

A nighttime photograph of the Sydney Opera House, illuminated from within, with the city lights of Sydney in the background. The text "STUDENT GUIDE TO AUSTRALIA" is overlaid on the image.

STUDENT GUIDE TO **AUSTRALIA**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT AUSTRALIA

- Australia has **six states and two territories**, with **Canberra** as the capital.
- Home to around **27 million people** and several **top-100 world universities**.
- Known for **post-study work rights** and a high quality of life.
- **English** is the language of instruction throughout.
- The **Australian Dollar (AUD)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO AUSTRALIA

CURRENCY

Australian Dollar (AUD) · 1 AUD ≈ ₹56 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 12h 30m	Australia
Mumbai	≈ 12h 00m	Australia
Bengaluru	≈ 11h 30m	Australia
Chennai	≈ 11h 30m	Australia
Hyderabad	≈ 11h 45m	Australia



FACTS

- Capital: **Canberra**
- Time zone: **UTC+8 to +11**
- Tuition: **AUD 20,000–50,000 / yr**
- Living (proof): **AUD 29,710 / yr**
- Post-study: **485 visa 2–3 yrs**
- Main intakes: **Feb · Jul**

The 485 graduate-visa fee rose to AUD 4,600 from March 2026. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN AUSTRALIA?



Top-ranked universities and high living standards.



485 graduate visa of 2–3 years after study.



Part-time work rights during study.



Regional study offers extra stay-back.



Australia combines **world-ranked degrees** with **generous post-study work rights**.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Australia has 40+ universities plus vocational providers.
- They fall into three broad groups:



GROUP OF EIGHT

Australia's leading research universities.



UNIVERSITIES

Broad public and private universities.



VET & COLLEGES

Vocational and pathway providers.



on multiple campuses across and

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Australia hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

University of Melbourne**MELBOURNE**

Australia's highest-ranked university.

University of Sydney**SYDNEY**

Broad research strength and global standing.

Australian National University**CANBERRA**

Renowned for research and public policy.

UNSW Sydney**SYDNEY**

Strong in engineering and business.

Monash University**MELBOURNE**

Large, research-intensive Group of Eight member.

University of Queensland**BRISBANE**

Leading in sciences and biomedicine.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Australia is strong in fields tied to **skilled-occupation demand**.



BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING

Management, finance and analytics.



ENGINEERING

Mining, civil and mechanical.



HEALTH & NURSING

Nursing, public health and medicine.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Software, data and cyber-security.



HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Hotel and event management.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Sustainability and marine science.

TUITION & COSTS

- Tuition varies by university, city and programme.

Undergraduate
per year

AUD 20,000–45,000

Postgraduate
per year

AUD 22,000–50,000

Vocational (VET)
per year

AUD 8,000–22,000

OSHC health cover
per year

AUD 500–700

Living (proof of funds)
per year

AUD 29,710



Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is mandatory for the whole study period.

COST OF LIVING

- Students typically need around **AUD 2,200–2,800 per month**; Sydney is the costliest.

Accommodation

student housing or shared flat

AUD 1,000–1,800

Food & groceries

AUD 500–700

Transport

concession travel

AUD 100–180

Health cover

OSHC

AUD 45–60

Phone & leisure

AUD 200–300

Estimated monthly total

~AUD 2,400

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Government and university scholarships support international students.

Australia Awards

GOVERNMENT

Prestigious scholarships for developing countries.

University Scholarships

MERIT

Tuition awards from most universities.

Destination Australia

REGIONAL

Support for studying in regional Australia.

Faculty Awards

DEPARTMENTAL

Programme and research scholarships.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL / PTE.
- Meet the Genuine Student (GS) requirement.
- Subject prerequisites for some programmes.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** (no band below 6.0).
- Relevant work experience for some MBA courses.
- Statement of purpose and references.

INTAKES

- **February** — Semester 1 — the main intake
- **July** — Semester 2 — widely available
- **Nov** — some providers offer a third intake

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

CONFIRMATION (COE)

Receive your Confirmation of Enrolment.

2

GENUINE STUDENT

Prepare your GS statement and documents.

3

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show tuition, travel and AUD 29,710 living costs.

4

OSHC

Arrange Overseas Student Health Cover.

5

APPLY (SUBCLASS 500)

Lodge your student visa application online.

6

DECISION & TRAVEL

Receive your visa and plan your arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work up to **48 hours per fortnight** during study and full-time in breaks.

Temporary Graduate 485

2-3 YEARS

Post-study work; longer for research and regional study.

Skilled Migration

PR ROUTE

A pathway towards permanent residence.

Regional Bonus

EXTRA STAY

Additional post-study time for regional study.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Health, engineering, IT and trades.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and programmes and check GS rules.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS, SOP, references and CV.

3

APPLY

Submit applications and receive your CoE.

4

FUNDS & OSHC

Arrange proof of funds and health cover.

5

VISA (500)

Lodge your student visa online.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange accommodation and prepare to travel.



Your Australia study journey — one step at a time.