our health requirement

You and any family members who apply for the visa with you must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](#).

Meet our character requirement

You and family members aged 16 years and over who apply for the visa with you must meet our [character requirement](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character>).

We might also ask that other family members meet the requirement.

Have adequate health insurance

You are personally liable for all your healthcare costs while you are in Australia. Medical insurance helps limit your financial liability. You must maintain adequate health cover for the whole of your stay if you are granted this visa. Your insurance should cover you for medically necessary treatment, including transport.

See a guide to what we consider [adequate health insurance](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance>).

See more about [health insurance for overseas visitors](https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm) (https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm).

Reciprocal healthcare agreements

Some countries have a reciprocal healthcare agreement with Australia. Find out more from Services Australia about reciprocal healthcare agreements (<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/rhca-medical-care-visitors-australia>).

Be a genuine temporary entrant

You must only intend to:

- stay temporarily in Australia
- do the things you are allowed to do on this visa

You must have substantially complied with the conditions of the last substantive or subsequent bridging visa that you held.

Have this level of English language

You must have [functional English](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/functional-english) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/functional-english>).

Sign the Australian values statement

If you are 18 years of age or older, you must:

- have read, or had explained to you, the [Life in Australia booklet](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values>) and
 - sign an [Australian Values Statement](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values>) that confirms you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws
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Have paid back your debt to the Australian Government

If you or any family members (including those who don't apply for the visa with you) owe the Australian government money, you or they must have paid it back or arranged to pay it back.

Not had a visa cancelled or an application refused

We will consider your immigration history when we make a decision on your application, which means you might not be eligible for this visa if you have had a visa cancelled or refused.

In some circumstances you may still apply for a permanent visa if you have had a visa cancelled or an application refused see [Limitations on applications in Australia \(/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf).

If applying for a visa from outside Australia see [Can I go to Australia \(/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban\)](/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban).

If you want immigration assistance, see [Who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Best interests of the child

We might not grant this visa if it is not in the best interests of an applicant under 18.

Meet all these criteria? Check how to apply in our [step by step \(#HowTo\)](#) guide.

Step by step

Step 1

Before you apply

Before you apply, you have to make sure your sponsoring organisation has applied to be or has been approved as a sponsor. Your sponsoring organisation must also have submitted a nomination application. Australian Commonwealth Government agencies don't have to nominate.

Don't arrange travel until we tell you in writing you have the visa.

If you plan to get a new passport, you should do so before applying for this visa. If you get a new passport after you have submitted your application, you must tell us of this change in writing. You can do this using [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).

Get help with your application

Only some people can help you with your application. If you appoint someone to give you immigration assistance they must be:

- a [registered migration agent](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent>)
- a [legal practitioner](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner>), Or
- an [exempt person](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person>).

You can appoint anyone to [receive documents](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients>) on your behalf relating to your visa matter.

Step 2

Gather your documents

Gather documents to prove your identity and show you have a sponsor, nomination or government invitation, financial support and health insurance. You will need to prepare them to submit online.

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information. See what happens if you can't [prove your identity or don't provide true information](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information) (</help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information>).

Identity documents

We need proof of your identity. If you can't prove your identity:

- we will refuse your visa application
- we might not grant you another visa for 10 years
- we might not grant any family members you listed on your application a visa for 10 years

Provide the pages of your current passport showing your photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates.

Also provide:

- a national identity card, if you have one
- proof of change of name, if applicable

Documents that prove a change of name include:

- a marriage or divorce certificate
- change of name documents from an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, or the relevant overseas authority
- documents that show other names you have been known by

Sponsor documents

You need to provide:

- a sponsor approval letter or receipt for submission of the sponsorship application
- your sponsor's nomination approval letter or receipt for submission of the nomination application – if your sponsor is not an Australian Commonwealth Government agency
- a written statement from the sponsor that they will meet the sponsorship obligations for you and all dependent family members included in your application

Volunteer documents

If this is a volunteer position, you and your sponsor need to complete the Acknowledgement of unpaid placement forms.

- [Form 1283 Acknowledgement of unpaid placement—visa applicant \(/form-listing/forms/1283.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1283.pdf)
- [Form 1284 Acknowledgement of unpaid placement—sponsor \(/form-listing/forms/1284.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1284.pdf)

Your sponsor should submit these forms with the nomination.

Financial support documents

You will need to show evidence of your financial capacity to support yourself and your family while you are in Australia, such as:

- bank statements
- a letter from your financial institution stating your financial position
- employment contracts
- documents showing allowances, accommodation and stipends from your sponsor while you are in Australia
- if you are currently or were previously an AusAID or Foreign Affairs supported student provide a copy of the letter of support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Health insurance

You will need to provide evidence of [adequate health insurance \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance) for you and your family members for the duration of your stay in Australia.

Evidence of English language

Provide evidence that you have [functional English \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/functional-english\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/functional-english) language skills to undertake the training programme.

You do not need to provide these results if you hold a valid passport from:

- the United Kingdom
- Canada
- New Zealand
- the United States
- the Republic of Ireland

Workplace-based activity documents

If you are sponsored by a Australian Commonwealth Government agency, provide a copy of the invitation to participate in the training.

If you are not sponsored by a Australian Commonwealth Government agency, provide a copy of the nomination approval letter or receipt for submitting the nomination application.

Also provide a copy of your qualifications and curriculum vitae (CV).

If registrations or licences are required for you to do the training, provide copies of registrations or licences.

Professional Development documents

If you are sponsored by a Australian Commonwealth Government agency, provide a copy of the invitation to participate in the training.

If you are not sponsored by a Australian Commonwealth Government agency, provide a copy of the nomination approval letter or receipt for submitting the nomination application.

Provide a statement from your sponsor confirming they are satisfied:

- that you are doing the professional development training specified in the application
- that you have relevant managerial or other professional skills and work experience to participate in the program

Provide a signed letter on company letterhead from your current manager detailing your current position and duties.

Also provide a copy of your qualifications and curriculum vitae (CV).

Occupational training required for registration

You must provide a letter from the relevant regulatory body for the occupation in Australia or your home country. This letter must :

- name you
- state the nominated training is necessary for the you to get registration, membership or licensing to work in the occupation

If you are a health practitioner treating patients as part of your occupational training you must:

- have a letter from the relevant registration authority, or
- regulatory body stating you have conditional registration for the training

Character documents

Provide an Australian police certificate if you have spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia in the last 10 years since you turned 16. We only accept complete disclosure National Police Certificates issued by the [Australian Federal Police \(https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks\)](https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks). We do not accept standard disclosure certificates or national police certificates issued by Australian state or territory police.

Also provide military service records or discharge papers if you served in the armed forces of any country.

Depending on your circumstances, we may ask you to also provide an overseas police certificate from every country, including your home country, where you spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since you turned 16.

Complete and provide the following forms:

- [Form 80 Personal particulars for character assessment \(/form-listing/forms/80.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/80.pdf)
- [Form 1221 Additional personal particulars information \(/form-listing/forms/1221.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1221.pdf)

Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

- receive your correspondence, use [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf)
- provide immigration assistance, use [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956.pdf).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview).

Partner documents

Provide your partner's:

- identity documents
- character documents
- marriage certificate
- documents about other relationships, if applicable

For de facto relationships provide either:

- evidence that your relationship is registered by an Australian State or Territory
- enough documents to prove you have been in a de facto relationship with your partner for at least 12 months before you apply

For both married and de facto applicants you must provide evidence that you are in a genuine and continuing relationship. Evidence can include but is not limited to:

- joint bank account statements
- billing accounts in joint names
- joint leases or mortgages
- documents that show your partner has lived at the same address as you

Dependants under 18 documents

For every dependant 18 years old or younger who is applying with you, provide:

- copies of birth certificates or the family book showing the names of both parents of all your dependent children
- copies of the adoption paper, if applicable.

Parental responsibility documents

You must get consent for any applicant under 18 years of age to migrate to Australia from anyone who:

- has a legal right to decide where the child lives and
- is not coming to Australia with the child

They must complete either:

- [Form 1229 Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years \(/form-listing/forms/1229.pdf\)](#)
- a statutory declaration giving their consent for the child to visit Australia on this visa

Alternatively, you can show us:

- an Australian court order that allows your child to migrate to Australia, or
- that the laws of your home country allow them to migrate

Include:

- an identity document that shows the signature and photo of the person who completed the form or declaration, such as a passport or driver's licence
- adoption papers or other court documents if applicable

Dependants over 18 documents

To include your child who is over 18 in your visa application, they must be:

- over 18 years of age but not yet turned 23, and dependent on you or your partner, or
- over 23 years of age, unable to earn a living to support themselves due to physical or cognitive limitations and dependent on you or your partner

Provide:

- identity documents
- documents about their other relationships, if applicable
- character documents

You must also provide proof the child is dependent on you:

- proof of your relationship with the dependent such as a birth certificate or adoption papers
- a completed [Form 47a Details of a child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over](/form-listing/forms/47a.pdf)
- proof of financial dependency such as bank statements, money transfers and rent receipts
- if the child is aged 23 or is likely to turn 23 while your application is being processed, you must also provide a report from a qualified medical practitioner that states they are dependent on you or your partner due to the total or partial loss of their bodily or mental functions

Prepare your documents

Translate

Have all non-English documents translated into English.

Translators in Australia must be accredited by the [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters](http://www.naati.com.au/) (<http://www.naati.com.au/>).

Translators outside Australia do not have to be accredited. But on each translation, they must include their:

- full name
- address and telephone number
- qualifications and experience in the language they are translating

These details must be in English.

Note: You do not need to have any documents certified.

Scan or photograph

Scan or photograph all documents (English and non-English) in colour.

The scans and photos must be clear.

If a document is more than one page, save it all as one file.

Keep

Keep a copy of your completed application.

Step 3

Apply for the visa

You must apply for this visa online.

