



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Application for a student visa

Form
157A

The Student (Temporary) (Class TU) visa

All student visa applicants must declare that they understand that a student visa is a temporary visa, and being granted a student visa will not guarantee that they will be eligible for the grant of a further visa to remain in Australia.

Life in Australia – Australian values

The Australian Government encourages people to gain an understanding of Australia, its people and their way of life, before applying for a visa to live in Australia. As part of this application every person aged 18 years or over must declare that they will respect Australian values, as outlined below and obey the laws of Australia.

Australian values include respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, Parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good.

Australian society also values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

It is also important to understand that English is the national language.

Further information is contained in the *Life in Australia* booklet, however, you are not required to read the booklet. The booklet is available in a wide range of languages. If you would like a copy of the booklet it can be obtained from www.immi.gov.au

Information about studying in Australia

All student visa applicants must make a declaration that they have read the www.studyinaustralia.gov.au website. This contains information on studying and living in Australia. Information can also be obtained from state and territory governments and education providers.

About this form

Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

Applying online

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) offers a number of convenient internet services for student visa applicants. To find out whether you are eligible to apply online for a student visa, refer to the department's website www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm

If you wish to enter Australia or extend your stay as a student and you are not eligible to apply online, complete this form in ENGLISH using BLOCK LETTERS.

To complete this form you must first read these notes and the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* available on the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/applying-student.pdf

Detailed information is also available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

Who can use this form?

You should use this form if you wish to apply for a student visa and be assessed against one of the following subclasses:

- Independent ELICOS (subclass 570) visa;
- Schools (subclass 571) visa;
- Vocational Education and Training (subclass 572) visa;
- Higher Education (subclass 573) visa;
- Postgraduate Research (subclass 574) visa;
- Non-Award (subclass 575) visa;
- AusAID or Defence (subclass 576) visa.

Each subclass is linked to the type of course you intend to undertake in Australia as your main course of study.

You are not able to use this form to apply for a Student Guardian (subclass 580) visa. Form 157G *Application for a Student Guardian visa* is the only valid form for a Student Guardian visa application.

If you are in Australia and you make, in Australia, a valid application for a student visa using form 157A, this form also serves as an application for a bridging A, C or E visa, for which you may be eligible to apply – see the information form 1024i *Bridging visas*, which is available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Please refer to the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* for further information about Australia's student visa program.

Integrity of application

The department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. In relation to this application, if:

- you;
- a member of your family unit included in your application; or
- a third party acting on your behalf;

provide or have provided in a previous application relating to yourself or a member of your family unit included in this application, false or misleading information or documents (either knowingly or otherwise) this visa application is likely to be refused and you and any members of your family unit included in this application will be subject to a 3 year bar in relation to visas to which the fraud criterion applies.

If information or documents are found to be fraudulent or misleading after the grant of a visa, it may subsequently be cancelled.

Welfare arrangements for students under 18 years of age

Students under 18 years of age need to have adequate arrangements for their welfare in Australia. If the student is applying for a student visa in Australia, these arrangements need to be in place **before** an application can be considered valid.

The department bears no responsibility for welfare arrangements made on a student's behalf. It is the responsibility of the parents or legal custodians of a student under the age of 18 to ensure that the arrangements that they make on the student's behalf provide appropriate welfare for the entirety of the student's stay in Australia while they are under the age of 18. If welfare arrangements break down the parents or legal custodians must make new welfare arrangements or the student under the age of 18 must depart Australia. It is a visa requirement that appropriate welfare arrangements are maintained while the student is under the age of 18.

If you are under 18 years of age, currently or will be studying in Australia and will be in the care of a relative for the duration of your visa or until you turn 18 years of age, form 157N *Nomination of a student guardian* must be completed and lodged together with this form.

Working while studying

All student subclass 570–576 visas are subject to a condition imposing restrictions about the work that may be done while the holder of a student subclass 570–576 visa is in Australia.

If you, as the principal visa holder, and your family members are granted student subclass 570–576 visas, you and your family members will only be allowed to work up to 40 hours a fortnight. *Fortnight* means the period of 14 days commencing on a Monday. You and your family members cannot commence work until you, as the principal visa holder, have commenced your course of study.

You, as the principal visa holder, will have unrestricted permission to work during periods of vacation recognised by the education provider.

If you are the holder of a subclass 574 (Postgraduate Research Sector) visa and you, as the principal visa holder, have commenced the masters degree by research or doctoral degree, you will have unrestricted permission to work once you commence your course of study. If you are the principal visa holder, you satisfied the criteria for a subclass 573 (Higher Education Sector) visa or a subclass 574 (Postgraduate Research Sector) visa or a subclass 576 (AusAID or Defence Sector) visa, and your course of study is a course for an award of masters or doctorate degree that is registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses of Overseas Students, your family members will have unrestricted permission to work once you, as the principal visa holder, commence your course of study.

