

About Student Visa Subclass 500

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With this visa you can

- Participate in an eligible course of study in Australia
- Travel in and out of Australia as many times as you want
- Work up to 40 hours every 2-week period once your course starts
- Apply for a different temporary or permanent visa, if eligible

How long you can stay

- This is a temporary visa. The type of course and its length will determine the length of stay
- Primary school children enrolled in years 1-4 can only be granted a student visa for a maximum of 2 years

Stay Longer

To continue studying in Australia, you must apply for a new Student Visa

If your Student Visa will expire before your graduation you might be eligible for a Visitor visa (subclass 600). You will need a letter from your education provider with the date of your graduation.

If you hold or held a student visa and completed specific qualifications in Australia in the last six months, you might be eligible for a Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)

If you are a recent engineering graduate of a recognized institution you might be eligible for the Skilled Recognition Graduate visa

Include family

You can include family members when you lodge your visa application. For student visas, your family member is:

- your partner, or
- your partner's dependent child who is unmarried and has not turned 18 years of age.

You must declare your family members in your student visa application even if they do not plan to travel with you to Australia. If you do not do this, your family members will not be eligible for a student visa to join you in Australia.

Your family members can also apply as a subsequent entrant (at a later time, separate from your application)

Family members who apply for the visa meet our requirements for health and character.

Cost

AUD 575 for the main applicant, unless they are exempt.

AUD 430 each for the family member +18 who applies for the visa.

AUD 140 each for the family member U18 who applies for the visa.

You might also have to pay other costs for the health checks, police certificates and biometrics.

Apply from

You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa and if we grant your application.

Packaged Course

You can apply to take 2 or more courses on your Student visa where one course clearly leads to the next. We call this course packaging.

You must either:

- give a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)
- show that no CoE is required for a course

The last course you take as part of the course package is your main course of study. We use your main course of study to work out what financial and English language skills evidence you must give us

Processing times

- Vocational Education and Training Sector
 - 75% of applications in 64 days
 - 90% of applications in 71 days
- Higher Education Sector
 - 75% of applications in 18 days
 - 90% of applications in 29 days

Travel

You can travel outside Australia and return as many times as you want while the visa is valid.

The time you spend outside Australia does not extend the visa.

Visa label

We will digitally link your visa to your passport. You will not get a label in your passport.