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information. See what happens [if you can't prove your identity or don't provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login).

Apply online

1. Create an account or log in to ImmiAccount (<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>)
2. [Attach documents \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login), including your sponsor's documents

3. Have family applications processed together. Each family member must still have their application charge paid and documents attached to their application
4. Pay the application charge (</help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay>). We will not process your application until you pay the charge.

Step 4

After you apply

See what you can and must do after you apply.

Status updates

If it is within standard processing times do not call. We can't provide any further updates on the application's progress.

You can see if we have asked for more information in your [ImmiAccount](#) (<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>).

Stay lawful

Make sure you stay lawful by holding a valid visa while we process your application.

If you were in Australia when you applied for this visa, you were granted a Bridging visa A (BVA). If your current visa expires before we decide on your application, the BVA will start. You can stay in Australia on the BVA while we process your new visa application. You cannot travel on the BVA - there is no right of return on this visa; it cancels on departure.

Do not cancel your current visa. If you do, you will:

- be staying in Australia unlawfully
- not be eligible for a Bridging visa A

Learn more about [visa expiry](/visas/visa-about-to-expire) (</visas/visa-about-to-expire>).

Travel after you apply

You do not have to tell us if you want to travel outside Australia while we process your application. This is because you can be outside Australia when we make a decision.

But if you leave Australia, make sure you have a [valid visa to return](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/bridging-visa-b-020) (</visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/bridging-visa-b-020>).

Learn about [visa expiry](/visas/visa-about-to-expire) (</visas/visa-about-to-expire>).

Health exams

We will let you know if you need [health examinations \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health).

Biometrics

We might ask for biometrics. We will let you know if you need to provide them.

Attach more information

If you did not attach all your documents when you applied, attach them as soon as possible in ImmiAccount.

We might also ask you to provide more information.

Add family members

You cannot add members of the family unit to your application after you apply but before we decide on your visa, unless it is a child born after you apply but before we make a decision on your visa.

Newborn Children

If your child is born after you apply but before we make a decision on your visa, then your child is considered to have made the same visa application as you.

You must tell us as soon as possible and give us:

- a copy of the child's birth certificate
- completed [Form 1022 Notification of changes in circumstances \(/form-listing/forms/1022.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1022.pdf)

Attach supporting documents including the child's passport if available to your ImmiAccount.

Subsequent entrants

If we grant you the visa, your family members might be able to apply to join you in Australia later as a subsequent entrant. They can do this using the Temporary Work and Activity Visa (Subsequent Entrant) (403,407,408) form in ImmiAccount.

Newborn children

Find out what to do if [your child is born after you apply or when you hold your visa \(/change-in-situation/had-a-baby\)](#).

Mistakes on your application

Let us know as soon as you can if you made a mistake on your application.

Complete [Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers \(/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf\)](#)

Help with you application

Let us know if you no longer want someone to:

- receive your correspondence - complete [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](#)
- provide immigration advice - complete [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](#).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview\)](#).

For more information see [Who can help you with your application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](#).

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include:

- you want to withdraw your application
- changes to your phone number, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status
- the birth of a child

See how to tell us if [your situation changes \(/change-in-situation\)](#).

Step 5

Visa outcome

We will let you know in writing our decision about your visa application. We will tell you:

- your visa grant number
- the date your visa starts
- your visa conditions

Keep a copy of the decision with you when in Australia.

If we refuse your visa we will let you know in writing. We will tell you why we refused and whether you have a right to a review of the decision.

We will not refund the application charge if we refuse your application.

When you have this visa

- Now you have your visa (*#haveThisVisa-index-0*)
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- In Australia (*#haveThisVisa-index-2*)
- Leaving Australia (*#haveThisVisa-index-3*)

Now you have your visa

If we have granted you a Training (subclass 407) visa, you may want to consider withdrawing any other undecided visa applications you have lodged with us.

We will continue to progress any undecided visa applications. If they meet the requirements it may result in your current visa ceasing. It may also affect your eligibility for government benefits such as Centrelink or Medicare.

To withdraw any other visa application, you must tell us in writing. More information is available on our website at [You want to withdraw an application \(/change-in-situation/withdraw-visa-application\)](#).

Coming to Australia

Before you travel

Check your travel documents

You must have:

- a valid visa to enter Australia
- a valid passport or other travel document

At the border

Completing an Incoming Passenger Card

All people arriving Australia must complete the [Incoming Passenger Card](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc)) ([https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-\(ipc\)](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc))). You will get the card on board.

Leaving the airport faster

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate](https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates) (<https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates>).

In Australia

What you can do when you have this visa

- visit Australia to complete a workplace-based training (to improve your skills for your current occupation, area of tertiary study or field of expertise), or a professional development training program
- travel to and from Australia as many times as you want

To see your specific conditions, work and study entitlements, use [VEVO](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview) (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>).

What you must do on this visa

You and your family members must meet all visa conditions that apply and obey all Australian laws.

Check your conditions in [VEVO](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview) (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>) or your visa grant letter.

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about when you have this visa include:

- changes to your phone number, email, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status
- the birth of a child

See how to let us know if there is a [change in your situation](/change-in-situation) (</change-in-situation>).

See how long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. You can stay until your visa expires. To see when your visa expires use VEVO.

Staying longer

You can't stay in Australia longer by extending this visa. You must apply for a new visa if you want to stay longer.

Travelling on your visa

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid.

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

Proving you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](#).

Working

You and your family are protected by Australian workplace law. [See their workplace rights and entitlements \(https://www.fairwork.gov.au/how-we-will-help/templates-and-guides/fact-sheets/rights-and-obligations/visa-holders-and-migrant-workers-workplace-rights-and-entitlements\)](#).

Family members

Family members who are granted the same visa with you can only work up to 40 hours every two weeks in Australia.

To see your and your family's conditions for work, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](#).

Bringing a family member

Your family members who did not apply for the visa with you might be eligible to apply as a subsequent entrant after the visa is granted.

Apply for a subsequent entrant visa using the Temporary Work and Activity Visa (Subsequent Entrant) (403,407,408) form in [ImmiAccount \(https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login\)](#).

Newborn children

Find out what to do if [your child is born after you apply or when you hold your visa \(/change-in-situation/had-a-baby\)](#).

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have a valid passport or other travel document to leave Australia.

Ensure your visa is still valid if you intend to return to Australia

Check your conditions and the expiry of your current visa in VEVO.

See what you can and must do [if your visa has expired or is about to expire \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](#).

At the border

Leaving the airport faster

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate \(https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates\)](#).

After you leave

Get your superannuation if you intend not to return to Australia

You are likely to have some money in a superannuation fund if you worked in Australia and you are:

- 18 years old or older
- paid AUD450 or more before tax in a month

See how to [access your super \(/entering-and-leaving-australia/leaving-australia\)](#).

To prove you have been to Australia

Request your international movement records (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records>) to get proof of your travel in and out of Australia.

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Subclass 500

Student visa

Visit Australia to participate in a course of study.

Overview

Stay

Up to 5 years and in line with your enrolment.

Cost

From AUD710.00, unless exempt.

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

With this visa you can

- participate in an eligible course of study in Australia
- travel in and out of Australia
- work up to 48 hours a fortnight when your course of study or training is in session.

[See all conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500)

[Check your eligibility \(#Eligibility\)](#)

You must

- apply online in or outside Australia
- be enrolled in a course of study in Australia
- hold Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), or fall in one of the exemption categories
- must be 6 years or older
- prove you have a [welfare arrangement \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18), if you are under 18

[Ask a question](#)

- If in Australia hold an eligible substantive visa. See, '[Have this Visa if applying while in Australia \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500?bk=Eligibility-index-7#Eligibility\)](#)' in Eligibility Tab.

Note:

- A substantive visa ceases to be in effect if another substantive visa is granted
- Applications are received Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) (or Australian Eastern daylight standard time (AEDST) when applicable)

Help with your visa

If you are getting help with your visa, before you pay someone, read information on [Who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](#).

About this visa

- [With this visa you can \(#aboutVisa-index-0\)](#)
- [How long you can stay \(#aboutVisa-index-1\)](#)
- [Stay longer \(#aboutVisa-index-2\)](#)
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- [Students affected by COVID-19 \(#aboutVisa-index-4\)](#)
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- [Your obligations \(#aboutVisa-index-9\)](#)
- [Travel \(#aboutVisa-index-10\)](#)
- [Visa label \(#aboutVisa-index-11\)](#)

With this visa you can

- participate in an eligible course of study in Australia
- travel in and out of Australia

- work up to 48 hours a fortnight when your course of study or training is in session (students studying a masters by research or doctoral degree, and their families, have no work limit). See [Work restrictions for student visa holders \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/temporary-relaxation-of-working-hours-for-student-visa-holders\)](#).

How long you can stay

This is a temporary visa to study up to 5 years. The type of course and its length will determine the [length of stay \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/length-of-stay\)](#)

Primary school children enrolled in years 1-4 will generally only be granted a student visa for a maximum period of 3 years.

Stay longer

To continue studying in Australia, you must apply for a new Student visa.

If your Student visa will expire before your graduation you might be eligible for a [Visitor visa \(subclass 600\) \(https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600\)](#). You will need a letter from your education provider with the date of your graduation.

If you hold or held a student visa and completed specific qualifications in Australia in the last six months, you might be eligible for a [Temporary Graduate visa \(subclass 485\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-graduate-485/\)](#).

If you are a recent engineering graduate of a recognized institution you might be eligible for the [Skilled Recognition Graduate visa \(subclass 476\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-recognition-graduate-476\)](#).

If you want to stay longer for other reasons, you must apply for a new visa that suits your circumstances. [Explore your visa options \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder\)](#).

Cost

The visa costs from AUD710.00 for the main applicant, unless they are exempt.

There is also a charge for each family member who applies for the visa.

You might also have to pay other costs for health checks, police certificates and biometrics.

