

# Study In Australia Guide

*All you need to know about studying in Australia.*



# Welcome To Australia

## Congratulations on taking the first step to study in Australia!

Anyone who decides to leave home to study in a different country will need some time and understanding to adjust. We hope that this "Study in Australia" guide from Active Study Australia will assist you to prepare to study in Australia. This guide will provide all you need to get started and provide clarification on some of the things you need to do before you leave home to study abroad.

## Who is Active Study Australia?

Active Study Australia was established in 2003 and is a leader in the Australian immigration industry. The Active Study team consist of experienced Migration Agents and Education Agents. We pride ourselves on helping students study in Australia and provide assistance from start to finish, allowing you to have a stress free application process. Active Study aims to make it simple for students to select the perfect course and education provider that will lead directly to the career of their dreams. Our team are also student visa experts! Our aim is to find a balance between achieving your goals and finding a course you will enjoy studying!

## Why use a Registered Migration Agent?

Applying for a student visa can be a difficult and confusing process - there is a lot of evidence required. Many people have their visas refused due to lack of knowledge when preparing a visa application - don't allow a visa refusal to prevent you from studying abroad! This is where Active Study Australia can help. In Australia, migration agents must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA). Using a Registered Agent provides you with legal protection and it guarantees that your agent has knowledge of current laws and procedures to provide correct advice. Active Study are Registered Migration Agents and are experts in student visas. Our headquarters are in Australia so you can trust our knowledge of the Australian requirements.





# Australian Study System

## You will need a Student Visa

Before you can come to Australia to begin your studies you will need a student visa. A student visa is permission from the Australian government to study your course. Without a student visa you cannot study in Australia. The student visa process can be difficult for someone without immigration law knowledge but don't worry, Active Study can do this all for you, making it easier than ever.

## Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Australian Qualification Framework has 10 different levels. The AQF levels are a good indication of the difficulty of a particular qualification and the amount of work required to successfully complete that qualification. AQF level 1 is the least difficult and AQF level 10 the most difficult.



**Level 1** - Certificate I

**Level 2** - Certificate II

**Level 3** - Certificate III

**Level 4** - Certificate IV

**Level 5** - Diploma

**Level 6** - Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree

**Level 7** - Bachelor Degree

**Level 8** - Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate/Diploma

**Level 9** - Masters Degree

**Level 10** - Doctoral Degree (PHD)

## Foundation courses

If you don't meet the course requirements for your selected course, don't worry! Foundation courses help international students who may not initially meet entry requirements to gain entry to undergraduate study at Australian universities and colleges. They also help students adapt to the Australian academic environment and life in Australia.



# Planning

## We Will Help You Plan And Prepare For Your Studies

### 1. Plan: 3-6 months before arriving

- Contact Active Study Australia to start your journey
- Active Study will assess your career goals
- Active Study will help you find a course that you would like to study
- Active Study will help you choose and apply to a university that offers your desired course and cost limits
- Make sure you meet the English requirements for your desired course (Take IELTS test). If you don't meet the required IELTS score there is the opportunity for you to improve your english in Australia before you begin your course
- Apply for your course
- Pay deposit for course
- University will provide you with acceptance letter
- Active Study will begin your student visa application
- Book accommodation

### 2. Prepare: 1-2 months before arriving

- Active Study will find the best value health insurance for you
- Book Flights to Australia
- Buy Australian currency
- Organise an Australian SIM card

### 3. Arrive: First month

- Settle in to your accommodation
- University orientation week
- Purchase your textbooks for university
- Apply for a Tax File Number
- Find a job

### 4. Begin your studies

- Begin your course
- Join university groups and attend social events
- Enjoy your time in Australia!
- Earn a world class qualification



# Working In Australia

## Earn money while you study

Australian workers have one of the highest minimum wages in the world at AUD \$19.84 an hour. You will have the benefit of working while studying in Australia. This can help you:

- Pay for your day to day expenses
- Pay for your accommodation
- Pay for your tuition fees

Once your course has started you are allowed to work a maximum of 20 per week when your course is in session (during the semester). You are allowed to work unlimited hours when your course is not in session (in the holiday periods).

The work rights of international students in Australia is a big reason why people come from all around the world to study. Australia is set apart from countries such as the USA where international students are not allowed to work where they please. When working in Australia you will be protected by Australian workplace laws which were created to look after employee's rights.

## Earn money after you study

Once you have finished your course in Australia you will be equipped with an internationally recognised qualification that will be perfect to help you find the job of your dreams.

When your course is finished you will have the opportunity to stay and work in Australia on a Graduate 485 visa (if you have studied 2 years or more). The 485 visa will allow you to work in a job that is related to your qualification and will give you the opportunity to stay in Australia for longer if you wish.

If you don't want to stay in Australia after your course you can bring your Australian qualification back home where your job opportunities will be greatly increased.

## Example Australian salary for your 1st year after course completion:

Course	Salary (AUD)
Banking/Finance	\$66,265
Engineering	\$68,000
Information Technology	\$64,091
Nursing	\$65,000
Construction	\$73,200
Law	\$75,252
Mining	\$84,000





# Prepare For Living

## Get an Australian SIM for your phone

When arriving in Australia you can buy yourself an Australian SIM card so you can contact your family and friends back home. The cheapest way to get yourself communicating is to bring your own unlocked phone and buy a sim card on arrival. There are phone shops at most airports and in all shopping centres.

## Apply for a tax file number

A Tax File Number is required if you intend to gain income from employment. It is a nine-digit number issued to individuals to help the Australian Tax Office (ATO) administer tax and other Australian Government systems. The ATO advises applicants to register online: [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au).

You need to:

- have a valid overseas student visa allowing you to work, and
- be in Australia when you lodge your application

## Health Insurance

It is a requirement of your student visa to have health insurance for the duration of your visa in case you require medical attention during your studies. Active Study Australia will help you apply for health insurance as part of our service. We are up to date on the best and cheapest health insurance to ensure you get value for money.

## Accommodation

Once you have confirmed where you will be studying, you can look for accommodation that suits your needs and budget.

- On Campus: Most universities have comfortable and furnished apartment-style living on campus. Campus living can be a great option to minimise travel.
- Rental: You can rent or 'lease' a property by yourself or with friends. This can be done through a real estate agent or privately.

## Opening a bank account

Keeping money in a bank and using bank cards and credit cards are common practices in Australia. Internet banking is also used extensively to pay bills online. Once you arrive, visit your international student advisor at your university who will help you open a bank account. Banks may require different forms of identification so it's best to check their website before visiting.



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