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Student Visa Information Sheet

*If one of the following applies, you do not need to provide evidence of an English test score with your visa application:

- you are enrolled in full-time school studies as a principal course including in a secondary exchange programme, a postgraduate research course, a standalone English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS), and Foreign Affairs or Defence sponsored students
- you have completed at least five years' study in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland
- you are a citizen and hold a passport from UK, USA, Canada, NZ or Republic of Ireland
- in the two years before applying for the student visa, you completed, in Australia and in the English language, either the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education or a substantial component of a course leading to a qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework at the Certificate IV or higher level, while you held a student visa.

*Please refer to the table below for more information



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If you do need to provide English language proficiency, the following table will assist you in determining what is required. The test must have been taken no more than two years before you apply for your student visa.

English Language test Provider	Minimum Test Score	Minimum test score where combined with at least 10 weeks ELICOS	Minimum test score where combined with at least 20 weeks ELICOS
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	5.5	5	4.5
*Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOFEL) paper based	527	500	450
TOFEL internet based test	45	35	32
Cambridge English: Advanced (Certificate in Advanced English)	162	154	147
Pearson Test of English (PTE)	42	36	30
Occupational English Test	Pass **	N/A	N/A



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Financial capacity

You may need to prove that you have enough money, and that you can genuinely access it in Australia - to pay for your course fees, travel, and living costs for you and your family members included in your application, while you are living in Australia studying.

*If you do need to provide evidence of financial capacity, you will need to provide ONE of the following:

- Evidence of funds to cover travel to Australia and 12 months' living, course and (for school aged dependants) schooling costs for the student and accompanying family members; OR
- Evidence that you meet the annual income requirement; OR
- An Acceptable Advice of Secondary Exchange Students (AASES) form (Secondary exchange students only)
- A letter of support from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or Department of Defence.

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Documentary evidence of financial capacity:

Evidence of funds to cover travel to Australia and 12 months' living, course and (for school aged dependants) schooling costs for the student and accompanying family members	Evidence that you meet the annual income requirement
<p>Evidence of funds can include money deposits, financial institution or government loans, scholarships or sponsorships.</p>	<p>The annual income option requires a student to provide evidence of personal annual income of at least AUD 60,000. For students accompanied by family members, the requirement is at least AUD 70,000. The income demonstrated must be the personal income of your spouse (who is not coming with you) or parents. Where both of your parents are working, their combined income can be considered for this requirement. Evidence must be in the form of official government documents such as tax assessments. Evidence in the form of bank statements or information directly from an employer is not acceptable.</p>



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Living costs

(From the 1 July 2016, the 12 month living cost)

- Student (or guardian) \$19,830 AUD
- Partner or Spouse \$6,940 AUD
- Child - \$2,970 AUD

Schooling costs

If children are included in your application and the need to be schooled, you need to allow at least \$8,000 per year for each child. The only exceptions are –

1. If you are receiving an Australian Commonwealth Government scholarship, including Foreign Affairs and Defence sponsored students, and you can show you have enrolled your child in a government school where the fees have been waived.
2. If you are a PhD student and can show you have enrolled your child in an Australian government school where the fees have been waived.

Genuine access to funds

You and your accompanying family members must be able to access the funds shown while you are in Australia.

When considering whether the funds will be genuinely available, we will take into account:

- the nature of the relationship between you and the person who is providing the funds, where applicable
- your income, assets and employment or those of the person providing the funds
- your previous visa history and that of the person providing the funds.



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Health Insurance

You must have adequate health insurance while in Australia. Students can show this by obtaining Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) which provides medical and hospital insurance.