More information about permission to work while studying is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

Changing course type (education sector)

Your student visa is linked to the type of course you are studying. Each student visa subclass covers specific types of course only. If you wish to change your principal course at any time to a course in a different education sector, you must first apply for a new student visa using this form (form 157A).

For information on course types and their relationship to the different student visa subclasses, refer to the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

Applying for a student visa

To help you lodge your application and communicate with the department while your application is being processed you should read information form 1025i *Making and processing visa applications*, which is available from your nearest Australian Government office or the department's website.

All student visa applicants must satisfy the criteria for grant of one of the student visa subclasses. These criteria include (but are not limited to) a genuine temporary entrant requirement, financial ability, English language proficiency, intention to comply with visa conditions and other relevant matters. Information on these criteria and the conditions that may be attached to your visa can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* or from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

If you wish to study in Australia, your application will either be assessed against one of five Assessment Levels for each visa subclass, or if you are an eligible student, against the streamlined visa processing requirements. Before completing this form, you must refer to information on whether streamlined visa processing requirements apply to you or which Assessment Level applies to you. Information on streamlined visa processing can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* or from the department's website. Information on Assessment Levels can be found in the information sheet *Student Visa Program – Assessment Levels* or from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

In certain circumstances you may be requested to complete a supplementary information form. You will be advised by the visa processing office if this is necessary.

Your application may be decided solely on the basis of information provided in this application. Failure to answer a question may result in your application being refused if the decision-maker cannot be satisfied that you meet all of the criteria for grant of the visa. The provision of information to the department that is incorrect may result in cancellation of your visa if it is granted. If you need more space to answer any question, write the details on a separate sheet, sign it and attach it to the application form.

You must provide all of the documentation necessary to support your application (originals or certified or notarised copies) and you must declare that you have done so. Failure to provide all necessary documentation may result in your application being refused. The documentation required may vary depending on whether you are eligible for streamlined visa processing or depending on your Assessment Level and the subclass appropriate to your course of study. Checklists by Assessment Level and subclass are available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/

A decision on your application will be made on the basis of all the information you provide, your circumstances and the legal requirements that apply. If your circumstances change in any way after you make your application you must inform the department immediately. Failure to do so can lead to cancellation of your visa (if it is granted).

Applicants who provide false or misleading information may either have their applications refused, or their visa permitting them to remain in Australia cancelled.

If you:

- are applying in Australia;
- do not already hold a student visa; and
- you are in Assessment Level 2, 3 or 4.

you must provide exceptional reasons for the grant of your visa in Australia.

Student visa application checklist

Specific application checklists providing detailed information on student visa requirements based on your individual circumstances are available at

www.immi.gov.au/students/checklists/

Qualifying visas for student visa applications lodged in Australia

If you are applying in Australia for a student visa you must either be the current holder of a qualifying visa or have held a certain visa no more than 28 days prior to making your application. More information on qualifying visas is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/students/students/qualifying-visas-for-student-visa-applications-lodged-australia.htm

Students and the skilled migration program

Australia has a well-deserved reputation for high-quality education and training. We continue to welcome overseas students, and appreciate the contribution they make to both academic life and the communities in which they live.

People who wish to study in Australia may be granted a student visa that entitles them to come to Australia on a temporary basis for a specified period to undertake study at an Australian educational institution. While many overseas students make a decision to apply for a permanent visa upon completing their studies, this is an entirely **separate process** and there is no guarantee that, on the basis of having held a student visa, a person will be invited to make an application for a permanent skilled migration visa at the end of their studies.

The skilled migration program is highly competitive and the program is designed to be responsive to Australian labour market conditions. For skilled migration, Australia draws from the highest ranking clients with Expressions of Interest in *SkillSelect*. A person's ability to be invited to apply for skilled migration will be determined by the person's skills, experience and attributes, but also by the level of competition for skilled migration to Australia, regardless of whether or not they have previously been in Australia.

It is important to note that student visas are aimed at achieving an educational outcome, and students should choose a course of study based on their own interest and the quality of the course. Students **should not** make educational choices solely on the basis of hoping to achieve a particular migration outcome, as the skilled migration program will continue to change and adapt to Australia's economic needs.

Photographs

Applying outside Australia – enclose 4 recent passport-sized photographs of yourself and all family members included in this application.

Applying in Australia – enclose one recent passport-sized photograph of yourself and all family members included in this application.

Health requirements

All applicants must meet Australia's health requirements. You and any family members included in this application may be required to undergo a chest x-ray and medical examination. More information on health requirements is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/health-requirements/health-exam.htm

Members of your family unit

The term 'members of your family unit' covers your partner and any dependent children of you or your partner who are unmarried, not in a de facto relationship and who have not turned 18 years of age. School-age dependants are children of you or your partner who are unmarried, not in a de facto relationship and who have turned 5, but have not yet turned 18.

