

SCHOOLING

All children of school age from 5.5 years - 17 years old are required to attend school. You can choose between public schools (State Schools), which are funded by the Victorian Government, or private schools which are generally more expensive. All classes in State Schools are co-educational in sexes with most private schools being single sexed. Some schools provide strong support to children from a non-English speaking background. School fees will vary depending on the school and grade of your child. The part-fee that is charged for dependents children varies according to the level of schooling for which they will be enrolled. The annual school fees for Victoria in 2015 are approximately; (these fees are subject to change).

- Pre School/Prep (age 4 - 5): \$8000 per annum, not compulsory
- Primary School (age 5 - 12) \$8159 per annum, compulsory
- Junior Secondary (ages 13 - 15): \$10783 per annum, compulsory
- Senior Secondary (ages 16 - 18): \$12095 per annum, not compulsory In addition to school fees, the school may ask parents to pay a school levy or contribution. This levy covers the cost of books, pencils, writing pads, school excursion fees, etc. School uniforms are an additional cost.

ENROLLING YOUR CHILDREN

Once you have selected a school go to. You will provide the Education Victoria International with evidence of your enrolment at the centre, details of your children and, the school you wish to enrol them in.

Pay the Overseas Students Health Cover (OSHC) at the family rate to your health care provider, if you have not done so already. If attending a public school submit a cheque with payment notification to Education Victoria International for a minimum of one semester school fees per child.

They will then issue you, with a COE for your children. Send the COE to your family overseas who can then obtain a visa from the Australian High Commission/ Embassy.

CHILD CARE

When you and your spouse are unable to personally look after your children you may have to use a Childcare centre. Childcare centre has qualified child care workers who can care for young babies up to children 5 years old. Australian law requires that children under the age of 12 must be fully supervised at all times. It is against the law to leave young children home alone. Childcare centre operates between 7am - 6pm. All centres are registered with the government to ensure a minimum standard of care is maintained. Some childcare centre requires you to provide milk, fruit, and other snacks for your children. Another alternative is

Family Day Care, which is a home, based child care where your children are cared for in private homes by people who have been registered and approved by Family Day Care. There is a limitation to the number of children one carer can look after in their home. Care is provided for children up to 12 years of age. While these carers may not have the full facilities of a centre (e.g. playground, educational books, etc.) they offer flexible hours and can give more individualised attention. They may also be in your local neighbourhood. Short-term care may also be arranged depending on family circumstances.

Out of School Care is for children of school age, most schools provide a Before Hours School Care (BSHC), 7-9am, and Out of School Hours Care or After School Hours care (ASHC) programs, 3-6pm. Childcare and Out of School Hours Care are all run on a fee-paying basis. Childcare fees depend on the type of care (regular or casual) and the hours attended. While costs vary between centres, the average cost for a full day at Childcare is approximately \$45. BSHC cost approximately \$3.00 per morning and ASHC \$8.00 per afternoon. There are normally long waiting lists for vacancies at most childcare centres. Most full-fee paying international students are expected to meet full child care fees for their children. Students sponsored or subsidised by the Australian Government may be eligible for child care fee relief.

FEE-RELIEF

Some students on scholarships may be eligible for financial assistance with child care fees. There are 2 forms of assistance:

1. **Child Care Assistance:** Through Centrelink care, a subsidy of up to 85% of the cost of child care is available depending on income levels. Further information can be obtained from a Centrelink office in Victoria, or call **136150** or look up the web page www.Centrelink.gov.au
2. **Child Care Cash Rebate:** Medicare also provides a Child Care Rebate for some of the fees. Further information can be obtained from a Medicare office or call 13 2861.

Child care access Hotline: 1800 670 305

For up to date information on:

- Child Care services in your area
- the type of care available
- Government help with the cost of child care, but remember the process of applying can be complicated.

54. IMMIGRATION

STUDENT VISA

A student visa allows you to enter and remain in Australia as a temporary resident for a specified period of time. *International students are ONLY considered residents for taxation purposes.*

All student visas are multiple entry visas for the duration of your course. Australian immigration laws are very strict and students who do not comply with the visa conditions may, in certain circumstances, have their visas cancelled. The penalties for non-compliance of a Student Visa condition can be severe and may include exclusion from Australia for 3 years.