To work out what your visa will cost, use the [Visa Pricing Estimator \(https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-pricing-estimator\)](#). The estimator does not take into account the other costs.

Students affected by COVID-19

If you held a Student visa on or after 1 February 2020, you may be eligible to have your visa application fee waived so you can submit a further Student visa application. You may be eligible if you:

- have deferred your study as you were unable to enter Australia due to travel restrictions
- were forced to reduce to a part-time study load
- were unable to complete your work-based training or placements.

This measure does not apply to students who are lodging a new student visa application because of ordinary reasons, including if you have:

- failed a course or unit of study
- deferred for personal reasons
- voluntarily reduced your study load.

You must apply for a Student visa to have your application for a fee waiver considered. Attach a completed [Form 1545 COVID-19 Impacted Student \(229KB PDF\)](#) ([/form-listing/forms/1545.pdf](#)) from your education provider.

If you are applying for a fee waiver in Australia, we will not issue a Bridging visa automatically as the fee exemption must be checked first. You do not need to contact the department if you have applied for a fee waiver in Australia and have not been issued a Bridging visa immediately.

This waiver only applies to the visa application charge.

Include family

You can include family members when you lodge your visa application. For student visas, your family member is:

- your partner, or
- your or your partner's dependent child who is unmarried and has not turned 18 years of age.

We cannot grant a student visa to your child if they have turned 18 years at the time your visa is finalised. They need to apply for their own visa.

You must declare your family members in your student visa application even if they do not plan to travel with you to Australia. If you do not do this, your family members will not be eligible for a student visa to join you in Australia.

Your family members can also apply as a subsequent entrant (at a later time, separate from your application) in [ImmiAccount](#) ([/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online](#)).

Family members who apply for the visa must meet our requirements for [health](#) ([/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health](#)) and [character](#) ([/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character](#)).

Check the annual school costs you will need to pay for any dependent children to go to either public or private schools in Australia.

For more information see 'Evidence you have enough money for your stay' section under [Gather documents](#) ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#HowTo](#)).

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa and when we decide on your application.

Packaged courses

You will need to give us Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) for each course. The last course you take as part of the course package is your main course of study. We use your main course of study to work out what financial and English language skills evidence you must give us.

If your visa application includes a package of courses, course gaps must be less than two calendar months, unless the first course finishes at the end of the standard academic year and the next course commences at the beginning of the standard academic year.

For example, the academic year generally ends in November and starts again in February the following year, three to four months is an acceptable gap between courses.

Standard visa grant periods apply to packaged courses.

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

Your application can take longer to process if:

- you do not fill it in correctly
- you do not include all the documents we need or we need more information from you
- it takes us time to verify your information

We can't process your application if you do not pay the correct visa application charge. We will notify you if this is the case.

Processing times are available through [Global Visa Processing Times \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times).

Your obligations

You and your family must meet all visa conditions and follow Australian laws.

See [which conditions will and might be attached to this visa. \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500)

Travel

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid.

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

Visa label

We will digitally link your visa to your passport. You will not get a label in your passport.

Eligibility

Be a certain age (school student)

If you are a school student (but not participating in a secondary school student exchange program), you must be aged 6 or older to apply for this visa.

You must also be:

- less than 17 years old when you begin Year 9
- less than 18 years old when you begin Year 10
- less than 19 years old when you begin Year 11
- less than 20 years old when you begin Year 12

Be enrolled in a course of study and provide evidence

You must include evidence of enrolment in study with your student visa application, or your application will not be valid and can't be processed.

Providing a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

You must be enrolled in a full time course registered on the [Commonwealth Register of Institutions and courses for Overseas Students \(CRICOS\)](http://cricos.education.gov.au/) (<http://cricos.education.gov.au/>).

Applying outside Australia: provide a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) for each course of study with your visa application.

Applying inside Australia: provide a CoE or Letter of Offer for all intended courses. You must provide your CoE before we can grant your visa.

Packaged courses and CoEs

If you are applying for more than 1 course in your student visa application you must include all CoE codes in the application form or your visa period may only consider the duration of the course according to the the CoE provided.

You can apply to take 2 or more courses on your Student visa where one course clearly leads to the next. Course gaps must be less than two calendar months, unless the first course finishes at the end of the standard academic year and the next course commences at the beginning of the standard academic year.

If you are applying for more than 1 course in your student visa application you must include all CoE codes in the application form or your visa may only cover the CoE provided.

Other evidence of enrolment

You do not need to provide a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) if you are:

- enrolled in a full-time course of study or training under a scholarship scheme approved by the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade: provide a letter of support
- sponsored by the Australian Department of Defence: provide a letter of support
- a secondary exchange student: provide an Acceptance Advice of Secondary Exchange Student (AASES) form
- a postgraduate research student who needs to stay in Australia while your thesis is marked: provide a letter from your education provider

Make welfare arrangements if you are under 18 years

If you are applying for a student visa and you are under 18 years of age, you must have adequate welfare arrangements in place while you are in Australia.

If you will be 18 years of age when you arrive in Australia, you must tell us as you might not need to provide some of this information. Learn more about this and [welfare arrangements for student visa holders. \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18\)](#)

Meet English language requirements

You might need to provide evidence of your English language skills at the time you submit your visa application. To find out the evidence you need to provide use the [Document Checklist tool \(/visas/web-evidentiary-tool\)](#).

Note: We can ask you for evidence of your English language skill after you have submitted your application, at any time while we are processing your application, even though the Document Checklist tool shows that you don't need to provide evidence of your English language skill when you submit your application.

If you need to provide evidence of your English language skill, you must provide evidence that you:

- have obtained a certain test score in an English language test that the Department has approved, or
- fall into an exemption category listed below

English language tests

The table below shows the English language test providers and the minimum overall band scores you must achieve to meet the Student visa English language requirement.

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

English language test providers	Minimum score	Minimum score and at least 10 weeks English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS)	Minimum score and at least 20 weeks ELICOS
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (https://www.ielts.org/)	5.5	5	4.5
TOEFL internet-based test (only accepted if test is taken on or before 25 July 2023)* (https://www.ets.org/toefl/score-users/ibt/about.html)	46	35	32
Cambridge English: Advanced (Certificate in Advanced English) (http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/advanced)	162	154	147

Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) (https://pearsonpte.com/the-test)	42	36	30
Occupational English Test (https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/)	B for each test component	N/A	N/A

*On 26 July 2023 the TOEFL internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) stopped offering English language tests for Australian visa purposes. A score for a TOEFL iBT test taken on or after 26 July 2023 will no longer satisfy the English language requirement for Student visa purposes. Only TOEFL iBT scores from a test taken on or before 25 July 2023 are accepted for Student visa purposes.

English language evidence exemptions

You do not need to provide evidence of an English test score with your visa application if one of the following applies:

- you are a citizen and hold a passport from UK*, USA, Canada, NZ or Republic of Ireland
- you are an applicant who is a Foreign Affairs or, Defence sponsored student or a Secondary Exchange student (AASES)
- you are enrolled in a principal course of study that is a registered school course, a standalone English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS), a course registered to be delivered in a language other than English, or a registered post-graduate research course
- you have completed at least 5 years' study in English in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland
- in the 2 years before applying for the student visa, you completed, in Australia and in the English language, either the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education or a substantial component of a course leading to a qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework at the Certificate IV or higher level, while you held a student visa.

Note: You may be required to provide evidence of an English test score with your visa application if you hold a British National Overseas (BNO) passport.

Have adequate health insurance

You and your family members must have and maintain [adequate health insurance](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance) for the whole of your stay in Australia. To find out the length of coverage you will require, see [student visa grant periods](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/length-of-stay).

You and your family members must be covered by [Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/overseas_student_health_cover.htm) from an approved Australian health insurance provider, unless an 'Exception' applies.

Applicants outside Australia

Your cover must start from the day you and your family arrive in Australia, not the day your course starts.

If you have been granted a visa and want to travel to Australia before your course begins, the OSHC start date must be the same as the date you arrive, not the date your course starts. Generally this is a minimum of 1 week to 1 month before your course starts.

You must:

- ensure you don't enter Australia before your OSHC begins, and
- maintain your OSHC until you leave Australia.

You may be refused entry to Australia if you cannot prove you have health insurance in place when you arrive.

Applicants in Australia

Applicants must have OSHC. If your previous visa required you to have health insurance, cover must be continuous with no gap between your previous health cover and your OSHC.

Exceptions

You do not need to have OSHC if you are:

- a Norwegian student covered by the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme
- a Swedish student covered by Kammarkollegiet
- a Belgian student covered under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with Australia

How to get Overseas Student Health Cover

To get OSHC:

- find an approved provider
- pay for your policy

Your education provider or agent might arrange OSHC for you.

If your education provider arranges your OSHC coverage, you will need to know the name of your health insurance provider, the date that your policy starts and finishes and should be aware of the terms and conditions of your policy. Your education provider will also need to include your health insurance information on your Certificate of Enrolment (CoE).

If you arrange OSHC coverage yourself, you will need to know the policy number to include in the visa application.

We will refuse your visa application if you don't give us this information when you apply for your student visa.

Insurance for family members

If you have a single OSHC policy and you have family members, including children born in Australia after your arrival, consider getting a family policy. Every member of your family must have health insurance.

Any family member who joins you after you arrive in Australia must show us they have OSHC for the duration of their stay in Australia.

Have this visa if applying while in Australia

If you are in Australia:

You must hold an eligible substantive visa.

Note: a bridging visa is not a substantive visa.

If you do not hold an eligible substantive visa, you must apply within 28 days of:

- holding a Student visa, a Special Purpose visa, or a dependent Diplomatic (temporary) visa or
- being notified by the Tribunal that your visa cancellation has been set aside.

Note: you can only do this once. You cannot make a valid application for a student visa if you do not hold a substantive visa and you have previously been granted a visa based on an application made when you did not hold a substantive visa.

