



Step-by-Step Visa Guide Australia

The information below is correct as of April 2026.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500#HowTo>

1. Acceptance and Confirmation of Enrolment

Before applying for your student visa, ensure you have accepted your offer from the Australian institution. You must receive a **Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)** from your host university, which confirms your enrollment in a full-time course.

2. Create an ImmiAccount

To apply for your visa, you need to create an **ImmiAccount**. This online platform allows you to submit your application and track its progress. You can also opt to work with an education agent if you prefer assistance.

Please note the current cost for the Australian Visa Application fee is AUD \$2,000 regardless of the duration you are studying in Australia for.

3. Financial Requirements

You must demonstrate your ability to financially support yourself during your stay in Australia. This includes tuition, living expenses, and travel costs. You should have access to a minimum of **AUD \$12,000**.

Acceptable evidence includes:

- Bank statements
- Pay slips
- Loan documents

4. Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

It is mandatory to purchase **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)** before applying for your visa. You cannot submit your application without this coverage. For more information on OSHC, visit [Medibank](#).

Additionally, all applicants are required to meet specific [Health](#), [Financial](#) and [character](#) requirements as part of the application process.



5. Prepare Your Application Documentation

Gather the following documents required for your visa application:

- **Visa Application Form:** [Complete the relevant form online.](#)
- **Visa Application Fee Receipt:** Proof of payment.
- **Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE):** Issued by your host university.
- **Acceptance Letter:** From your host university, including your study plan.
- **Letter from Current Institution:** Confirming your status as a Study Abroad student.
- **OSHC Receipt:** Proof of health insurance coverage.
- **Passport:** Valid for your duration of stay.
- **Passport-Sized Photographs:** Two recent photos.

6. Work Rights on Your Visa

Once your student visa is granted, you will automatically be allowed to work. However, there are restrictions:

- **20 hours per week** during term time
- No limit during university holidays

It is advised not to book your flights until your visa is confirmed.

7. Additional Information

If you have questions, refer to the [Australian Visa FAQ.](#)

For processing times, consult the visa [processing time guide tool.](#)

Visa Application Checklist

Accept offer and receive Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

Create ImmiAccount

Pay visa application fee (AUD \$2,000)

Gather financial documents

Purchase OSHC

Prepare required application documents:



- o Visa Application Form
- o Payment Receipt
- o CoE
- o Acceptance Letter
- o Letter from Current Institution
- o OSHC Receipt
- o Passport
- o Passport Photos
- Submit application
- Wait for visa approval before booking flights

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