

STUDENT VISAS

Who should apply

Student visas provide a way in which anyone who is not an Australian resident to study in Australia.

The Australian Government operates an overseas student program (OSP) that allows non Australian citizens or permanent residents to study in Australia.

The following student visas are available:

- 570 Independent ELICOS Sector
- 571 Schools Sector
- 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector (diploma, advanced diploma, certificate IV)
- 573 Higher Education Sector (masters by coursework, bachelors, graduate diploma or certificate)
- 574 Postgraduate Research Sector (masters by research or PhD)
- 575 Non-Award Sector
- 576 AusAID or Defence Sector
- 580 Student Guardian

Accompanying family members (spouse and dependent children) may be included in this application at no extra charge.

For detailed information on student visas please go to the website at www.immi.gov.au.

What you must provide

- 157A Application for a student visa (all questions must be completed and form must be signed)
- Rs 61,000.00 Non-refundable fee in the form of a bank draft payable to the "Australian High Commission – Colombo"

What you should provide

- Three recent passport size photo
- Valid passport with two unused visa pages (we do not accept Sri Lankan L series passports) with two photocopies of the bio data page and alterations page
- A certified photocopy of your identity card
- Details of relatives form (all questions must be completed)
- Letter of offer from the institution in Australia stating the course, fee structure and the duration

What you may provide

If you are using a student agent approved by the Australian High Commission Colombo:

- Pre Visa Assessment (PVA) letter
- Completed medical requirements
- Confirmation of enrolment from the institution in Australia

If you are not using a student agent approved by the Australian High Commission Colombo:

- Documents to demonstrate you meet English language requirements:

Please go to the website at www.immi.gov.au/students/students/chooser/index.htm

- Documents to demonstrate you have required academic qualifications, depending on which student visa you are seeking:

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Note that the equivalent of:

- year 12 is at least 3 local A level passes (not including General English) or at least 2 UK A level passes; and
- year 11 is at least one year study beyond local O levels or completion of UK O levels or completion of a one year full time course of study.

- Financial documents to show sufficient evidence of funds

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Health and character requirements

All applicants are required to meet health requirements.

- Applicants whose length of stay will exceed three months and are over the age of 11 are required to undergo a chest x-ray.
- Applicants whose length of stay will exceed three months and are under the age of 11 and are undertaking an activity of special significance are required to undergo a medical examination.

Your health may be of “special significance” irrespective of the length of stay if you:

- Are likely to enter a hospital or health care area, including nursing homes, for any purpose
- Likely to be enrolled in or engaged in an Australian preschool-aged child care centre, including preschools and crèches, as either an employee or trainee

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- Will enter a classroom environment for more than four weeks
- Are over the age of 70
- Present any indications you may not meet the health requirement

If required applicants will be provided with medical examination form 26 and/or chest x-ray form 160 or an assessment letter and a list of approved panel doctors at the time they lodge their application. Applicants must provide two additional passport size photographs for this purpose.

Other information

All Original documents included with your application should be placed in a separate envelope. Please attach the certified copies of the originals with your application.

Documents in languages other than English must be accompanied by certified English translation.

If you do not provide all the requested documents, a decision may be made on the information you have provided. It is in your interest to support your application with as much information as possible at the time you apply.

I acknowledge that I have lodged the above application and that a decision may be made based on these documents alone.

Name of applicant

Signature of applicant

Name and signature of person lodging application