If you do not hold a substantive visa, you can't apply for a student visa if you have ever held a substantive visa that you applied for in Australia while unlawful.

If you have one of these visas, you can't apply for this visa while you are in Australia:

- Domestic Worker (Temporary) Diplomatic and Consular visa (subclass 426)
- Temporary Work (International Relations) visa (subclass 403) in the Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or consular) stream
- Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995) – primary visa holder only. A family member of a Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995) can apply for a Student visa in Australia
- Transit visa (subclass 771)
- Visitor visa (subclass 600) in the Sponsored Family stream or in the Approved Destination Status stream

Have enough money for your stay

You must have enough money to pay for your stay in Australia. Living costs vary throughout Australia and may be higher than what is needed for your visa application. To see the minimum amount of money you need for your visa application go to [Gather Documents in the 'Step by Step' \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#HowTo\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#HowTo).

Be a genuine temporary entrant

You must be a [genuine temporary entrant \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant) and intend to return home after studying in Australia.

Meet our character requirement

You and family members aged 16 years and over who apply for the visa must meet our [character requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

Meet our health requirement

You and any family members who apply for the visa must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health).

Sign the Australian values statement

If you are 18 years of age or older, you must:

- have read, or had explained to you, the [Life in Australia booklet \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) and
- sign an [Australian Values Statement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) that confirms you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws

Have paid back your debt to the Australian Government

If you or any family members (including those who don't apply for the visa with you) owe the Australian government money, you or they must have paid it back or arranged to pay it back.

Not had a visa cancelled or an application refused

We will consider your immigration history when we make a decision on your application, which means you might not be eligible for this visa if you have had a visa cancelled or refused.

In some circumstances you may still apply for a permanent visa if you have had a visa cancelled or an application refused see [Limitations on applications in Australia \(/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf).

If applying for a visa from outside Australia see [Can I go to Australia \(/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban\)](/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban).

If you want immigration assistance, see [Who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Best interests of the child

We might not grant this visa if it is not in the best interests of an applicant under 18.

Meet all these criteria? Check how to apply in our [step by step \(#HowTo\)](#) guide.

Step by step

Step 1

Before you apply

Outside Australia - Apply for your visa at least 8 weeks before your course starts.

In Australia - Allow plenty of time to apply for your next visa, avoid waiting to the last day your current substantive visa expires in case of unexpected complications, as we may not always be able to help you.

Organise health exams

You might need to have [health examinations \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health). You can complete them before you apply.

Find out the [examinations you need \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and how to arrange them if you want to have them before you apply.

Get help with your application

Only some people can help you with your application. If you appoint someone to give you immigration assistance they must be:

- a [registered migration agent \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent)
- a [legal practitioner \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner), Or
- an [exempt person \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person).

You can appoint anyone to [receive documents \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients) on your behalf relating to your visa matter.

Have a valid passport

You and your family members must hold a valid passport in order to lodge a student visa application.

If you are in Australia and your current passport expires, you will need to renew it before you apply for your student visa.

Step 2

Gather your documents

To see what you need to provide, use the [Document Checklist Tool \(/visas/web-evidentiary-tool\)](/visas/web-evidentiary-tool). Before you use this tool please read the [disclaimer \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/disclaimer-for-document-checklist\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/disclaimer-for-document-checklist).

Enter your country of passport and education provider to get an accurate document checklist. Choose the option 'I have not decided on a provider yet' in the tool if you have not yet chosen a provider.

The tool will tell you what you will need to provide evidence of. If the tool says you need to provide evidence of a certain thing, select 'Show steps' to see what kind of evidence we might accept.

Re-check the document checklist based on the country of passport and education provider just before you submit your application to be sure you have the most current list. The Document Checklist Tool is updated twice a year on 31 March and 30 September.

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information. See what happens if you can't [prove your identity or don't provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Identity documents

We need proof of your identity. If you cannot prove your identity:

- we will refuse your visa application
- we might not grant you another visa for 10 years
- we might not grant any family members you listed on your application a visa for 10 years

Provide the pages of your current passport showing your photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates.

Also provide:

- a national identity card, if you have one
- proof of change of name

Documents that prove a change of name include:

- a marriage or divorce certificate
- change of name documents from an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, or the relevant overseas authority
- documents that show other names you have been known by

Confirmation of enrolment, letters of support and acceptance forms

Attach the required documents according to your situation.

Applying outside Australia

Provide a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) for all intended courses.

Applying inside Australia

Provide a CoE or letter of offer for all intended courses. You must provide the CoEs before the visa can be granted.

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or Australian Department of Defence sponsored

Provide a letter of support

If your letter of support does not say it will meet the living costs and expenses of each secondary applicant, then evidence of sufficient funds is also required.

Secondary exchange student

Provide an Acceptance Advice of Secondary Exchange Student form

Postgraduate research student required to remain in Australia for marking of your thesis

Provide a letter from your education provider.

Evidence you have enough money for your stay

If the document checklist indicates you must provide evidence of your financial capacity, you must attach evidence to your visa application. We may refuse your visa without asking you for more information if you don't.

If we don't ask you to provide evidence you have enough money for your stay when you apply, we may ask you to provide this evidence while we are processing your application.

The living costs we ask you to declare and provide with your visa application is the minimum amount of money you need for the purpose of the visa. Actual living costs vary throughout Australia and may be much higher than what you need for the visa. We recommend you research the area you intend to live including the cost of living in that area

There are options to prove you have enough money for your stay.

You could give us evidence of:

- deposits of money from a financial institution
- government loans or loans from a financial institution
- scholarships or similar financial support.

Annual income

Alternatively, you can provide evidence your parents or your partner had a personal annual income of at least AUD62,222 in the 12 months immediately before you apply. If you bring family members, you must show your parents' or partner's income is at least AUD72,592.

From 1 October 2023, you can provide evidence your parents or your partner had a personal income of at least AUD72,465 in the 12 months immediately before you apply. If you bring family members, you must show your parents' or partner's income is at least AUD84,543.

If both your parents are working we can consider their combined income. Provide evidence of your parents' or partner's income in the form of official government documents such as tax assessments less than 12 months old. We won't accept bank statements or direct evidence from an employer.

Work out how much money you need for the visa

At a minimum, you must have enough money to pay for:

- your travel
- 12 months of your course fees (or pro rata fees, if your course is less than 12 months)
- 12 months of living costs for you and any family members who come with you to Australia (or pro rata fees, if you are staying less than 12 months)
- school fees for any school-age children who accompany you (or pro rata fees, if the child will be at school for less than 12 months).

Use the following information to work out how much money you need for the visa. To calculate pro rata costs, divide the annual cost by 365 and multiply the result by the number of days you intend to stay in Australia.

Living costs

12-month living costs are for:

- students or guardians - AUD21,041
- partners coming with you - AUD7,362
- a child coming with you - AUD3,152.

From 1 October 2023, the 12-month living costs will increase to:

- students or guardians - AUD24,505
- partners coming with you - AUD8,574
- a child coming with you - AUD3,670.

Course fees

Use the first 12 months of your course fees. If your course is 12 months or less, use the total cost. Deduct any costs you have already paid – you must provide evidence you have paid them, such as a receipt or Confirmation of Enrolment.

If you are in Australia and your course has already started, calculate the course fee for 12 months starting on the date you lodge your application.

- Example 1: your course fee is AUD50,000 for 3 years. The fee for 12 months is the total course cost divided by the number of years you will be studying. $\text{AUD50,000} \div 3 \text{ years} = \text{AUD16,666}$, less any amount you have already paid if relevant.
- Example 2: your course fee is AUD15,000 for 10 months and you have already paid AUD5,000. Deduct the amount you have already paid from the total amount. $\text{AUD15,000} - \text{AUD5,000} = \text{AUD10,000}$.
- Example 3: your course fee is AUD20,000 for 18 months. The fee for 12 months is the total divided by the total number of months, then multiplied by 12. $(\text{AUD20,000}/18) \times 12 = \text{AUD13,333}$. Deduct any costs you have already paid.

Schooling costs

If you are including any school-age children in your application, add schooling costs of at least AUD8,296 per year for each child. Costs vary between states, territories and schools in Australia. You are responsible for finding out how much the child's schooling will cost.

From 1 October 2023, if you are including any school-age children in your application, add schooling costs of at least AUD9,661 per year for each child.

You don't have to provide evidence of schooling costs if you:

- are a PhD student and have enrolled your child in an Australian government school where the fees have been waived, or
- have received an Australian Commonwealth Government scholarship, including Foreign Affairs and Defence sponsored students, and have enrolled your child in an Australian government school where the fees have been waived.

You must provide evidence the child is enrolled.

Travel costs

As a guide, when you calculate how much money you need, include:

- AUD2,500 for travel costs if you are applying from East or Southern Africa
- AUD3,000 for travel costs if you are applying from West Africa
- AUD2,000 for travel costs if you are applying from anywhere else outside Australia
- AUD1,000 for travel costs if you are applying in Australia. If you will be returning to Africa include AUD1,500.

For combined applications

Include the costs and expenses of the primary applicant. For family members also applying for the visa, include:

- 12 months living costs (or pro rata)
- any school fees
- travel expenses.

Other options

Secondary exchange students can prove they have enough money for their stay by providing a completed Acceptance Advice of Secondary Exchange Students (AASES) form.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) students can prove they have enough money for their stay by providing a letter of support from DFAT. They must also provide proof of the financial capacity of any family members travelling with them.

Department of Defence students can prove they have enough money for their stay by providing a letter of support from the Department of Defence. They must also provide proof of the financial capacity of any family members travelling with them.

Family members who apply after we have granted you a visa (subsequent entrants)

Family members who apply to join you later must also, at a minimum, show us they have enough money to cover:

- the costs and expenses of the student visa holder, including any remaining portion of the 12 months school fees minus any amount already paid
- 12 months living costs of all secondary applicants, including school fees
- travel costs for all secondary applicants.

