

Australia University & Student Visa Document Checklist (2026)

This checklist is designed as a step-by-step reference that clearly shows which documents are required at each stage of your Australia study journey.

It is organised to help you quickly identify what applies to your situation without needing to cross-check multiple sources.

The document is divided into two clear sections:

- **University application documents (Before Confirmation of Enrolment – CoE)**
- **Australian Student Visa documents (After CoE)**

Each section is further broken down by level of study (Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Research), making it easy to identify what applies to your course.

Please note:

Some documents are course-specific or conditional (for example portfolios, research proposals, or employment evidence).

Always refer to your university offer letter and visa instructions for exact requirements.

Use this checklist as a preparation guide only. It does not replace official instructions from your university or the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

University Application Documents (Before CoE)

Supporting Documents Checklist

Supporting Documents	Undergraduate (UG)	Postgraduate (PG)	Research (MPhil / PhD)
Valid passport	✓	✓	✓
Academic transcripts	✓	✓	✓
Final degree / diploma certificate	✓	✓	✓
English language proficiency certificate (IELTS, PTE, TOEFL or accepted equivalent)	✓	✓	✓
Personal Statement / Statement of Purpose	✓	✓	✓
Curriculum Vitae (CV)		✓	✓
Academic or professional reference(s)		✓	✓
Research proposal			✓

Supporting Documents	Undergraduate (UG)	Postgraduate (PG)	Research (MPhil / PhD)
Portfolio (for art, design, architecture or creative courses)	✓	✓	
Work experience documents (if required for the course)		✓	✓

Documents Issued After Admission

Offer Letter

This document confirms that the university has offered you admission to a course.

It normally includes:

- Course name
- Tuition fees
- Course duration
- Conditions of admission

Students must accept the offer and pay the required deposit before enrolment is confirmed.

Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

The Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is an official document issued by your university after you:

- Accept the offer
- Pay the required tuition deposit

You cannot apply for an Australian Student Visa without a valid CoE.

Australian Student Visa Supporting Documents (After CoE)

(Everything submitted for university application, plus the following)

Supporting Documents Checklist

Supporting Documents	Undergraduate (UG)	Postgraduate (PG)	Research (MPhil / PhD)
Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)	✓	✓	✓
Passport and identity documents	✓	✓	✓
<u>Genuine Student (GS) statement</u>	✓	✓	✓

Supporting Documents	Undergraduate (UG)	Postgraduate (PG)	Research (MPhil / PhD)
Proof of financial capacity	✓	✓	✓
Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)	✓	✓	✓
English language evidence	✓	✓	✓
Health examination (if required)	✓	✓	✓
Police clearance certificate (if required)	✓	✓	✓
Biometrics (if requested)	✓	✓	✓
Previous visa decision letters (if applicable)	✓	✓	✓

Identity Documents

Applicants must provide evidence of their identity.

This usually includes:

- Passport (bio page)
- Birth certificate (if available)
- National identity card or driver licence (if available)

Certified copies may be required.

Genuine Student (GS) Requirement

Applicants must answer questions in their visa application explaining:

- Their current circumstance
- Their ties to family, community and employment
- Why they chose the course and education provider
- How the course will benefit their future career

Each answer must be written in English and is limited to 150 words per question.

Supporting documents may include:

- Academic certificates and transcripts
- Employment records
- CV or resume
- Evidence of career progression

Immigration may consider:

- Circumstances in the home country
- Potential circumstances in Australia
- The value of the course to the applicant's future
- Immigration history

Evidence of Financial Capacity

Applicants must demonstrate that they have enough funds to cover **travel costs, tuition fees, and living expenses** for 12 months for themselves and any accompanying family members.

The following table shows the minimum financial evidence required.

Type of Expense	Main Applicant (Student)	Spouse / Partner	Child
Living Costs (12 months)	AUD 29,710	AUD 10,394	AUD 4,449
Course Tuition Fees	First 12 months of tuition fees (or full course fee if course is less than 12 months). Deduct any fees already paid.	Not applicable	Not applicable
School Fees (if child studies in Australia)	Not applicable	Not applicable	AUD 13,502 per year per child
Travel Costs (Outside Australia)	Approx. AUD 2,000 (except certain regions where the estimate may be higher)	Same estimate	Same estimate
Travel Costs (Applying inside Australia)	Approx. AUD 1,000	Same estimate	Same estimate

Alternative Financial Requirement (Income Option)

Instead of showing savings, applicants may provide evidence that their parent or partner has sufficient annual income.

Sponsor Type	Minimum Annual Income
Single sponsor	AUD 87,856 per year
Sponsor with dependants	AUD 102,500 per year

Acceptable evidence includes:

- Official government tax assessments
- Income statements from tax authorities

Bank statements or employer letters are not accepted for income verification.

Acceptable Evidence of Financial Capacity

Applicants may provide evidence such as:

- Bank deposits or savings
- Education loans from financial institutions
- Government student loans
- Scholarships or sponsorships
- Financial support from parents or spouse

Students must also prove genuine access to the funds, which may include:

- Bank transaction history
- Evidence of salary deposits
- Loan disbursement documents
- Proof of financial support from sponsors

Important Notes

- The amounts listed above are minimum visa requirements only.
- Actual living costs in Australia may be significantly higher depending on the city.
- Immigration may request additional financial evidence during visa processing even if it was not initially required.
- If you provide bank savings as evidence, it is recommended that the funds show a clear transaction history (preferably 3–6 months of transaction history) to demonstrate genuine access to the money.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

International students must have [Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#).

The policy must cover:

- The student
- Any accompanying dependants

The insurance must begin at least one week before the course start date and remain valid for the entire duration of stay in Australia.

English Language Requirement

Students may need to provide results from an approved English test such as:

- IELTS
- PTE Academic

- TOEFL iBT

However, some students may be exempt if they:

- Hold a passport from the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand or Ireland
- Have completed at least 5 years of study in English in approved countries
- Are enrolled in certain research or English language courses

Additional Documents (If Applicable)

Some applicants may also need to provide the following documents depending on their circumstances.

Welfare Arrangements (Under 18 Students)

Students under 18 must provide evidence of accommodation and welfare arrangements.

Examples include:

- Form 157N – Nomination of a student guardian
- Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW)

Parental Consent (If Minor)

If a child under 18 is applying without both parents:

- Form 1229 – Consent to grant a visa to a child under 18 must be completed.

Relationship Documents (Dependants)

Applicants applying with a spouse or partner must provide evidence of the relationship.

Examples include:

- Marriage certificate
- Family register documents
- Household registration documents

Name Change Documents

If any applicant has changed their name, provide certified copies of:

- Marriage certificate
- Legal name change certificate

Employment History

Evidence of employment may include:

- Payslips
- Employment contracts
- CV outlining employment and study history

Research Students

Research students should attach:

- Research proposal or thesis topic
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Before Submitting Your Application

Before submitting your university or visa application:

- Double-check all documents against your offer letter and CoE
- Prepare certified translations if documents are not in English
- Ensure all documents are clear and properly scanned

If you are unsure about your eligibility, documents or next steps, professional guidance can help you avoid delays and mistakes.

[Contact us for a free initial assessment](#)

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