

# Australia Visa Application Factsheet

*If you are an international student who wishes to progress to one of the NCUK partner universities in Australia, you will need to apply for a student visa. Below is an overview of what you will need to do to obtain a visa.*

*Throughout the factsheet, there are links which direct you to the government website on visa requirements which includes detailed information that is regularly updated. Please ensure that you use this website to thoroughly research your requirements prior to submitting a visa application.*

## Before you apply for your visa

To apply for your student visa, you will first need a **Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)**. The CoE is issued by the university only once you have:

- been made an unconditional offer
- formally accepted your offer, which often requires signing a contract with the university
- paid your deposit, which is usually the first semester tutorial fees
- organised Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Your university will contact you with a recommended provider. Please see [this link](#) on the Australian government website for more details.

Please note that it takes approximately 10 days from accepting an unconditional offer for a CoE to be issued. **Make sure to check your emails regularly in case the university contacts you. They may need more information from you to issue the CoE.**

## What documents do I need to submit with my visa application?

The Australian government immigration website has a [Document Checklist Tool](#) which you should use to determine which documents you will need. This asks you to input your country of origin, chosen university, and course of study to provide specifics on which documents are required. In general, students need some of the below documents, but there may be additions to this list depending on where you are traveling from, so it is essential to consult the checklist and refer to the information provided by your university.

Document Required	Further Details
Scanned copy of a valid passport	Your passport must be valid for 6 months from the date of your visa application.  (Scanned copies of your birth certificate, drivers license, and national ID card are also required where you have these.)
Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)	This will be provided by the university once you have met the conditions listed above.  If you need your CoE issued quickly, please contact NCUK who will be happy to contact the university on your behalf.
Parental Consent for Under 18s	If you are under 18 years at the time of visa application, you will need several documents:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Form 157N - Nomination of a student guardian in Australia</li> <li>✓ evidence of appropriate accommodation and welfare letter from the your university</li> <li>✓ letter of support from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or the Australian Department of Defence stating that arrangements have been made for the student's welfare</li> <li>✓ your parents must sign Form 1229 - Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years.</li> </ul>
Evidence of Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)	<p>OSHC must be obtained from one week before you are due to arrive in Australia until the end of your stay.</p> <p>You will need to submit the name of the provider, the policy number, and the dates of the policy in your visa application form. You may be asked to provide a certificate of good health if you are intending on studying a clinical programme such as Nursing or Medicine. Your university will provide information on OSHC cover.</p>
Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirement	You must provide evidence that you meet the GTE requirement. The GTE requirement declares your intention to come to Australia <i>temporarily</i> for the sole purpose of receiving an education. This will include a statement written by you and further documents listed below.
Evidence of Recent Employment	Evidence of recent or current employment, such as pay slips or work contract. You can also include your CV. These form part of your GTE requirement.
Academic Transcript and Certificates	<p>Your NCUK Certificate will be supplied by your NCUK study centre.</p> <p>You must also provide scans of your high school certificate and transcript, and/ or your undergraduate degree certificate and transcript. These must include scans of your original documents and scans of your documents in translation.</p>
Evidence of your English Language Qualification	For most students, this will be your NCUK certificate and transcript, showing your EAP/EAPPU as proof of English.
Evidence of Sufficient Funds	You will need to show evidence that you have enough money to cover tuition fees, living costs, and travel expenses for 12 months.
Criminal Record Check	You may be asked to provide a penal clearance certificate, or a Character Statutory Declaration form, to prove that you do not have any unspent criminal convictions.
Four recent passport-sized photographs	Make sure these comply with passport standards.



## Submitting your application

Once you are sure that you have secured the necessary supporting documents, you will need to set up an account to apply online via the [ImmiAccount](#) application portal.

You will need to pay an application fee, which is approximately \$620.

All international students must apply for a single **Student Visa (subclass 500) visa**, irrespective of the programme you are planning to enrol onto. More information about this type of visa and application guidelines can be found on the [Australian Home Affairs website](#).

**Visa processing time vary depending on which country you are travelling from. Please see [here](#) for the Australian government guidance on how long it will take you to receive your visa. Since it can take several weeks for your visa to be processed, and application errors can cause further delays, make sure to start the process as early as possible.**

**If you need any advice, please contact [studentsupport@ncuk.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@ncuk.ac.uk) who will be more than happy to help!**

### Top Tip!

Even before your CoE has been issued, start to collect as many of the supporting documents as you can to avoid any delays later in the process