Evidence you have genuine access to the money

If we ask you to provide evidence of financial capacity you must also prove you have access to it.

If someone else is providing you funds, give us:

- evidence of your relationship with them
- their identity documents
- evidence of any financial support they have given you or another student visa holder in the past.

If the financial support provided involves a business, show us proof the business is operating.

If you are providing evidence of deposits of money, explain their source.

Any education loan to cover your tuition or living costs should be paid out according to the agreement between you, the bank and the education provider. If you receive any payments before we make a decision on your application, give us evidence including the terms of the loan and the full amount you will be paid.

If you are relying on another kind of loan, provide:

- evidence of the security you used
- the terms of the loan
- evidence you can cover ongoing costs.

The best evidence you can provide of genuine access to funds if you are relying on a loan is evidence of disbursement.

Let your provider know any conditions on your education loan. Some loans offer deferred repayment against your future earnings. These loans can be conditional on you studying only a specified course with a certain provider.

Evidence you are exempt from paying a visa application charge (VAC):

The following student visa applicants are not required to pay a visa application charge (VAC):

- Students awarded a scholarship funded by the Commonwealth Government of Australia
- Students and family members supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Student and family members supported by the Department of Defence
- Secondary exchange students
- Students affected by education provider default and lodge a new student visa application within 12 months of the provider default day
- Family members of students enrolled in a postgraduate research course
- Students affected by [COVID-19 \(https://immi.author.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#About\)](https://immi.author.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#About).

If you are not sure, you should not claim exemption. We will not accept your application if you are not eligible and this may have consequences if you are in Australia. An invalid application outcome could affect your visa status and you may not be eligible if your visa has already expired to apply for a further visa.

Note:

- You are not Commonwealth sponsored if you are sponsored by the government in your home country or your government has provided you with a loan. Most Commonwealth sponsored students are enrolled in post graduate research courses.
- If your education provider is still operating but was unable to deliver the course you were enrolled in, then you are not affected by [education provider default \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/education-provider-default\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/education-provider-default).

Overseas Student Health Cover

You **must** include proof of paid adequate health insurance for the proposed duration of your visa see [student visa grant periods \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/length-of-stay\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/length-of-stay).

Health insurance must be Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) covering everyone included in your application.

If you don't provide your OSHC in your application form, we will refuse your visa application.

If you or your agent have organised OSHC, and included this information on your CoE, you will need to include the name of your health insurance provider, the dates your policy starts and finishes and the policy number in your application form.

If your education provider arranged your OSHC, you will need to include the name of your health insurance provider and the dates your policy starts and finishes in your application. You do not need to include the policy number in your application.

Make sure there is no gap in your coverage if you are studying with more than one education provider and both providers arrange OSHC for you. The second policy must begin as soon as the first expires.

Note: If you are from Norway, Sweden or Belgium, you might not have to obtain OSHC. See information on exceptions in the 'Have adequate health insurance' section on the [Eligibility \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#Eligibility\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#Eligibility) page.

Genuine temporary entrant documents

Every Student visa applicant must provide evidence they are a genuine temporary entrant (GTE). In the online student visa application form, you will need to provide a statement of purpose in English addressing the GTE requirement. This statement is to be 300 words in total (a 2000 character limit applies).

In addition to the written statement in the application form, you will also need to attach supporting documents to ImmiAccount.

See how to provide evidence you are a [genuine temporary entrant \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant).

Student visa English language requirements

If you must provide evidence you meet the Student visa English language requirement, show us you achieved a certain score on an approved English language test. The English language test must have been taken in the 2 years before you apply for a student visa.

The table refers to the English language test providers and the minimum scores you must achieve to meet the Student visa English language requirement.

English language test providers	Minimum score	Minimum score and at least 10 weeks English Language Intensive Courses (ELICOS)	Minimum score and at least 20 weeks ELICOS
International English Language Testing System (https://www.ielts.org/)	5.5	5	4.5
TOEFL internet-based test (only accepted if test is taken on or before 25 July 2023)* (https://www.ets.org/toefl/score-users/ibt/about.html)	46	35	32
Cambridge English: Advanced (Certificate in Advanced English) (http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/advanced/)	162	154	147
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) (https://pearsonpte.com/the-test)	42	36	30
Occupational English Test (https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/)	B for each test component	N/A	N/A

*On 26 July 2023 the TOEFL internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) stopped offering English language tests for Australian visa purposes. A score for a TOEFL iBT test taken on or after 26 July 2023 will no longer satisfy the English language requirement for Student visa purposes. Only TOEFL iBT scores from a test taken on or before 25 July 2023 are accepted for Student visa purposes.

Welfare arrangements for students under 18

If you are applying for a student visa and you are under 18 years old, you must have appropriate welfare arrangements in place. This must cover your period of stay or until you turn 18 years, whichever is first.

If your nominated guardian is applying for a [Subclass 590 Student Guardian visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-590) (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-590>), both applications should be made at the same time.

For more information see [welfare arrangements for students under 18](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18) (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18>).

Partner documents

Provide your partner's:

- identity documents
- character documents
- documents about other family members, if applicable

If you are married, provide your marriage certificate or other evidence that your marriage is valid in Australia.

If you are a de facto partner, provide proof of your de facto relationship.

This proof should show that:

- you have a mutual commitment with your partner to the exclusion of all others
- your relationship is genuine and continuing
- you either live together or don't live permanently apart
- you are not related by family

Additional proof of a de facto relationships

In addition to documents proving your relationship provide evidence that:

- you have been in your de facto relationship for at least 12 months before you applied for this visa, or
- if applicable, provide evidence that your relationship is registered by a participating Australian state or territory

Dependants under 18

For every dependant child under the age of 18 years who is applying with you, provide:

- copies of birth certificates or the family book showing the names of both parents of all your dependent children
- copies of the adoption paper, if applicable.

If somebody other than your biological parents has legal guardianship over you (for example, adoptive parents or a court-appointed guardian), you must provide proof of their legal guardianship. This can be adoption papers or parental court orders, if applicable.

Parental responsibility documents

You must get consent for any applicant under 18 years of age to migrate to Australia from anyone who:

- has a legal right to decide where the child lives and
- is not coming to Australia with the child

They must complete either:

- [Form 1229 Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years \(276KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1229.pdf\)](#)
- a statutory declaration giving their consent for the child to visit Australia on this visa

Alternatively, you can show us:

- an Australian court order that allows your child to migrate to Australia, or
- that the laws of your home country allow them to migrate

Include:

- an identity document that shows the signature and photo of the person who completed the form or declaration, such as a passport or driver's licence
- adoption papers or other court documents if applicable

Evidence of school enrolment

You must give us evidence of education for any dependant child who has turned 5, but has not turned 18 years.

This can be a letter from the school (public or private) or from the State/Territory education department where you will be studying, and include enrolment details and fees paid.

Children 18 years and over

Only unmarried children under the age of 18 can be included as a dependant in your application.

If you have a child 18 or over, or a child who will turn 18 years before your student visa is granted they will need to apply for their own visa.

Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

- receive your correspondence, use [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](#)
- provide immigration assistance, use [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](#).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview\)](#).

Prepare your documents

Translate

Have all non-English documents translated into English.

Translators in Australia must be accredited by the [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters](http://www.naati.com.au) (<http://www.naati.com.au>).

Translators outside Australia do not have to be accredited. But on each translation, they must include their:

- full name
- address and telephone number
- qualifications and experience in the language they are translating

These details must be in English.

Note: You do not need to have any documents certified.

Scan or photograph

Scan or photograph all documents (English and non-English) in colour.

The scans and photos must be legible.

If a document is more than 1 page, save it all as 1 file.

Keep

Keep a copy of your completed application.

Step 3

Apply for the visa

You must apply for this visa online. You can be in or outside Australia when you apply.

You should submit a complete and decision-ready application. Applications that are lodged without relevant documentation may be refused or delayed. The application form in ImmiAccount tells you what documents to attach.

If you are in Australia

You must hold an eligible substantive visa, or apply:

- within 28 days of holding a Student visa, a Special Purpose visa, or a dependent Diplomatic (temporary) visa or
- within 28 days of being notified by the Tribunal that your visa cancellation has been set aside.

You cannot apply for a student visa if you hold one of the following visas:

- Domestic Worker (Temporary) Diplomatic and Consular visa (subclass 426)
- Temporary Work (International Relations) visa (subclass 403) in the Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or consular) stream
- Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995) – primary visa holder only. A family member of a Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995) can apply for a Student visa in Australia
- Transit visa (subclass 771)
- Visitor visa (subclass 600) in the Sponsored Family stream or in the Approved Destination Status stream.

Do not provide false and misleading information

Provide accurate information. See what happens [if you can't prove your identity or don't provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Apply online

1. Create or log in to ImmiAccount (<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>)
2. Attach documents (</help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online>)
3. Pay the visa application charge (</help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay>)

Paying the application charge

When you submit your application you must:

- pay for you and your family members or your application will not be valid
or
- provide proof of exemption as shown in 'Step by step', Gather your documents.

If your visa cancellation was set aside by the Tribunal you can't apply online. Instead submit a [ImmiAccount technical support form \(/help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/immiaccount-technical-support-form\)](/help-support/departamental-forms/online-forms/immiaccount-technical-support-form).

Note: a valid application must be made within the eligibility timeframe as late applications will not be accepted.

See [how to resolve error messages when submitting online \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/common-issues-and-error-messages\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/common-issues-and-error-messages).

Note:

1. We cannot grant a student visa to your child if they are 18 years or over at the time your visa is finished. Instead, they should apply for their own visa.
2. Where subsequent entrants are siblings (two or more children with no parent), they must each make a separate subsequent entrant student visa application and pay the base visa application charge to join their parent.

Step 4

After you apply

See what you can and must do after you apply.