Members of your family unit may apply for visas that will allow them to join you in Australia. They may apply for visas at the same time as you, or after you have been granted a student visa. If you are, or expect soon to be, in Australia on a student visa other than an AusAID or Defence Sector visa subclass 576, and your family members intend to apply separately for a student visa outside Australia, you will need to complete form 919 *Nomination of student dependants*. Either you or your family member must lodge form 919 *Nomination of student dependants*. For quicker visa processing, you should send this completed form and other supporting documentation to your family members for them to lodge at the relevant Australian Government office or Service Delivery Partner. More information on visa lodgement arrangements is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/contacts/offices.htm

Note: If you are processed at Assessment Level 3 or 4 and intend to undertake a course of 12 months or less in duration, members of the family unit **are not** permitted to accompany you to Australia on a student visa.

All members of your family unit must be included in your application form 157A, whether or not they intend to become applicants for a student subclass 570–576 visa. If you are the holder of a student subclass 570–576 visa and a member of your family unit was not included in your application form, they will not be eligible to apply for a student subclass 570–576 visa as a member of your family unit, unless they give evidence that they became such a member (eg. you got married or had a child) after the decision to grant you the student subclass 570–576 visa was made.

A school-age family unit member joining you in Australia is expected to attend school in Australia. You must provide evidence of enrolment for them if you wish them to be granted a student visa as a family unit member. In most cases, public and private schools charge fees for family unit members of student visa holders. You should check the exact fee with the school where your family unit member will be studying. You are responsible for their education costs in Australia.

Your partner will have a condition placed on their visa that limits their period of study in Australia to a maximum of 3 months. If they wish to undertake study beyond this period they must apply for a student visa in their own right.

If you are an AusAID or Defence-sponsored student, members of your family unit must provide evidence of support by the relevant Minister for them to be granted a visa as your dependant.

'Partner' means your spouse or de facto partner (including same-sex partners).

'No further stay' conditions

Your visa will be subject to a number of visa conditions. Information on these conditions can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a student visa* and on the department's website.

In certain circumstances, your visa may be subject to the 'no further stay' condition 8534 or 8535.

Condition 8534

If you are applying for a student visa subclass 570, 572, 573, 574 or 575 and you are an Assessment Level 4 student whose overall intended period of study is **10 months or less**, you will be subject to this 'no further stay' condition (condition 8534). This means that after entering Australia, you will not be entitled to be granted any other substantive visa while you remain in Australia, other than a Student Guardian visa¹.

If you are applying for a student visa subclass 570, 572, 573, 574 or 575 and you are an Assessment Level 3 student the 'no further stay' condition may not be imposed if you can show additional funds from an acceptable source to cover living and school costs for a 12 month period in addition to the period of your intended study in Australia.

A 'no further stay' condition may also be imposed on your visa, irrespective of your Assessment Level or period of study, if the decision maker considers this appropriate.

More information on living costs is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/students/student-visa-living-costs.htm

Condition 8535

If you are an AusAID or a Defence sponsored student you will be subject to this 'no further stay' condition (condition 8535). Members of your family unit may also be subject to this condition.

If you are not an AusAID or a Defence sponsored student, you may also be subject to this 'no further stay' condition.

A 'no further stay' condition (condition 8535) means that after entering Australia, you will not be entitled to be granted a substantive visa while you remain in Australia¹. However, if the Commonwealth or the government of a foreign country provided you financial support for your study, you may be granted a further student visa if you provide evidence, in writing, that the Commonwealth or the government of the foreign country, as the case requires, does not oppose you undertaking a course of study despite your previous student subclass 570–576 visa being subject to condition 8535.

Health insurance

It is a condition of your visa that you and any family members accompanying you must maintain adequate arrangements for health insurance while in Australia. Further information can be found in the information sheet *Applying for a student visa*, available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/applying-student.pdf

Length of student visa

Provided that you have adequate arrangements for health insurance for the relevant period, the maximum duration your student visa can be granted is outlined below.

For courses other than Postgraduate Research (subclass 574) visa the maximum is:

- up to March 15 of the following year if your course is longer than 10 months and finishes at the end of the Australian academic year (November – December);
- up to 2 months longer than the duration of your course if the course is longer than 10 months and finishes between January and October;
- up to one month longer than the duration of your course if the course is 10 months or less.

For Postgraduate Research (subclass 574) visa courses the maximum is:

- up to September 15 of the following year if your course is longer than 10 months and finishes at the end of the Australian academic year (November – December);
- up to 8 months longer than the duration of your course if the course is longer than 10 months and finishes between January and October;
- up to 7 months longer than the duration of your course if the course is 10 months or less.

