

Pre-departure checklist

Before you leave home

- Pay for tuition fees.
- Pay for and organise Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).
- Arrange student visa (ensure it is valid for the duration of your studies).
- Finalise your travel documents.
- Organise pick up from the airport.
- Understood the course content and duration of the course you are enrolling in.
- Obtain the contact details for your home countries diplomatic mission/embassy in Australia.
- Book and confirm your accommodation if required.
- Have a dental and optical check up.
- Have all your prescription medication up to date. It may be important to check if your prescription medication can be brought into Australia and you may need to obtain a letter from your doctor to accompany it.
- Photocopy all important documents that you plan to bring with you.
- Apply for a credit card and/or arranged for access to sufficient funds.
- Arrange travel insurance.
- Arrange personal/employment references which may assist with accommodation or employment if required.

Documents to bring

- A valid passport.
- Student visa (ensure it is valid for the duration of your studies).
- A certified copy of your passport in your checked luggage as well as copies of any other travel documents
- A valid driver's licence or an international licence if you plan to drive in Australia.
- Your letter of offer, electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE).
- Medical and immunisation records if needed.

- Birth certificate.
- If you are travelling with your spouse or children include marriage and birth certificates and/or children's immunisation and school records.
- Receipts of valuable new goods you are bringing into Australia to assist with assessing customs duty and/or goods and services tax (GST).
- Any other legal documents.

Things to pack

- Cash for immediate use (approximately \$200.00 to \$400.00 AUD). There are currency converters located at all major international airports.
- Personal items (perhaps some photographs, recipes, favourite music for reminders of home).
- Clothing – layered clothing works well to keep you warm in winter and most students dress casually in jeans, skirts and shirts.
- Electrical goods, for example computers.
- Adaptor plugs (Australia has 240 volts power). The electrical three pin plug is different from most other countries so you may need to purchase an adaptor plug for electrical appliances. These are readily available at electrical or travel stores throughout Australia.
- A spare pair of glasses or contact lenses.
- Other useful items – small sewing kit, torch, sports gear, toiletries, umbrella, dictionary, alarm clock.

Do not bring

- Food – there are strict customs regulations on bringing food into Australia
visit www.smarttraveller.gov.au to check what items can and cannot be brought into Australia.

Contact

For further information or if you require airport pick-up or accommodation options

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