

STUDENT VISA TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there an age limit for studying in Australia?

No, there is no age limit for applying for a student visa or studying in Australia.

How long will it take to have the student visa granted?

Normally it will take between 6-9 weeks for a student visa to be granted

Can I bring my family to Australia while I am studying?

Yes, you will be able to bring your spouse/partner and any children to live with you in Australia while you are studying.

How long will I have to study for in Australia?

You will have to study in Australia for a minimum of 2 years of full time study.

Can I choose the course that I wish to study?

Yes, you are able to pick the course that you study however to achieve your residency at the conclusion of your training you will have to study in a course that is currently listed on the skilled occupations list. This list can be found at www.immi.gov.au

Can I choose where I undertake the study?

Yes, you can choose where in Australia that you wish to undertake the study.

Do I have to attend a special college or school?

You will be able to choose the training establishment that you wish to attend however it will have to be approved for the purposes of training by the DIAC. This is known as being CRICOS accredited.

Do I have to pay for any of the training?

Yes, as the student you will be required to pay all costs associated with your training.

Do I have to pay the full student fees up front?

No, you will be required, in most instances, to pay for your tuition on a semester by semester basis.

Will I be entitled to any financial grants to assist with my tuition fees?

There are no financial grants or loans available to you to offset your tuition fees.

How much money will I have to take to Australia?

The DIAC will require you to be able to show that you have sufficient funds to pay for your tuition and also enough to maintain yourself and family (if applicable). The amount is a figure calculated on the size of your family unit.

Can I work in Australia while I am studying?

Yes, you are allowed to work whilst undergoing your training. You are allowed to work a maximum of 20 hours per week while undergoing training and without restriction during course recess. This restriction would also apply to your spouse/partner.





Can I change where I undertake my training during the course?

You may only change your training provider after seeking approval from the DIAC.

Am I covered under the Australian health care scheme?

No, you are not covered under the Medicare scheme and you would be required to hold the relevant level of private health cover for the period that you are the holder of your student visa. This requirement would also exist for your family members.

Will my kids be able to attend school in Australia?

Yes, your kids will be able to attend school however depending on which state you are situated in you may be liable for costs associated with their education.

Do I have to organise my own travel and accommodation arrangements?

Yes, you will be required to organise all your own travel arrangements. Depending on the training establishment you select you may get some assistance in gaining rental accommodation however most students are required to make their own arrangements.

Will I have to leave Australia once I have finished my training?

No, you will not have to leave Australia when your training is completed. You will be able to remain in Australia while your residency visa application is finalised.

Will I be able to work while I am waiting for my residency visa application to finalise?

Yes, you will be able to work during the processing of your application. You will also be able to request that your working hours restriction is lifted during this period.

What sort of visa will I be able to apply for when my training is finished?

You will be able to apply for a skilled migration visa at the conclusion of your training. The particular type of skilled migration visa will depend on what points you are able to score at the time that your application is completed and what conditions the DIAC may impose in the skilled migration visas.



Will I still have to pay for private health cover and education expenses once I have been granted a residence visa?

Providing that you score sufficient points to apply for a permanent residence visa you will not have to pay for private health care and education costs once the visa has been granted. If you have to apply for a 2 stage visa then you will have to continue to pay for private health cover and education until such time as you are granted the second stage of the visa (permanent residence).

Will I have to work in the occupation that I have been trained in once my residence visa has been granted?

No, you will not be compelled to work in the occupation in which you have undertaken your training.



If you have any other questions or would like to engage our services to assist you through the student visa to residence pathway please call our office on
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