What kind of visa do I need?
Most international students need a student visa to travel to Australia for study. Student visas are issued by the Australian Government’s Department of Home Affairs (DHA). You will need to apply online through their website, where you can find complete, up-to-date information on student visas.

Information about other kinds of visas is also available on the DHA website. Remember that you must have a valid visa at all times when you are in Australia. If your visa status changes, you must contact an International Student Adviser.

When should I apply and how long will it take?
You need to apply at least three months prior to your course start date, to allow enough time to receive your visa and make travel arrangements. The time needed for a visa to be granted depends on your situation, and DHA gives information on standard processing times on their website. If you have not received your visa by the time your course starts, you may need to request approval to start your course late or defer to a later start date.

Can the University of Tasmania help with my visa application?
No. The Department of Home Affairs (DHA) has strict rules about who can help with visa applications. You can get help from a registered migration agent, but the University is not able to help with your application and has no influence on the application process.

What are the conditions of my visa?
Student visas have different conditions depending on your situation and the kind of course you are studying. One condition is that all students must inform the University of their residential address in Australia. You might also have conditions about enrolment, course progress, working, and finances. You will receive information on these conditions when you receive your visa, and you can also check your current visa conditions at any time using VEVO on the DHA website. If you have questions about how your visa conditions relate to your studies, contact an International Student Adviser.

What if I break my visa conditions?
The University is required to monitor some visa conditions, and report breaches to DHA. Because of this, we try to contact students who are at risk of breaching these conditions. Being reported to DHA means your enrolment will be cancelled, and DHA may also decide to cancel your student visa. In this case they will contact you with instructions. If you think you may have broken one of your visa conditions, contact an International Student Adviser immediately.

Can I extend my student visa?
A student visa is usually granted to cover the expected length of your course. It cannot be extended. If you do not complete your course in the expected time, you may be able to apply for a new student visa. Please contact an International Student Adviser to discuss this.

What should I do if my visa status changes?
If there is any change to your visa, or if you receive a new visa, you need to let the University know. Please contact an International Student Adviser to discuss this.

What kind of visa can I get after finishing my studies?
Some students are able to extend their stay in Australia after finishing their studies. For advice on visa options you may have after finishing studies, please visit the DHA website or contact a Registered Migration Agent.