Important – Students younger than 18 years old

1. If your education provider has approved your welfare arrangements, and you will still be younger than 18 years old at the completion of your studies, the visa end date will correspond with the visa end date nominated by your provider on the Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) letter. If you will turn 18 during the course of your studies, the standard visa end date will be applied instead.
2. If you are seeking to study as a secondary exchange student and will still be younger than 18 years old at the completion of the exchange, the visa period will be granted according to the nominated welfare period on the Acceptance Advice Secondary Exchange Student (AASES) form. If you will be 18 years old or older at the end of the exchange, the visa period will usually be granted until the end of the month the exchange period finishes (generally the end of December) as shown on the AASES form.

Visa Application Charge

Refer to Questions 90 and 91 *Payment details* of this form to calculate the correct charge and make payment.

Refer to www.immi.gov.au/fees-charges for a complete and current list of applicable fees and charges.

Fees and charges may be subject to change at any time and this may increase the cost of a visa application.

Generally, Visa Application Charges are reviewed on 1 July each year, and the exchange rates used to calculate the amount payable in a foreign country are updated on 1 January and 1 July each year.

If you do not pay the full Visa Application Charge amount, your visa application will not be valid.

Charges are generally not refundable, even if the application is withdrawn or refused.

Method of payment

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods of payment.

Outside Australia

Before making a payment outside Australia, please check with the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application as to what methods of payment and currencies they can accept and to whom the payment should be made payable.

¹ Except in certain circumstances or to engage Australia's protection obligation.

Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

Note: Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website www.mara.gov.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website www.immi.gov.au

Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete Question 89 *Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Form 956 is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

Authorised recipient information

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

- Question 89 *Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

Note: Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with.

If you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on form 956 or 956A to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

Note: Electronic communication is the fastest means of communication available and the department prefers to communicate electronically because this results in faster processing.

Further information on migration agents

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website www.mara.gov.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website www.immi.gov.au

Residential address

You must tell the department where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958*. The information collected will be used for assessing your eligibility for a student visa to travel to and enter and/or remain in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act.

Personal information collected in this form together with other information held by the department relating to you may be disclosed to educational institutions (including partner educational institutions of such institutions) for use in student selection processes, monitoring of partner educational institutions or monitoring of student recruitment agents by educational institutions.

The information collected might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, superannuation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents. It will also be disclosed to any agency of the Australian Government, or of a state or territory, that is responsible for or otherwise concerned with the regulation of education providers. Information may also be distributed to your education provider to assist with determining your study entitlements.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (for example, by cancellation for breach of visa condition) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

The information on this form, including the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa. A positive HIV **or other** test result will not necessarily lead to a visa being denied. Your result(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Australian Government state and territory health agencies.

In addition, the relevant registered education provider(s) may be told whether or not your visa has been granted. The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information* gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed. Form 993i is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

The department is authorised under the *Migration Act 1958*, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies who may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and New Zealand. These international information exchanges may involve the sharing of personal identifiers, including facial images and fingerprint data, collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographical data, copies of travel and other identity documents or information from such documents, your immigration status and immigration history (which may include any immigration abuse and offences) and any criminal history information relevant to immigration purposes. The purpose of such disclosure would be to help confirm your identity and determine if you have presented to the department and the other agency under the same identity and with similar claims.

For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Review rights

If you apply for a student visa in Australia and you are refused the visa, you may apply for a review of the decision. You will be notified of your review rights in writing and the time limits for lodging such an appeal.

There are no review rights for decisions to refuse a student visa where the application is made outside Australia.

Home page

www.immi.gov.au

General enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep these information pages for your reference



Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

Tick where applicable

PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach required photographs of yourself
AND
all members of your family unit included in this application

Part A – To be completed by all applicants

Application overview

1 How many people are included in this application?

2 TYPE OF APPLICATION

Yourself as a student Complete Parts A, B and D

Yourself and family Complete Parts A, B and D

As a member of a student visa holder's family unit or a student visa applicant's family unit Complete Parts A, C and D

The term 'members of your family unit' is explained on page 3 of this application form.

Your details

3 Please select the student visa subclass you are applying for:

Independent ELICOS Sector (subclass 570) visa

School Sector (subclass 571) visa

Vocational Education and Training Sector (subclass 572) visa

Higher Education Sector (subclass 573) visa

Postgraduate Research Sector (subclass 574) visa

Non-award Sector (subclass 575) visa

AusAID or Defence Sector (subclass 576) visa

4 Your full name in English

Family name

Given names

5 Name in your own language or script *(if applicable)*

6 Have you been known by any other names? *(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)*

No

Yes Give details and provide supporting evidence eg. birth certificate/marriage certificate

Family name

Given names

7 Sex Male Female

8 Date of birth

9 Have you ever used a different date of birth?

No

Yes Other date of birth

If insufficient space, attach an additional statement.

10 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

11 Relationship status

Married Date of marriage

Engaged Date of intended marriage *(if applicable)*

De facto Date cohabitation began

Separated

Divorced

Widowed

Never married or been in a de facto relationship

12 Your present country of citizenship

13 Do you hold any other citizenship?
No
Yes ► Which countries?

14 Preferred language

The department may contact you for an interview and may use an interpreter based on your preferred language.