You should respond to any requests for information promptly. You do not need to wait until the deadline to respond to a Departmental request for further information. You should also regularly log into your ImmiAccounts to check for messages from the Department and respond promptly.

You should avoid booking travel before your visa has been finalised.

Status updates

If it is within standard processing times do not call. We can't provide any further updates on the application's progress. You can see if we have asked for more information in your [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).

Biometrics

We might ask for biometrics. Most applicants will be advised immediately after submitting an application if you need to provide biometrics. You will receive a letter and will also be able to see this request in your ImmiAccount. You will be given 14 days to provide biometrics so it is important to arrange an appointment quickly using the instructions in the request letter.

You must provide biometrics before travelling to Australia.

Health exams

If you did not have [health examinations \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) before you applied, check ImmiAccount to find out if you need them.

See the medical referral letter with your Health Assessment Portal (HAP) ID and further directions in ImmiAccount (<https://online.immi.gov.au/ola/app>).

Stay lawful in Australia

Make sure you stay lawful by holding a valid visa while we process your application.

If you were in Australia when you applied for this visa, you were granted a Bridging visa A (BVA). If your current visa expires before we decide on your application, the BVA will start. You can stay in Australia on the BVA while we process your new visa application. You cannot travel on the BVA - there is no right of return on this visa; it cancels on departure.

Do not cancel your current visa. If you do, you will:

- be staying in Australia unlawfully
- not be eligible for a Bridging visa A

Learn more about [visa expiry \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

Travel after you apply

You do not have to tell us if you want to travel outside Australia while we process your application. This is because you can be outside Australia when we make a decision.

But if you leave Australia, make sure your visa allows you to return. If you have a Bridging visa A, it will cease if you leave Australia.

If you have a BVA and substantial reasons for travel, then a [Bridging visa B \(BVB\) \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/bridging-visa-b-020\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/bridging-visa-b-020) enables return to Australia while your application is being processed.

To see if you can return on your current visa, check [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions).

Learn about [visa expiry \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

Providing more information

Lodging a complete application will ensure your visa is not delayed. If you did not attach all your documents when you applied, attach them as soon as you can in ImmiAccount. The Department may finalise your application based on the information you provided when you first lodged your visa, so it is recommended that you lodge a complete application. You can attach a maximum of 60 documents. We might also ask you to provide more information.

Add family members

Your eligible [family members \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#About\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#About) can:

- accompany you to Australia if you have included them in your visa application
- join you in Australia, after you have been granted your visa, as a subsequent entrant. You must have declared these family members in your student visa application.

Declare all family members on your application, even if they do not plan to travel with you to Australia. If you do not do this, your family members will not be eligible for a student visa to join you in Australia.

If you did not declare a family member and they need to join you in Australia at a later date, you will need to apply for a new student visa including them and explain why they were not included on your application. An exception to this is if they became your family members after your student visa was granted and before a subsequent application is made.

Newborn children

Find out what to do if [your child is born after you apply \(/change-in-situation/had-a-baby\)](/change-in-situation/had-a-baby).

Mistakes on your application

Let us know as soon as you can.

Complete [Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers \(168KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf)

Or

If you currently have a visa application in ImmiAccount that is not yet finalised, sign into ImmiAccount and select 'Update Details' from the Menu option.

Choose 'Notification of incorrect answers' from the list and provide the correct information.

Help with your application

Let us know if you no longer want someone to:

- receive your correspondence - complete [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf)
- provide immigration advice - complete [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956.pdf).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview).

For more information see [Who can help you with your application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include:

- you want to withdraw your application
- changes to your phone number, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status
- the birth of a child

See how to tell us if [your situation changes \(/change-in-situation\)](/change-in-situation).

Education provider default

Education provider default occurs when a registered education provider in Australia:

- closes, or
- can't deliver your course because they have been sanctioned

If after lodging your student visa application your provider has defaulted, you will need to provide a new CoE for a new education provider.

See more about [education provider defaults \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/education-provider-default\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/education-provider-default).

Step 5

Visa outcome

We will let you know in writing our decision about your visa application. We will tell you:

- your visa grant number
- the date your visa expires
- your visa conditions

Keep a copy of the decision with you when in Australia.

If we refuse your visa we will let you know in writing. We will tell you why we refused and whether you have a right to a review of the decision.

We will not refund the application charge if we refuse your application.



When you have this visa

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When you have your visa

When you have your Student (subclass 500) visa, you may want to consider withdrawing any other undecided visa applications you have lodged with us.

If you are granted another substantive visa your Student (subclass 500) visa will cease.

To withdraw any other visa application, you must advise us in writing that [you want to withdraw an application](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/change-in-situation/withdraw-visa-application) (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/change-in-situation/withdraw-visa-application>).

Coming to Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have:

- a valid visa to enter Australia
- a valid passport or other travel document

At the border

Complete an Incoming Passenger Card

All people arriving Australia must complete the [Incoming Passenger Card](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc)) ([https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-\(ipc\)](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc))). You will get the card on board.

Leaving the airport faster

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate](https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates) (<https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates>).

In Australia

What you can do when you have this visa

- participate in an eligible course of study in Australia
- travel in and out of Australia
- work up to 48 hours a fortnight when your course of study or training is in session.

What you must do when you have this visa

You and your family members who apply with you must meet all visa conditions and obey Australian laws.

To see your specific conditions, work and study entitlements see your visa grant letter or [Visa Entitlement Verification Online \(VEVO\)](#) ([/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview](#))

How long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. You can stay in Australia until the date we have told you. The [student visa grant period](#) ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/length-of-stay](#)) will depend on the type of course and its length.

To see when you must leave, use [VEVO](#) ([/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview](#)).

Staying longer

You cannot stay in Australia longer by extending this visa. To continue studying in Australia, you must apply for a new Student visa.

If you want to stay longer without studying, you must apply for a new visa.

See your options ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder](#)).

Visa expiry before graduation

If your student visa will expire before your graduation, you might be able to apply for another visa that meets your circumstances such as a visitor visa. You will need a letter from your education provider which states the date of your graduation.

Travelling on your visa

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid.

Time spent outside Australia does not extend the visa.

See your conditions in [VEVO](#) ([/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview](#)).

Proving you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use [VEVO](#) ([/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview](#)).

Working on this visa

Normally, student visa holders cannot work in Australia before the student has started their course of study.

From 1 July 2023, work restrictions for student visa holders will be capped at 48 hours a fortnight. These work restrictions apply when the course of study or training is in session.

Students who have started a master degree by research or doctoral degree, and their family members, can work unrestricted hours.

Student visa holders already working in the aged care sector on 9 May 2023 can work unrestricted hours in the aged care sector until 31 December 2023. See [Work restrictions for student visa holders \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/temporary-relaxation-of-working-hours-for-student-visa-holders\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/temporary-relaxation-of-working-hours-for-student-visa-holders).

Students must ensure they are aware of any changes to visa conditions, including work rights.

To see the visa conditions that affect **your** work situation, see [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview).

Bringing a family member

You can include a family member in your application or they can apply to join you later as a subsequent applicant in [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online) provided:

- you declared existing family members at the time you lodged your application, or
- they became your family member after you were granted the visa.

Existing family members must have been declared at the time of you lodged your application

If a person became your family member after you lodged your application and before you were granted the visa, you must have informed us in writing before your visa was granted.

For student visas, your family member is:

- your partner, or
- your or your partner's dependent child who is unmarried and has not turned 18 years of age.

We cannot grant a student visa to your child if they have turned 18 years at the time your visa is finalised. Instead they need to apply for their own visa.

Where subsequent entrants are siblings (two or more children with no parent), they must make separate student visa applications and each pay the base application charge to join their parent.

Family members who apply for the visa must meet our requirements for [health \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and [character \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character) and be a [genuine temporary entrant \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-temporary-entrant).

If you are bringing school aged children, check the annual school costs you will need to pay for them to go to either public or private schools in Australia.

Newborn child

Find out what to do [if you have a child \(/change-in-situation/had-a-baby\)](/change-in-situation/had-a-baby).

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include:

- changes to your phone number, email, address or passport

- changes to your relationship status
- changes to your welfare arrangements
- the birth of a child

See how to let us know if there is a [change in your situation \(/change-in-situation/\)](/change-in-situation/).

Your study situation has changed

Find out what to do if there is a [change in your study situation \(/change-in-situation/study-situation/\)](/change-in-situation/study-situation/). This includes:

- you are thinking about changing courses
- completing your course early
- circumstances where you can defer your course

Your visa may also be subject to visa conditions that require you to seek permission before making certain changes to your study. To check your visa conditions use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview/\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview/).

Migration Amendment (Protecting Australia's Critical Technology) Regulations 2022

If you apply for a student visa after 1 July 2022, your student visa will be subject to visa condition 8208. For information on visa condition 8208, see [your visa conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500/\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500/).

Flexible arrangements regarding start dates due to COVID-19

The Department understands that some students may not be able to start their course of study on time due to COVID-19 restrictions. Make sure your education provider knows that you cannot start your studies due to COVID-19 restrictions. There are options that can ensure you are not in breach of your visa conditions. Your education provider can tell you what options are available to you for your situation.

If you hold a Student visa, contact your education provider if you cannot travel due to COVID-19 restrictions. Make sure that you are enrolled in an approved course of study at all times.

Be aware that we may cancel your visa if you:

- fail to start studies on time, or
- do not hold a current or active Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Your education provider will be able to help you so this does not happen.

If you are outside Australia and have not held an active or current CoE, check your visa status on [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online/\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online/). Do this before making any travel plans to ensure your visa status has not changed.

Please see [Change in your study situation \(/change-in-situation/study-situation/\)](/change-in-situation/study-situation/).

Education provider default

Education provider default occurs when a registered education provider in Australia:

- closes, or
- can't deliver your course because they have been sanctioned

If after lodging your student visa application your provider has defaulted, you will need to provide a new CoE for a new education provider.

