

## ABOUT AUSTRALIA

Study Australia is one of the 'hot' destination, in terms of numbers, quality and living conditions. Every year, several thousand students from India (around 20,000 in 2004) and throughout the world go to Australia, for world-class education, which is recognized globally and that has top-class and highly ranked universities. Australian universities and training institutions offer a wide range of courses to met most aspirations and requirements. The curriculum and infrastructure are the latest while the faculty is up-to-date and progressive in outlook and result-oriented.

## EDUCATION SYSTEM

There are 39 universities in Australia offering Bachelor degrees, Master's degrees, Doctorate, Postgraduate certificates and Postgraduate Diplomas that are recognized throughout the world. Universities are established under legislation and set their own academic requirements within strict legislative guidelines.

As an undergraduate you have the following qualification to opt for:

- Bachelors Degree
- Bachelors Degree with Honours
- Graduate Diploma
- Graduate Certificate
- Undergraduate Diploma
- Associate Diploma

Australian Master's programs cover almost all possible areas of study. Universities make constant endeavours to introduce many innovative courses at the postgraduate level. Program delivery is done in the forms of class-room lectures, seminars, as well as library/laboratory based independent research. PG level students are encouraged to collect and analyze data independently or in groups, to debate with other students and lecturers.

The Australian PG programs are generally for 1 to 2 years. The students are assessed through external examination, dissertation, essay and reports, oral presentations, class participation, practical work, assignments and class-room tests. Postgraduate degrees in Australia involve research work, which is judged by thesis.

As part of its commitment to maintain the high quality of Australia's higher education system, the Australian Government has established the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA). This agency is tasked with ensuring high quality of teaching and learning, research and management standards in Australian universities through a panel of expert senior academics and administrators.

There is a strong culture and tradition of research in Australian universities that has been internationally recognized.

## **ADMISSION**

The admission procedures for Australia are more or less similar to the educational systems of other developed countries like UK or USA. All Australian Colleges and Universities strongly promote cultural and religious diversity of international student community. These institutions also have strong induction programme to support and ensure comfortable settlement of international students into their new environment.

The entry criteria for international students for different levels of programmes are as follows:

### **For undergraduate courses:**

- Reasonably good mark/grade in Higher Secondary or +2.
- Evidence of Past Qualification and Transcript
- Evidence of past work experience, if any
- IELTS or TOEFL of required grade
- Statement of Purpose (SOP) or Essays
- Completed Application Form
- Funding Evidence

### **For post-graduate admissions:**

- High 2nd Class or 1st Class Degree or Honours Degree (depending on the programme)
- Evidence of Past Qualification and Transcript
- Evidence of past work experience, if any
- IELTS or TOEFL at required grade
- Statement of Purpose (SOP) or Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Completed Application Form
- Funding Evidence

For management postgraduate courses, International students are required to take Graduate Management Admission Test, GMAT.

Students who apply for Doctoral research programs to provide details of their previous research related publications, abstracts and other related papers.

## **COST OF EDUCATION**

While specialised programmes like Law and Medicine are relatively high, studying in Australia is not generally costly. The study expenses are very reasonable and many funding options are available to support a study program in Australia. One of the major expenses in Australia, besides tuition fee, is to cover accommodation during the course duration. This can vary according to the type of accommodation selected and its location. Majority of education institutions offer the following types of accommodation in Australia with commuting proximity:

- Shared accommodation,
- Rental Accommodation,
- Home-stay Accommodation, and
- Budget Hotels and Guesthouses.

## **APPLYING FOR VISA**

After securing admission into the University one must start with the visa formalities. Global Quest Consultants, study Australia, overseas education consultants provides wide range of services for study in Australia. For information on our Visa service and other services.

## **WORK PROSPECTS**

Students can work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week after they start their studies and full time during vacations. However they are required to obtain a work permit by paying AUS.\$50 payable in Australia itself on course commencement, in favour of DIMA to obtain their work permits.

The limitations on work must be strictly observed; students found working more may face deportation.