15 Do you have a passport?
No
Yes ► Details from your passport
Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR
 / / /
Date of expiry / /
 / /
Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in your passport

16 Details of identity card or identity number issued to you by your government (if applicable) eg. National identity card.
Note: If you are the holder of multiple identity numbers because you are a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that you live in.
Identity number
Country of issue

17 Your country of usual residence

18 Your residential address in your country of usual residence
Note: A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.

 POSTCODE

19 Your telephone numbers outside Australia
Office hours COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
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After hours () ()
Personal/private mobile/cell

20 Your residential address in Australia (if known)

 POSTCODE

21 Your telephone numbers in Australia (if known)
Office hours (AREA CODE)
After hours (AREA CODE)
Personal/private mobile/cell

22 Address for correspondence

 POSTCODE

23 Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail or other electronic means?
No
Yes ► Give details
Fax number COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
 () ()
E-mail address

About your family

24 Give details of all members of your family unit whether or not they intend to accompany you to Australia.

Members of your family unit are your partner and any dependent children of you or your partner who are unmarried, not in a de facto relationship and who have not turned 18 years of age.

Please attach evidence of your relationship to each family member (eg. certified copies of birth certificates or marriage certificate). If you are in a de facto relationship, please attach evidence that you have been in cohabitation with your partner for at least 12 months (eg. joint account statements and utility billing accounts).

1. Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Evidence of relationship attached? No Yes

Citizenship(s)

Date of birth

Is this person included in this application?
 No
 Yes ► Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Does this person intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months? No Yes

2. Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Evidence of relationship attached? No Yes

Citizenship(s)

Date of birth

Is this person included in this application?
 No
 Yes ► Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Does this person intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months? No Yes

3. Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Evidence of relationship attached? No Yes

Citizenship(s)

Date of birth

Is this person included in this application?
 No
 Yes ► Details from passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/Place of issue as shown in passport

Does this person intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months? No Yes

Dependants under 18 years of age

25 Have any school age dependants (that is, those who have turned 5 but who have not yet turned 18 years of age) included in this application been enrolled in a school in Australia?

Not applicable

No

Yes ► You **must** provide evidence (eg. enrolment advice, offer letter)

26 Do you have the sole legal right to determine where any dependants under 18 years of age who are included in this application will live or to remove each such dependant from their country of usual residence?

Not applicable ► Go to Question 27

No ► Give details below

Yes ► Go to Question 27

Give details of ALL other people not included in this application who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the dependant(s).

Attach a statutory declaration from each of these people giving permission for the dependant to accompany you to Australia.

1. Family name

Given names

Residential address

 POSTCODE

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

Telephone () ()

Relationship to dependant

Nature of legal right

Statutory declaration attached? No Yes

2. Family name

Given names

Residential address

 POSTCODE

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

Telephone () ()

Relationship to dependant

Nature of legal right

Statutory declaration attached? No Yes

27 Are any of your dependants who are under 18 years of age, and who are included in this application, the subject of a court order giving you:

- the sole legal right to determine where they will live; or
- the right to remove them from their country of usual residence?

Not applicable

No

Yes ► Attach a certified copy of the court order(s)

Previous visa applications

WARNING: In general, a person can only hold one visa at a time. If you are granted a visa while you already have another, your current visa, if still in effect, will cease automatically when a new visa is granted.

28 Have you or any other person included in this application previously applied for any type of Australian visa?

No Yes

Do you currently hold a visa?

No Yes

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions, give details below

1. Name

Type of visa

Application Invalid
Withdrawn
Refused
Awaiting decision
Granted ► Visa label number

V <

If granted a visa without a label, provide the 13-digit visa grant number (as shown on the letter notifying you of visa grant).

Place of issue

DAY MONTH YEAR
Date of issue / /

2. Name

Type of visa

Application Invalid
Withdrawn
Refused
Awaiting decision
Granted ► Visa label number

V <

If granted a visa without a label, provide the 13-digit visa grant number (as shown on the letter notifying you of visa grant).

Place of issue

DAY MONTH YEAR
Date of issue / /

38 Have you previously studied in Australia?

No

Yes Give details below

You **must** provide evidence of your studies and training, including academic records

1. Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From

MONTH	YEAR
/	

 to

MONTH	YEAR
/	

2. Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From

MONTH	YEAR
/	

 to

MONTH	YEAR
/	

3. Previous course in Australia

Name of education provider or training body

Period of study

From

MONTH	YEAR
/	

 to

MONTH	YEAR
/	

39 Give details of your intended courses of study in Australia.

You must provide evidence of enrolment (an electronic confirmation of enrolment) or a letter of offer of a place in a course unless you are seeking to study in Australia as a secondary school exchange student or as a student sponsored by AusAID or the Australian Department of Defence.