See more about [education provider default \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/education-provider-default\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/education-provider-default).

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have a valid passport or other travel document to leave Australia.

Ensure your visa is still valid if you intend to return to Australia

Check your conditions and the expiry of your current visa in VEVO.

See what you can and must do [if your visa has expired or is about to expire \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

At the Border

Leaving the airport faster

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate. \(http://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates\)](http://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates)

Get your superannuation if you intend not to return to Australia

You are likely to have some money in a superannuation fund if you worked in Australia and you are:

- 18 years old or older
- paid AUD450 or more before tax in a month

See how to [access your super \(/entering-and-leaving-australia/leaving-australia\)](/entering-and-leaving-australia/leaving-australia).

To prove you have been to Australia

Request your international movement records [\(/https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records\)](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records) to get proof of your travel in and out of Australia.

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Subclass 590

Student Guardian visa

Visit to support a child who holds a student visa.

Overview

Stay

This is a temporary visa. The length of your visa will be determined by the student visa holder's stay and their age.

Cost

From AUD710.00

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

With this visa you can

- come to Australia to provide care and support for a student visa holder who is under 18 years of age or older due to exceptional circumstances

[See all conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=590\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=590)

[Check your eligibility \(#Eligibility\)](#)

You must

- be the student's parent, custodian or relative who is 21 years or older
- have enough money to support yourself and the student during your stay
- be able to provide accommodation, welfare and other support

Help with your visa

If you are getting help with your visa, before you pay someone, read information on [Who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

[Ask a question](#)

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With this visa you can

- come to Australia to provide care and support for a student visa holder who is under 18 years of age (or over 18 in exceptional circumstances)
- care for more than one student
- study an English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) for less than 20 hours per week, or any other study or training for no more than 3 months

You cannot work.

How long you can stay

You can stay in Australia until a date specified on your visa grant letter. In deciding this date, we usually consider the length of the student visa holder's stay or when that student turns 18.

Stay longer

You can stay in Australia by applying for a further Student Guardian visa.

Include family

If any member of your family unit has not turned 6 years old, you cannot be granted the visa unless:

- there are compelling and compassionate reasons or
- granting the visa would significantly benefit the relationship between the Australian Government and the government of another country

The child must meet the same [health requirements \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) as you and have health insurance for the duration of their stay in Australia.

You can't include children under 6 years old after you have submitted your application.

Children 6 years old or older can come with you but they must apply for their own student visa.

Cost

The visa costs from AUD710.00 for the main applicant.

There is also a charge for each family member who applies for the visa with you.

You might also have to pay other costs for health checks, police certificates and biometrics.

To work out what your visa will cost use the [Visa Pricing Estimator \(/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=590\)](/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=590). The estimator does not take into account the other costs.

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa and when we decide on your application.

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

Your application may take longer to process if:

- you do not fill it in correctly
- you do not include all the documents we need or we need more information from you
- it takes us time to verify your information

We cannot process your application if you do not pay the correct visa application charge. We will notify you if this is the case and if necessary return your application.

Your obligations

You and your family members must meet all visa conditions and obey Australian laws.

See [which conditions will and might be attached to this visa. \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=590\)](#)

Travel

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid. But you can't leave Australia without the student visa holder unless you have made [alternative welfare arrangements \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18\)](#).

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

Financial support

You will need to be able to financially support yourself while in Australia. You will need to be able to financially support accompanying family members

Visa label

We will digitally link your visa to your passport. You will not get a label in your passport.

Eligibility

Have a certain visa

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa.

You can apply in Australia if you hold a substantive visa except for one of these:

- Domestic Worker (Temporary) Diplomatic and Consular visa (subclass 426)
- Temporary Work (International Relations) visa (subclass 403) in the Domestic Worker (Diplomatic or consular) stream
- Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995) – primary visa holder only. A family member of a Diplomatic (Temporary) visa (subclass 995) can apply for a Student visa in Australia
- Transit visa (subclass 771)
- Visitor visa (subclass 600) in the Sponsored Family stream or in the Approved Destination Status stream

Be a parent, a custodian or a relative

You must be:

- the parent of the student visa holder, or
- a person who has custody of the student, or
- a relative of the student, aged 21 years or older, nominated in writing by a parent or person who has custody of the student

You will provide care and support for:

- a student visa holder who is under 18 years of age or
- a student visa holder who is 18 years of age or older and needs care and support due to exceptional circumstances

For this visa, a relative is the student's:

- parent or step-parent
- grandparent or step-grandparent
- sibling or stepsibling
- aunt, uncle, step-aunt or step-uncle
- niece, nephew or step-niece or step-nephew
- partner
- child or stepchild

Be able to provide for the student

You must be able to provide accommodation, general welfare and support to the student.

Have enough money for your stay

You must show us evidence that you have enough money to pay for your stay in Australia for meeting the costs and expenses of yourself, your accompanying family members and in most cases, the student visa holder.

To see what you will need to provide go to [Gather Documents in the 'Step by Step' \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-590#HowTo\)](#) tab.

Bringing children

If any member of your family unit has not turned 6, you cannot be granted the visa unless:

- there are compelling and compassionate reasons or
 - granting the visa would significantly benefit the relationship between the Australian Government and the government of another country, you are 21 and if the student visa holder has not turned 18, the nomination is supported by a parent or someone with custody of the student .
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Make welfare arrangements for dependants overseas

You must make adequate arrangements for the accommodation, support and welfare of any member of your family who:

- is not coming with you to Australia
- is under 18 years of age
- does not have a Student visa

We consider you have made adequate welfare arrangements for your children aged 6 to 18 years if they will be living with:

- another parent or custodian
- a relative who is at least 21 years old

Have adequate health insurance

You are personally liable for all your healthcare costs while you are in Australia. Medical insurance helps limit your financial liability.

You must maintain adequate health cover for the whole of your stay if you are granted this visa. Your insurance should cover you for medically necessary treatment, including transport.

See a guide to what we consider [adequate health insurance \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance).

Learn more about [health insurance for overseas visitors \(https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm\)](https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm).

Reciprocal healthcare agreements

Some countries have a reciprocal healthcare agreement with Australia. Find out more from Services Australia about [reciprocal healthcare agreements \(https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/rhca-medical-care-visitors-australia\)](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/rhca-medical-care-visitors-australia).

Be a genuine temporary entrant

You must only intend to:

- stay temporarily in Australia
- do the things you are allowed to do on this visa

You must have substantially complied with the conditions of the last substantive or subsequent bridging visa that you held.

When we assess whether you plan to stay in Australia temporarily we will consider:

- your personal circumstances in your home country
- your potential circumstances in Australia
- your immigration history
- anything else that relates to your plan to remain in Australia temporarily.

Meet our health requirement

You and any family members who apply for the visa with you must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health)

Meet our character requirement

If you are a relative of the student visa holder, you must meet our [character requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

Sign the Australian values statement

You must:

- have read, or had explained to you, the [Life in Australia booklet \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) and
- sign an [Australian Values Statement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/australian-values) that confirms you will respect the Australian way of life and obey Australian laws

Have no debt to the Australian Government

If you or any family members owe the Australian Government money, you or they must have paid it back or arranged to pay it back.

Not had a visa cancelled or an application refused

We will consider your immigration history when we make a decision on your application, which means you might not be eligible for this visa if you have had a visa cancelled or refused.

In some circumstances you may still apply for a permanent visa if you have had a visa cancelled or an application refused see [Limitations on applications in Australia \(/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1026i.pdf).

If applying for a visa from outside Australia see [Can I go to Australia \(/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban\)](/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/can-i-go-to-australia/re-entry-ban).

If you want immigration assistance, see [Who can help with your visa application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Best interests of the child

We might not grant this visa if it is not in the best interests of an applicant under 18.

Meet all these criteria? Check how to apply in our [step by step \(#HowTo\)](#) guide.

Step by step

Step 1

Before you apply

You might need to organise health exams. See what to do if you want [help with your application. \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview)

Get help with your application

Only some people can help you with your application. If you appoint someone to give you immigration assistance they must be:

- a [registered migration agent \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent)
- a [legal practitioner \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner), Or
- an [exempt person \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person).

You can appoint anyone to [receive documents \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients) on your behalf relating to your visa matter.

Step 2

Gather your documents

Provide accurate information. See what happens if you cannot [prove your identity or do not provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Identity documents

We need proof of your identity. If you cannot prove your identity:

- we will refuse your visa application
- we might not grant you another visa for 10 years
- we might not grant any family members you listed on your application a visa for 10 years

Provide the pages of your current passport showing your photo, personal details, and passport issue and expiry dates.

Also provide:

- a national identity card, if you have one
- proof of change of name

Documents that prove a change of name include:

- a marriage or divorce certificate
 - change of name documents from an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, or the relevant overseas authority
 - documents that show other names you have been known by
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Student guardianship documents

Provide completed [Form 157N - Student guardianship arrangements \(291KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/157N.pdf\)](#).

Your application will not be valid if you do not provide the completed form.

Evidence you have enough money for your stay

The living costs we ask you to declare and provide with your visa application indicate the cost of living in Australia. Actual living costs vary throughout Australia. We recommend you research the area you intend to live including the cost of living in that area

There are options to prove you have enough money for your stay.

Enough money to support yourself, the student visa holder(s) and any children who come to Australia with you.

You need to have enough money to pay for:

- Travel for you and the student visa holder(s)
- 12 months of course fees for the student visa holder(s)
- 12 months specified annual living costs for you
- 12 months of living costs for the student visa holder(s) and accompanying family members
- school fees for school-age children who accompany you

Annual income

Alternatively, you can show us that your spouse or de facto partner (who is not travelling to Australia) will support you and has an annual income of AUD72,592 or more in the 12 months immediately before you apply.

