



Australian Student Visa (Subclass 500) Procedure & Document Checklist

Anyone intending to undertake 3 months or longer full time study in Australia will need to obtain a Student Visa. This permits the holder to travel to, enter and remain in Australia for the duration of the course of study.

As an international student, you would most commonly require a student visa (subclass 500), regardless of your field of study. Depending on the length of your course, your visa will be granted with the following additional times once you finish your studies:

- For courses below 10 months of duration, you will be given one month extra
- For courses over the 10-month threshold, you will be given two extra months.
- For courses over 10 months you will be given three extra months.

Scope of the subclass 500 student visa

- You can participate in your desired study program
- You can be accompanied by your immediate family members to Australia
- You can apply in or outside Australia through online portal
- work up to 40 hours every 2-week period once your course starts.

Basic checks before you apply

- You should be enrolled in your desired study program in Australia and received the **Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)**
- You should hold **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)** or either fall in any of the exemption categories
- You must more than 6 years in age & you need to prove that you have a welfare arrangement (in case you are less than 18 years of age)
- You must provide evidence of your **English language skills**
- You must meet the **health and character requirements**
- You must have sufficient funds to cover the tuition fee and living costs while you study in Australia





Health Checkup

As a part of the student visa application you will also need to get your health check up done and provide proof that you are in good health. You can do so by providing a certificate of good health. The health check-up and certificate can only be provided by the Panel doctor in your city authorized by the Australian government.

You can make an appointment with the one closest to you for the same. E-Medical Facilities are available in India and often the records are updated immediately. You would be provided with a HAP id which you would need to provide at the time of filling the form. Also, Indian students also need to provide a Chest X-Ray that proves that you do not suffer from Tuberculosis since India is considered a high-risk country.

You can apply for a health check-up after submitting the visa application.

A list of panel doctors can be found at [Department of Home Affairs website](#)

Application Submission

You must submit your student visa application at least **9 to 12 weeks** before the course commencement date.

The process of Australian student visa begins with the application for admission in university / institute. Then an offer letter would be sent first where you accept to join a course, based on which you need to pay the first semester fee and overseas student health cover.

Under the student visa policy students can lodge their visas **online** (via the Immi Account) which can be created via the Department of Home Affairs website. Alternatively students can also lodge the student visas by using an education agent or registered migration agent (MARA) via their organizational account.

At this time the student will need to prove to the institute that he meets the **Genuine Student (GS)** requirement and also demonstrate that they have sufficient funds for tuition fee, living expenses and travel expenses for the duration of study.

Living expenses per annum are calculated at :

✓ Student – AU\$ 29,710

✓ Student Guardian – AU\$ 21,041

✓ Partner / Spouse – AU\$10,394

✓ Child – AU\$ 4,449



Genuine Student (GS) Requirement

The **Genuine Student (G)** requirement is an integrity assessment that all applicants for a student visa must provide to substantiate that they are coming to Australia temporarily to gain a quality education and intend to use the student visa program for its intended purpose only.

All applicants for a student visa must be a genuine applicant for entry. They must stay as a student and be able to show an understanding that studying in Australia is the primary reason of their student visa. The GS requirement is intended to include students who, after studying in Australia, develop skills Australia needs and who then go on to apply for permanent residence.

In the online student visa application form, the following 4 questions need to be answered with evidences to address the GS criteria.

- *Give details of the applicant's current circumstances. This includes ties to family, community, employment and economic circumstances.*
- *Explain why the applicant wishes to study this course in Australia with this particular education provider. This must also explain their understanding of the requirements of the intended course and studying and living in Australia.*
- *Explain how completing the course will be of benefit to the applicant.*
- *Give details of any other relevant information the applicant would like to include.*

Answers must be written in English, with a maximum of 150 words per question.

Application Fee:

A non-refundable application fee of **AUD 720/-** applies to all visa applications. Applicants who are bringing eligible family members to live with them in Australia while they study should note that an additional applicant charge applies for each additional family member included in a combined visa application. Application fee can be made by credit card in Australian Dollars (AUD) for all online applications submitted through the Immi Account.

For more information, see the Fees and Charges section of the [Department of Home Affairs web-site](#).

Student visa application processing time : Anytime between 4 weeks to 14 weeks



General Guidelines of the documents to be attached:

- **Passport copy (front and back page)**
- **Passport photograph**
- **Confirmation of Enrollment (COE)**
- **English Proficiency** (IELTS / PTE or TOEFL score report)
- **Financial capacity**
The latest bank statements, education loan sanction letter, Income tax returns, other income sources, affidavit of support from parents (sponsor) etc
- **Change of Name (if applicable)**
Marriage or deed poll certificate or a certified copy of evidence of the name change from relevant authorities
- **Relationship - spouse, de facto partner (if married)**
Certified copy of your marriage certificate, household booklet or other evidence of family composition
- **Employment history**
Evidence of current or most recent employment which includes payslips or a contract. You can also attach your most recent curriculum vitae or resume
- **Evidence of all qualifications**
Certified copy of your academic transcripts (Degree, Diploma etc.) or letter/statement from your overseas Education Institution
- **Other identity documents**
Birth certificate, National identity number
- **Health insurance**
Evidence of Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- **Genuine temporary entrant requirement**
In the online form, answer the 4 GS questions - outline your aims, objectives and that intend to genuinely stay in Australia temporarily, why you want to study the course and why in this particular university, how you wish to pay your fee and your sponsor details, etc
- **Appointment of an authorized recipient / MARA agent**
Form 956 or Form 956A