CONDITIONS OF A STUDENT VISA

Some mandatory conditions are:

- **8202** - You must maintain satisfactory attendance in your course and course progress for each study period as required by your education provider.
- **8105** – You cannot work more than 40 hours per fortnight (14 days starting on a Monday to the end of the second following Sunday) when your course is in session (other than work as registered as part of the courses) .
- **8533** - You must tell your education provider:
 - The address where you live in Australia within seven days of arriving in Australia
 - If you change the address where you live within 7 days of the change
 - If you change education provider within seven days of receiving the electronic confirmation of enrolment certificate or evidence of enrolment.

Further visa conditions can be found at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Visa-conditions/visa-conditions-students>

APPLYING FOR A NEW STUDENT VISA

You will need to apply for a new student visa:

- if your current student visa is expiring AND you need to stay longer to complete your course
- if you have completed a qualification and have been accepted into a new course (except under a package offer)
- if you change from one university (or educational provider) to another The likelihood and requirements to apply for a student visa onshore (i.e. in Australia) will depend on which country of nationality you are from and which educational sector you are applying for eg. ELICOS, TAFE, University.

A complete list of visa subclasses and assessment levels and forms can also be found at <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/> There are facilities to apply for a visa online, please check the latest information by going to <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

FACTORS & REQUIREMENTS

Provide Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) for a full-time course of study registered by the Australian Government for overseas students:

- Offer letter from the training organisation
- have evidence of having obtained Overseas Student Health Cover - OSHC
- capacity to cover cost of airfares, tuition fee, and living expenses for the period of your course
- be a genuine student intending to undertake studies, abide by visa conditions and depart on completion of authorised stay
- capacity to support any family members including arrangements for the education of any school-aged dependent
- have sufficient English language comprehension for the course they will undertake
- meet Australian health and public interest requirements.
- Visa application fee \$550

ON-LINE VISA APPLICATIONS

All of Tristar Aviation's CRICOS courses are non award and require a student visa, subclass 575.

You can apply on-line for a student visa in some circumstance. Your passport country and course of study determines your assessment level. If you are not sure you are an Assessment level 1 student you should check the [Student Visa Program Assessment Levels](#) on the DHA website.

[Online lodgement](#) of student visa application is also available to assessment level 2 – 3 citizens of the following countries who are living in their country at the time of application and who lodge through an authorised agent:

- People's Republic of China
- India
- Indonesia
- Thailand.

Important: If your online application is lodged when you are outside Australia you must also be outside Australia before the visa can be granted. Refunds are not available if you enter Australia on another type of visa before your online application has been decided.

Payment for the visa on-line must be made by credit card. The rate for a student visa application is \$550 although check the www.homeaffairs.gov.au website to confirm the current rate.



VISITOR'S VISA

If you want to stop studying but still remain in Australia you maybe able to transfer to a visitor visa. Similarly if you would like to stay in Australia to attend the graduation ceremony a visitor visa is your only option. Also, you have to be cautious to change to a visitor's visa if you intend to apply for PR afterwards, as there may be restrictions attached to a visitor's visa. Students from some countries may NOT be able to change from a visitor visa back to a student visa AND still remain on-shore i.e. in Australia. You will NOT be permitted to stay longer if you have

'**8503 No Further Stay**' as a condition of your student visa. You must apply for your visa at least 4 weeks BEFORE your current visa expires. The requirements for a visitor visa can be found at www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

MIGRATION HELP

If you require any assistance with migration matters speak to an ISS adviser about your situation to determine whether professional assistance is needed. Also visit the DHA website at www.homeaffairs.gov.au or telephone them on **131 881** (there may be extensive waiting times on these telephone calls). The frequently asked questions section on the DHA website is useful for providing some answers to common issues. A registered migration agent can provide you with information or advice concerning immigration matters. You can find a registered migration agent by searching the Register of Agents on the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

Department of Home Affairs (DHA)

Tel - 131 881



The following receipt must be completed and returned to Tristar Aviation's compliance manager.

RECEIPT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____

I have read and understood the Tristar Aviation International Student Handbook 2016 Version 6.

Signature: _____

Date: _____