

Destination Australia



Australia is ready to welcome students back on shore. Here's what to know about where to go, what's on offer, and how to apply.



Student life in Australia

From sub-tropical areas in Queensland to the ultra-cool cities of Sydney and Melbourne, Australia offers incredible regional diversity.



Victoria

Melbourne, Victoria's capital city, is rated one of the world's best student cities for a reason: its multicultural population, lively café culture, and major arts and sporting events.



Watch our webinars from Victoria institutions:

- [Victoria University](#)
- [La Trobe College by Navitas](#)
- [RMIT](#)
- [Swinburne University of Technology](#)
- [Deakin College by Navitas](#)

What VIC offers students:

- Vibrant, multicultural life
- Melbourne's busy event calendar
- World-class restaurants and cafés
- Strong international student support services

New South Wales

From **the global city of Sydney to the outback and beautiful coastal regions**, NSW is rich with study options.



Watch our webinars from NSW institutions:

- [Southern Cross University](#)
- [La Trobe Sydney Campus & Western Sydney City Campus](#)
- [University of Newcastle & University of Newcastle International Education](#)

What NSW offers students:

- Beautiful beach culture
- Vibrant nightlife in Sydney
- More affordable options in the regions
- Strong agriculture and viticulture courses in regional NSW

Western Australia

WA offers **unique and stunning landscapes, from coast to forest**. In their time off, students could swim with dolphins at Ningaloo reef, enjoy Perth's café culture, or visit world-class wineries.



Watch our webinars from WA institutions:

- [Edith Cowan University](#)
- [Curtin University](#)

What WA offers students:

- 40% student discount on public transport
- Average wage 8% higher than rest of Australia
- Opportunities in the energy and resources industry
- Free entry to the public school system for dependents of higher education students.

Queensland

In sunny Queensland, the state's capital, Brisbane, **ranked in the world's top 10 most liveable cities**, and the Gold Coast is a growing destination.



Watch our webinars from QLD institutions:

- [Griffith College](#)
- [Southern Cross University](#)

What QLD offers students:

- Relaxed lifestyle with a sub-tropical climate
- More affordable cost of living in some areas
- Diversity of locations and campuses

Australian Capital Territory

Australia's capital, Canberra, is **a small but vibrant city, known as one of the safest in Australia** (and one of the most highly vaccinated in the world!).



Watch our webinars from
ACT institutions:

- [University of Canberra](#)

What ACT offers students:

- A safe and welcoming community
- High average weekly earnings and strong job opportunities
- Extra year of Post-Study Work Permit (eligible destination for extended subclass 485 visa)

Student Support

Australian institutions provide dedicated international student support services to help the transition to campus and student life.

This can include:

- Peer-assisted learning programs
- Welcoming clubs and societies
- Dedicated WhatsApp groups
- Student mentors and ambassadors (sometimes a paid work opportunity)
- Legal advice
- On-campus childcare facilities
- Additional academic support



Study areas and work opportunities



Growth industries and professions in Australia:

While Australia is currently popular for business, nursing, and engineering courses, it needs more workers in the following areas, so students may like to consider these to increase their post-study employability.

- Data science
- Cyber security
- Energy & resources
- Food & agribusiness
- Medical tech & pharmaceuticals

However, Australia's Skilled Occupation List changes every year, so it's best to [check the complete list](#).

Work-integrated learning (WIL) and employment support

Australian institutions recognise the importance of graduate employment outcomes, and many courses include WIL opportunities. Many institutions have strong partnerships with industry and offer students dedicated employment support.



For example:

- Universities in WA have strong partnerships with companies in the energy and resources sector
- RMIT in Victoria has a 'Job Club' that helps connect international students with industry
- Almost 90% of University of Newcastle courses have a WIL component, plus the institution has a dedicated start-up hub
- From 2021, 100% undergraduate courses at Swinburne include WIL, such as internships or placements.

Scholarships



Provider scholarships:

Many Australian institutions offer specific – and often generous – scholarships for international students. To find out more about an institution you are interested in, watch our Destination Australia webinars, search within the Adventus.io platform, or use the Australian Government’s Study Australia handy scholarship search tool.

General scholarships:

- [Australia Awards](#)
- [Destination Australia](#)
- [Australian Government Research Training Program \(RTP\)](#)



Admissions

Admissions requirements and processes vary between Australian institutions – while some can be flexible with academic records and English language requirements, others remain strict. Watch our Destination Australia webinars for more info on a particular institution.

Pathway Options

For students who don't have the results to enter university directly, there are many providers in Australia who offer pathway programs – such as Griffith, Deakin and La Trobe Colleges – which are based on the same campuses as their university equivalents.

Spouse cases

A common question for many students, spouse cases are determined on a case-by-case basis in Australia. Some institutions require a minimum 12-month marriage and will ask for clear documentation about this.

Current intakes

Many Australian institutions are currently open for a 2022 mid-year intake, in June, July or August. Admissions for the November 2022 and February 2023 intakes are also opening soon.

Application turnaround times

Many Australian institutions aim for 7 – 15 business days to process an application, but some aim for as little as 48 hours. April to June and October to December are peak times for Australian providers, so prepare for wait times to be extended during these periods..

Study gaps

This varies across institutions. For some institutions, it is limited to a one-year gap. Others allow longer gaps but may ask students in this position to submit additional documents, such as a Statement of Purpose.

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