If you are seeking to study as an exchange student, you must attach to this application the Acceptance Advice Secondary Exchange Student (AASES) form as evidence of enrolment.

If you wish to study in Australia as a student sponsored by AusAID or the Australian Department of Defence, you must attach evidence of sponsorship from AusAID or the Department of Defence.

1. Intended course

Name of education provider or training body

Commencement date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Finish date

/	/	
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Have you enrolled?

No Attach letter of 'offer of a place in a course'

Yes Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

2. Intended course

Name of education provider or training body

Commencement date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Finish date

/	/	
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Have you enrolled?

No Attach letter of 'offer of a place in a course'

Yes Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

3. Intended course

Name of education provider or training body

Commencement date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Finish date

/	/	
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Have you enrolled?

No Attach letter of 'offer of a place in a course'

Yes Is evidence of enrolment attached? No Yes

Note: If you are enrolled in more than 3 courses you must attach evidence of these additional courses with your application.

44 What is your employment status?

Employed

Details of employer

Name

Address

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
()	()	

Position you hold

How long have you been employed by this employer?

YEARS	MONTHS
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Have you attached evidence of your employment details?

No Yes

Self employed

Details of business

Name

Address

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
()	()	

Position you hold

How long have you been employed by this business?

YEARS	MONTHS
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Have you attached evidence of your business details?

No Yes

Retired – Date of retirement

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Student

Your current course

Name of educational Institution

How long have you been studying at this institution?

YEARS	MONTHS
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Other – Provide details

Unemployed – Provide details of your last employment (if applicable)

45 Have you been offered a job for when you return home at the completion of your course?

No ► What kind of employment will you be seeking on your return to your home country?

Yes ► Name and address of your employer

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
()	()	

Title of position offered

Other address details

46 Give details of any immediate relatives in Australia (*ie. parent, partner, child, brother or sister*)

1. Name

Relationship to you

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Address

 POSTCODE

Immigration status in Australia (*eg. temporary or permanent resident, Australian citizen*)

Date of arrival DAY MONTH YEAR

2. Name

Relationship to you

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Address

 POSTCODE

Immigration status in Australia (*eg. temporary or permanent resident, Australian citizen*)

Date of arrival DAY MONTH YEAR

47 Give details of your closest relative in your home country who is neither accompanying nor joining you in Australia

Name

Relationship to you

Address

 POSTCODE

Telephone number COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
() ()

Financial details

48 Are you applying to study in Australia as a secondary school exchange student?

No
Yes ► Go to Question 56

49 Living costs are a minimum amount set for visa purposes. Living costs vary depending on where you will be living and studying. It is your responsibility to determine what your own costs will be to live and study in Australia. Even if you have permission to work you should not rely on work to support yourself in Australia as a student

Do you have access to sufficient funds to support you and your family unit members for the TOTAL period of your stay in Australia (including proposed course fees for you and any school-age family members, living costs and travel costs, regardless of whether your dependants intend to accompany you to Australia)?

No
Yes

Note: More information on the total period of stay in Australia and the level of funds you are required to declare and/or demonstrate is available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/checklists/

50 If you are in:

Assessment Level 1 or ► Go to Question 56
eligible for Streamlined
Visa Processing

Assessment Level 2–4 ► You **must** provide documentary **evidence** that you have sufficient funds (unless you are a secondary school exchange student). It is important that you refer to the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/ for details regarding the level of funds you are required to demonstrate, acceptable sources of funds and of the length of time funds must have been held.

51 How much are your funds (if converted into Australian dollars)? AUD

52 Is any part of your funds borrowed?

No
Yes ► Amount borrowed (in Australian dollars) AUD

Is any part of the amount borrowed given conditionally?

No
Yes ► Give details of the conditions

53 How will you access your funds in Australia?

54 Are your funds being sourced from another person?

No

Yes ► Give details of each person

1. Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

2. Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

55 Are your funds being sourced from an institution or third party?

No

Yes ► Give details of the institution or third party

Name

Address

POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

() ()

Health insurance

56 Do you and all applicants included in this application hold health insurance for the duration of your intended stay on a student visa?

No ► **Important** – This visa application may not be approved without adequate health insurance arrangements for all applicants.

Yes

57 Please select what health insurance arrangements are in place for all student visa applicants included in this application:

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) ► You must provide evidence of OSHC for all student visa applicants included in this application.

Other health insurance arrangements ► Give details

Examples of other forms of acceptable health insurance arrangements can be found in the information sheet 'Applying for a student visa', available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/applying-student.pdf

Additional information

58 Is there any other information or documentation you would like taken into consideration in assessing your application?

Remember that a decision may be based solely on the information you provide in this application.

No

Yes ► You must attach evidence

Note: If you are applying in Australia as an Assessment Level 2–4 applicant and do not hold a student visa, you must provide exceptional reasons to justify the grant of your visa.