From 1 October 2023, you can show us that your spouse or de facto partner (who is not travelling to Australia) will support you and has an annual income of AUD84,543 or more in the 12 months immediately before you apply.

Provide evidence in the form of official government documents of personal income such as tax assessments less than 12 months old. We won't accept bank statements or direct evidence from an employer.

Work out how much money you need

Use the following information to work out how much money you need. To calculate pro rata costs, divide the annual cost by 365 and multiply the result by the number of days you intend to stay in Australia.

Living costs

12-month living costs are:

- for students or guardians - AUD21,041
- for a child under the age of 6 years coming with you - AUD3,152

From 1 October 2023, the 12-month living costs will increase to:

- for students or guardians - AUD24,505
- for a child under the age of 6 years coming with you - AUD3,670.

Schooling costs

12 month course fees for the student visa holder(s) (or pro-rata if less than 12 months).

If you are including school-age children (under 6 years) in your application, add schooling costs of at least AUD8,296 per year per child. Costs vary between states, territories and schools in Australia – you are responsible for finding out how much the child's schooling will cost.

From 1 October 2023, if you are including school-age children (under 6 years) in your application, add schooling costs of at least AUD9,661 per year per child.

Travel Costs

As a guide, allow \$2000 per person.

Evidence you have genuine access to the money

You must show you will have genuine access to funds while you are in Australia for:

- meeting the costs and expenses of yourself, your accompanying family members and in most cases, the student visa holder.
- proving your financial capacity for the matters specified above

If someone else is providing you funds, give us:

- evidence of your relationship with them
- their identity documents

If you are providing evidence of deposits of money, explain their source.

Health insurance

You will need to provide evidence of [adequate health insurance](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance) for you and your family members for the first 12 months of your stay in Australia.

This can be Overseas Visitors Health Cover (OVHC) premium or another health insurance product from Australia or your home country that provides a similar level of cover.

OVHC is available through several private and general insurers in Australia. However, the benefits available, membership costs and eligibility can vary between insurers.

Genuine temporary entrant documents

Show proof that you are staying in Australia temporarily:

Write a personal statement addressing the Genuine Temporary Entry requirement. If you are not comfortable writing it in English, you can write your statement in your own language and submit a translated copy with your application.

In your written statement, provide evidence or information about circumstances in your home country, ties to your home country or country of residence and incentive to return. This could include:

- evidence of immediate family members in your home country
- your visa or residence status in your home country and your right to return
- proof of property or other significant assets in your home country
- a return air ticket
- a letter from your employer confirming your leave

We consider your personal circumstances when we make a decision. When we assess whether you are a genuine temporary entrant, we consider your situation as a whole.

[Ministerial Direction 69 \(52KB PDF\)](#) ([52KB PDF](#)) (</Visa-subsite/files/direction-no-69.pdf>) sets out a number of factors we take into account when determining if you meet the GTE requirement. It is not a checklist. We encourage you to read Ministerial Direction 69 before drafting your GTE statement.

Character documents

If you are a relative of the student visa holder, provide an Australian police certificate if you have spent a total of 12 months or more in Australia in the last 10 years since you turned 16.

We only accept complete disclosure National Police Certificates issued by the [Australian Federal Police](#) (<https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks>). We do not accept standard disclosure certificates or national police certificates issued by Australian state or territory police.

Depending on your circumstances, we may ask you to also provide an [overseas police certificate from every country](#) (</help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations/offices-outside-australia>), including your home country, where you spent a total of 12 months or more in the last 10 years since you turned 16

Dependants under 6 documents

For every dependant 6 years old or younger who is applying with you:

- demonstrate compelling and compassionate circumstances or
- provide written support from the government of your home country or a letter of support from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Also provide:

- copies of birth certificates or the family book showing the names of both parents of all your dependent children
- copies of the adoption paper, if applicable.

Parental responsibility documents

You must get consent for any applicant under 18 years of age to migrate to Australia from anyone who:

- has a legal right to decide where the child lives and
- is not coming to Australia with the child

They must complete either:

- [Form 1229 Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years \(276KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1229.pdf\)](#)
- a statutory declaration giving their consent for the child to visit Australia on this visa

Alternatively, you can show us:

- an Australian court order that allows your child to migrate to Australia, or
- that the laws of your home country allow them to migrate

Include:

- an identity document that shows the signature and photo of the person who completed the form or declaration, such as a passport or driver's licence
- adoption papers or other court documents if applicable

Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

- receive your correspondence, use [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](#)
- provide immigration assistance, use [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](#).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview\)](#).

Prepare your documents

Translate

Have all non-English documents translated into English.

Translators in Australia must be accredited by the [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters \(http://www.naati.com.au\)](http://www.naati.com.au).

Translators outside Australia do not have to be accredited. But on each translation, they must include their:

- full name
- address and telephone number
- qualifications and experience in the language they are translating

These details must be in English.

Note: You do not need to have any documents certified.

Scan or photograph documents

Scan or photograph all documents (English and non-English) in colour.

The scans and photos must be legible.

If a document is more than 1 page, save it all as 1 file.

Keep a copy

Keep a copy of your completed application.

Step 3

Apply for the visa

You must apply for this visa online. You should apply for your visa at least 6 weeks before the student's course starts.

Do not provide false and misleading information

Provide accurate information. See what happens [if you can't prove your identity or don't provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Apply online

1. Log in or create an ImmiAccount (<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>)
2. [Attach documents \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online)
3. Pay the application fee (</help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay>). We will not process your application until you pay the fee.

Step 4

After you apply

We will let you know when we have received your application and documents. See what you can and must do after you apply.

Status updates

We can't provide any further updates on your application. You can see if we have asked for more information in your [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).

Travel after you apply

You do not have to tell us if you want to travel outside Australia while we process your application. This is because you can be outside Australia when we make a decision.

But if you leave Australia, make sure you have a valid visa to return.

You can't leave Australia without the student visa holder unless you have made [alternative welfare arrangements \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18).

Learn about [visa expiry \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

Health exams

We will let you know if you need [health examinations \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health).

Biometrics

We might ask for [biometrics \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics) (fingerprints and photo). We will let you know if you need to provide them.

Provide more information

If you did not attach all documents when you applied, attach them as soon as possible in ImmiAccount (<https://online.immi.gov.au/ola/app>).

We might also ask you to provide more information.

Stay lawful

If you are in Australia, make sure you stay lawful by holding a valid visa while we process your application.

If you were in Australia when you applied for this visa, you were granted a Bridging visa A (BVA). If your current visa expires before we decide on your application, the BVA will start. You can stay in Australia on the BVA while we process your new visa application. You cannot travel on the BVA - there is no right of return on this visa; it cancels on departure.

Do not get cancel your current visa cancelled. If you do, you will be in Australia unlawfully.

Learn more about [visa expiry \(/visas/visa-about-to-expire\)](/visas/visa-about-to-expire).

Mistakes on your application

Let us know as soon as you can. If you do not tell us you made a mistake on your application, we might refuse it.

Complete [Form 1023 Notification of incorrect answers \(168KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/1023.pdf) and upload in ImmiAccount.

Help with your application

Let us know if you no longer want someone to:

- receive your correspondence - complete [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\)](#) (*/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf*)
- provide immigration advice - complete [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\)](#) (*/form-listing/forms/956.pdf*).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount](#) (*/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview*).

For more information see [Who can help you with your application](#) (*/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview*).

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about after you have applied include:

- changes to your phone number, address or passport
- changes to your marital or de facto status
- the birth of a child
- you want to withdraw your application

See how to tell us if [your situation changes](#) (*/change-in-situation*).

Step 5

Visa outcome

We will let you know in writing our decision about your visa application. If we grant you the visa, we will tell you:

- your visa grant number
- the date your visa starts
- your visa conditions

Keep a copy of the decision with you when in Australia.

If we refuse your visa, we will tell you why it was refused and whether you have a right to a review of the decision.

We will not refund the application fee if we refuse your application.

When you have this visa

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Now you have your visa

If we have granted you a Student Guardian (subclass 590) visa, you may want to consider withdrawing any other undecided visa applications you have lodged with us.

We will continue to progress any undecided visa applications. If they meet the requirements it may result in your current visa ceasing. It may also affect your eligibility for government benefits such as Centrelink or Medicare.

To withdraw any other visa application, you must tell us in writing. More information is available on our website at [You want to withdraw an application](#) (*/change-in-situation/withdraw-visa-application*).

Coming to Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have:

- a valid visa to enter Australia
- a valid passport or other travel document

At the border

Completing an Incoming Passenger Card

All people arriving Australia must complete the [Incoming Passenger Card](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc)) (*https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc)*). You will get the card on board.

In Australia

What you can do when you have this visa

- come to Australia to provide care and support for a student visa holder who is under the age of 18 years of age (or over 18 in exceptional circumstances)
- care for more than one student
- study an English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) for less than 20 hours per week, or any other study or training for no more than 3 months

You cannot work.

What you must do on this visa

You, and your family members, must comply with all visa conditions and Australian laws. Check your conditions in your grant letter or in [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](#).

Tell us if things change

Things you need to let us know about include

- changes to your phone number, email, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status
- changes to your work
- the birth of a child

See how to let us know if there is a [change in your situation \(/change-in-situation\)](#).

How long you can stay

This is a temporary visa. You can stay in Australia until the date provided in your visa grant letter.

To see when you must leave, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](#).

Staying longer

You can stay in Australia longer by applying for a further Student Guardian visa.

Travelling on your visa

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid.

But you can't leave Australia without the student visa holder unless you have made [alternative welfare arrangements \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18\)](#).

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

Proving you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](#).

Working on this visa

To see your conditions for work, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](#).

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have a valid passport or other travel document to leave Australia.

At the border

Leaving the airport faster (all visas)

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate](https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates) (<https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates>).

After you leave

To prove you have been to Australia

[Request your international movement records](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records) (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/request-movement-records>) to get proof of your travel in and out of Australia.

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