International Students

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How much money do I need to bring?

We suggest you make sure you have access to around $3500 for your initial expenses and your first few weeks. The safest way to bring money to Australia is by transferring it directly to an Australian bank account. It is possible to open an account with most major Australian banks before you arrive in Australia, which can be very convenient. You will need to visit a bank branch once you have arrived in Australia to activate your account.

- westpac.com.au
- nab.com.au
- commbank.com.au
- movingtoaustralia.anz.com/global

You will also need some of this money while travelling and when you first arrive. International credit cards such as Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted in Australia, but it is also a good idea to carry a small amount of Australian currency ($200 to $300) to cover small purchases.

If you arrive after business hours or on a weekend, banks will be closed, so you will not be able to access your account immediately. In this case, you will need to bring a little more cash, or make sure you have a valid international credit card. See also Cost of Living.

Personal items and clothing

You should bring personal items that you will need immediately, such as toiletries, a towel, glasses or contact lenses (and a copy of your prescription), and any medication you or family members travelling with you are taking (with a copy of your prescription).

Most students bring a range of clothing with them, as the cost of new clothing in Australia can be higher than in many other countries. Tasmania is famous for its changeable weather, so it is important to be prepared for cold or wet weather at any time of year. Make sure you bring some warm clothes with you, even if you arrive in summer. See Weather and Environment for more information.

Important documents

Make sure you are carrying your passport and a printed copy of your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) and your Visa Grant Notice. Other documents you should carry include:

- a copy of your airport pickup confirmation email
- original or original certified copies of your academic transcripts and certificates from current or previous courses
- driver’s licence
- credit or Debit card
- medical history (including immunisation records for any children)
- birth certificates and education records for any children.

Electrical items

Australia’s electricity supply is 240 volts, and plugs are a different shape from most other countries. You should check that any electrical items you bring, such as laptop/tablet, phone, or shaver can use 240v. You can buy an adaptor in Tasmania if you do not bring one, but it may be more expensive than in your home country.

What not to bring

There are a number of things which you are not allowed to bring into Australia, including many kinds of food and drink. You can find detailed information about these rules on the Department of Home Affairs website. There are also strict rules about bringing some things into Tasmania from other parts of Australia. Please see the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment website for details.