International Students

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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.

Laptop computer

It is recommended that you bring your own laptop computer to Australia because you will need to use computers every day while you study at university.

If you are not going to bring a laptop computer, you should prepare enough money for this purchase early in your studies. Expect to spend between $500-$1,000 for a base model with enough performance, speed, and storage capacity and between $1,400-$2,000 if you need to run specialist software for your course.

Students can also utilise the computers and / or internet access at the University Libraries and College computer labs for free.

by bringing copies of important documents, etc on a USB, and also saved online (saved as email attachments, etc.) in case luggage goes missing and they need proof of identity, etc.

International and domestic travel baggage allowance

Baggage allowance is affected by which airline you’re flying with and different rules may apply to the type of fare ticket purchased.

Consider the baggage allowances for your flight from mainland Australia to Tasmania as these may differ from your international flight.

Check with your airline directly if you have any questions.

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