►► Now go to Part D

Part C – To be completed only if you are a family unit member joining a student in Australia

59 Has the student you are joining, who is a member of your family unit, completed form 919 *Nomination of student dependants*?

No ► If applying outside Australia, you **must** provide a completed form 919 with this application

Yes ► Attach the completed form 919 to this application

60 Do you intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months?

No

Yes ► If you are 5 years up to 18 years of age, please provide documentary evidence of school enrolment in Australia.

If you are 18 years of age or older and you intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months, you must apply for a student visa as a principal applicant, rather than as a family unit member.

61 Provide details of the student you are joining in Australia

Name

Relationship to you

Date of birth DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Citizenship(s)

Address

 POSTCODE

Type of student visa held

What Assessment Level were they assessed against (if known)?

Date granted DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Expiry date / /

Note: You cannot join your family unit member in Australia on a student visa if they are in Assessment Levels 3 or 4 unless the total duration of the course(s) they are undertaking in Australia is at least 12 months or more.

62 Did the student you are joining declare in their initial student visa application you and other members of their family unit included in this application?

No

Yes

63 Is the student you are joining:

- the holder of an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship;
- sponsored by AusAID or the Australian Department of Defence;
- fully sponsored by the federal, or a state or territory government of Australia;
- fully sponsored by the government of your home country, or by a state or provincial government of your home country;
- fully sponsored by a multilateral organisation eg. the United Nations, World Bank?

No

Yes ► If the student you are joining is in Assessment Level 2–4 and was granted their visa after 1 December 2003, there are specific financial evidentiary requirements that you must meet. Please go to the department's website for details on the levels of funds you are required to demonstrate, acceptable sources of funds and the length of time funds must be held.

►► Now go to Part D

64 Does the student you are joining have sufficient funds to financially support themselves, you and any other family members included in this application, for the remainder of his or her stay in Australia?

No

Yes ► You **must** attach evidence of this financial support

Part D – To be completed by all applicants

Health

65 In the last 5 years, have you, or any other person included in this application, visited or lived outside your country of passport for more than 3 consecutive months?

No

Yes Give details

1. Name
 Country(s)
 Date from

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

2. Name
 Country(s)
 Date from

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

3. Name
 Country(s)
 Date from

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	/

66 Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to enter a hospital or a health care facility (including nursing homes) while in Australia?

No

Yes Give details

67 Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to work as, or study to be, a doctor, dentist, nurse or paramedic during your stay in Australia?

No

Yes Give details

68 Do you, or any other person included in this application, intend to work, or be a trainee, at a child care centre (including preschools and creches) while in Australia?

No

Yes Give details

69 Have you, or any other person included in this application:

- ever had, or currently have, tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a family member that has active tuberculosis?
- ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

No

Yes Give details

70 During your proposed visit to Australia, do you, or any other person included in this application, expect to incur medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up for:

- blood disorder;
- cancer;
- heart disease;
- hepatitis B or C and/or liver disease;
- HIV infection, including AIDS;
- kidney disease, including dialysis;
- mental illness;
- pregnancy;
- respiratory disease that has required hospital admission or oxygen therapy;
- other?

No

Yes Give details

78 Will your relative reside in Australia as:

an Australian citizen or permanent resident ▶ Go to Question 81

a Temporary resident ▶ How long are they permitted to stay in Australia?

OR until

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

79 Give details of your relative's Student Guardian visa application

Granted ▶ Visa label number

Period of stay Expiry date (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

MONTHS	/	/
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Not yet decided ▶ Australian Government office where application lodged

Period of stay sought MONTHS

▶▶ Now go to Question 81

80 As the parents or a person(s) who has legal custody of a student applicant under 18 years of age, who is neither being accompanied by you nor staying with a relative who is at least 21 years of age, have you obtained a written statement from your child's education provider(s) that accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements for your child are appropriate?

No

Yes ▶ Please attach the original or a copy of the signed undertaking from the education provider

81 *I am satisfied with the reception, care and support arrangements that have been made in Australia for my dependent child under 18 years of age.*

Note: Both parents must sign this declaration even when the student visa applicant will be accompanied to Australia by one or both parents.

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Full name (*print in English*)

Relationship to student applicant

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Full name (*print in English*)

Relationship to student applicant

Custody arrangements for students under 18 years of age

82 Do you have the **sole legal right** to determine where the applicant will live or to remove the applicant from their country of usual residence?

No Provide details of ALL other people who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the applicant
If there is more than one person, please attach details.

Name

Residential address

POSTCODE

Telephone number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

Relationship to student visa applicant

Nature of legal right

You must sign the declaration at Question 83.

All other people who have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the applicant must also sign the declaration at Question 83.

If any of these people are unable to complete the declaration at Question 83 for any reason, you must attach a statutory declaration from them giving permission for the applicant to travel to Australia as a student.

