

1. Before You Apply

- Apply for your visa at least **8 weeks** before your course starts.

If you are currently in Australia, allow plenty of time to apply for your next Visa, avoid waiting until the last day your current substantive visa expires in case of unexpected complications, as we may not always be able to help you.

- Organise health exams

You might need to have health examinations. You can complete them before you apply for the visa.

Find out more information about health examinations:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health>



2. Gather your documents

- Have a valid passport

You must hold a valid passport to lodge a student visa application. Ensure that your passport is valid for at least **6 months** before you apply for the visa.

- Confirmation of Enrolment (COE)

Before you apply for your student visa, you'll need Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from your chosen educational institution. It confirms you have been offered a place, and paid your pre-tuition fees.

- English Proficiency

Depending on the course you are enrolling on and your Country of Passport, the English Requirements might change. If required, you will have to undertake an approved English language test to prove you have the right English language skills to study in Australia.

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Genuine Student (GS) Requirement

You will need to make sure that you stay as a student and be able to show an understanding that studying in Australia is the primary reason of your student visa. The new GS requirement will have target questions that will give decision-makers an overview of the applicant and their reasons for wanting to study in Australia. For example, your current circumstances, your choice of course, and reasons for choosing Australia as a study destination, etc.

For more information, you can check on:

Financial Requirements

Depending on the course you are enrolling on and your Country of Passport, the Financial Requirements might change. You'll need proof that you meet the financial requirement for one year. This requirement will be different if you have a spouse or children. Otherwise, you'll need to prove that your parents can support you.

You can double-check the Document Required for you here:

[Document Checklist Tool](#)

3. Apply for visa

Find an authorised agent to apply for the visa

The visa application process can be complicated, with various forms to fill out, documents to provide, and rules to follow, which can vary greatly depending on your Country of Passport.

We strongly recommend that you seek the help of an authorised visa agent. It's crucial to choose a reliable and authorised visa agent. Look for agents who are licensed and have good reviews from previous clients. They should be transparent about their fees and able to explain how they can assist you clearly.



4. After you apply

Keep in touch with the agent

After your application is submitted, the work isn't necessarily over. Sometimes, the Australian Immigration Department requests additional documents or needs further information. The agent handles these communications and ensures that such requests are fulfilled promptly and correctly. Moreover, if your visa application encounters any issues, having an agent advocate for you can be a significant advantage. Therefore, it is crucial to maintain regular contact with your agent throughout the visa application process.



Biometrics

You might be asked for biometrics. Most applicants will be advised immediately after applying if you need to provide biometrics. You will receive a letter which give you **14 days** to provide biometrics so it is important to arrange an appointment quickly using the instructions in the request letter. You must provide biometrics before travelling to Australia.

Inform the agent if things change

It's important to communicate any significant changes directly to your agent as soon as possible. Changes that you should report include:

- The decision to withdraw your application
- Changes to your phone number, address or passport
- Changes to your relationship status
- The birth of a child
- Changes to your welfare arrangements.



5. Visa Outcome

Check for your Visa Grant Letter

Once your visa is approved, you'll receive a notification and a visa grant letter. It's important to carefully review the details provided in the Visa Grant.

This document will include crucial information such as:

- Your visa grant number
- The expiration date of your visa
- The specific conditions of your visa (e.g., work rights, obligations, and requirements)

We recommend keeping a copy of your visa decision document with you at all times while in Australia. This will ensure that you have all necessary information readily available should you need to reference your visa status and conditions.



Your Notes