Yes Complete the declaration at Question 83

83 Declaration by the parent(s) or person(s) with legal custody of a student visa applicant under 18 years of age

I am not aware of any reason why the visa applicant should not travel to Australia (the custody/access/guardianship rights of another person are not affected).

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date / /

Full name (print in English)

Relationship to student applicant

Signature of parent/person who has legal custody

Date / /

Full name (print in English)

Relationship to student applicant

If more than 2 people have custody, access or guardianship rights in relation to the applicant, please attach a statutory declaration from them giving permission for the applicant to travel to Australia as a student.

Declaration and consent

WARNING: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Before signing the declaration and consent refer to the department's website to ensure that you have attached all relevant documentation.

92 I declare that:

- I have read the information contained in the www.studyinaustralia.gov.au website on living and studying in Australia including information on the cost of living, accommodation and employment.
- the information I have supplied in this application is complete, correct and up-to-date in every detail.
- I am aware that I must immediately advise the department if I become aware that any information provided in this form is incorrect or if there is a change in my circumstances that is relevant to this application at any time.
- I have attached all relevant documentary evidence as specified on the department's website for the student visa for which I am applying.
- I understand that if any fraudulent or misleading documents or information is found, this application is likely to be refused and I may become ineligible to be granted a visa for a period of time.
- I have access to sufficient funds to support myself and my family unit members (regardless of whether they are accompanying me to Australia) for the total period of my stay in Australia¹.
- I have made adequate arrangements to health insurance for the period of my stay in Australia and I acknowledge that I am required to maintain these arrangements while in Australia as the holder of a student visa.
- I will respect Australian values as listed on this form, during my stay in Australia and will obey the laws of Australia.
- I understand that a student visa is a temporary visa, and that being granted a student visa will not guarantee that I will be eligible for the grant of a further visa to remain in Australia, including a skilled migration visa.
- I understand that if I cannot obtain a further visa, I must depart Australia on or before the cease date of the student visa.

Visa conditions:

- If granted a student visa, I acknowledge that I am required to abide by its conditions as outlined in the information sheet Applying for a student visa.
- I understand that if the 8534 visa condition is imposed on my visa, it will be indicated by the condition code '8534' and by the short description 'No Further Stay'. I acknowledge that this means that the 8534 condition has been imposed on my visa and that I will not, while in Australia, be entitled to the grant of any other visa², other than a subclass 580 (Student Guardian) visa.
- I understand that the effect of the 8534 visa condition is that it will not be possible for me to apply to remain in Australia beyond the date authorised by my visa² and that I will be required to depart Australia on or before that date. I agree to having this condition included on any visa issued to me as a result of this application if the department decides to impose it as a condition of grant of a visa.

- I understand that if the 8535 visa condition is imposed on my visa, it will be indicated by the condition code '8535' and by the short description 'No Further Stay'. I acknowledge that this means that the 8535 condition has been imposed on my visa and that I will not, while in Australia, be entitled to be granted any other visa², other than a further student visa in circumstances where the Commonwealth, or a foreign government (as the case requires), does not oppose me undertaking a relevant course of study.
- I understand that the effect of the 8535 visa condition is that it will not be possible for me to remain in Australia beyond the date authorised by my visa², unless I am applying for a further student visa in circumstances where the Commonwealth, or a foreign government (as the case requires), does not oppose me undertaking a relevant course of study, and that I will be required to depart Australia on or before the authorised date.

For students under 18 years of age:

- I acknowledge my responsibility for organising appropriate accommodation and travel to and from Australia on behalf of the student visa holder under the age of 18.
- I am aware that condition 8532 will be imposed on the visa of the student under the age of 18 and I will ensure that appropriate welfare arrangements are in place and maintained at all times.

For offshore applicants who are required to provide their fingerprints and facial image:

- I understand that my fingerprints and facial image and my biographical information held by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship may be given to Australian law enforcement agencies to help identify me, to help determine my eligibility for grant of the visa I have applied for, and for law enforcement purposes.
- I consent to:
 - Australian law enforcement agencies disclosing my biometric, biographical and criminal record information to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for any of the purposes outlined above; and
 - the Department of Immigration and Citizenship using the information obtained for the purposes of the Migration Act 1958 or the Australian Citizenship Act 2007.

¹ More information on the total period of stay in Australia and the level of funds you are required to declare and/or demonstrate is available on the department's website www.immi.gov.au/students/checklists/

² Except in certain circumstances or to engage Australia's protection obligation.

The declaration and consent must be signed and dated by all people over 18 years of age included in this application.

Both parents or any person who has legal custody must complete the declaration and consent on behalf of any children under 18 years of age or any person who lacks the legal capacity to sign on their own behalf.

Signature of student

(if over the age of 18)

Date / /

Signature

Family name

Given names

Date / /

Signature

Family name

Given names

Date / /

Signature

Family name

Given names

Date / /

We strongly advise that you keep a copy of your application and all attachments for your records.