

N.U.in Australia: USYD Visa Guide 2018



All Students

Please check with the Australian consulate in your region for the most updated Australia visa requirements and processes. The information listed below is only a guide and does not constitute legal advice.

General Visa Information for All Students

Which visa do I need to apply for?

As a student in Australia, you will need to apply for a [Student Visa \(Subclass 500\)](#). For more information, please see the [Australian Department of Home Affairs website](#).

How much will it cost?

Visa fees are always subject to change. Please check [here](#) for the most up to date visa fees.

How do I apply for a student visa?

There are two main steps to apply for your Australian student visa. First, you must submit your N.U.in enrollment paperwork to The N.U.in Program through your N.U.in Portal. Once your paperwork has been processed, you will receive an electronic Confirmation of Enrollment (COE) from the University of Sydney. You will then need to use your COE, along with [other required documents](#), to apply for your student visa online through the [ImmiAccount online application system](#) [link: <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/immi>].

Visa Application Process

Step 1: Submitting your N.U.in Enrollment Paperwork

In order to receive your electronic Confirmation of Enrollment (COE) from University of Sydney, you must first complete and submit the following N.U.in enrollment documents via your online N.U.in student portal.

Please note that these documents must be reviewed before the COE is issued.

1. **Passport Photo, Biographical Data/Information, & Signature Page(s)**: Scan of the photo, biographical data/information, and signature page(s) of your valid passport. As a general rule, your passport should be valid for at least 6 months beyond your date of departure from Australia.

2. **Official score report showing your ACT, SAT, or IB scores:** If you do not have your official IB scores yet, you must upload an official document outlining your predicted or projected IB scores.

Once these two documents have been uploaded and approved by N.U.in staff, the University of Sydney will process these documents and email you with steps to electronically accept your offer of acceptance at the University of Sydney. Be sure to read this email carefully to ensure you are following all instructions accurately.

Once you have accepted your offer of acceptance, then the University of Sydney can issue your Confirmation of Enrollment (CoE) (typically within 2-3 business after you have accepted your offer in your Sydney Student Portal).

Step 2: Applying for your Australian Student Visa (Subclass 500)

As a student in Australia, you will need to apply for a [Student Visa \(Subclass 500\)](#). For more details, please see the [Australian Department of Home Affairs website](#).

In order to apply for your student visa, you will need to create an account and apply online through the Australian Department of Home Affairs's [ImmiAccount online application system](#) [link: <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/immi>].

Some of the items you may need to complete your visa application include:

1. **Confirmation of Enrollment (CoE):** This document will be supplied by The University of Sydney via email once you have submitted the above documents to The N.U.in Program AND accepted your offer of acceptance.
3. **Passport Photo, Biographical Data/Information, & Signature Page(s):** Scan of the photo, biographical data/information, and signature page(s) of your valid passport. As a general rule, your passport should be valid for at least 6 months beyond your date of departure from Australia.
2. **Payment:** Please check [here](#) for the most up-to-date visa fees and accepted payment methods.
3. **Any other documentation required by the Australian Department of Home Affairs:** Please use the DHA's [Document Checklist Tool](#) provided to guide you as you collect and prepare documentation.

Please note that the consulate may request additional information from you regarding your application at any time..

The visa itself is electronically connected to your passport number and is not a physical document. You will receive a visa grant notification email when your application has been approved. You should print out this visa grant notification email for your records and carry it with you when you travel.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) look like?

Please see [this example](#).

What if I'm under 18 years old at the time of my visa application?

All students who will be under 18 years old at the time of their visa application are required to provide extra documentation when applying for a student visa, including [Form 157N Nomination of a student guardian \(178KB PDF\)](#) and [Form 1229](#) Consent to grant an Australian visa for a child under 18 years. See [more details on additional requirements](#).

Please note that N.U.in Australia: USYD students must be at least 18 years old on the date of departure.

How do I attach supporting documents to my online application?

You can attach additional documents to your application by following [these instructions](#).

What do I put for "sector" or "stream" on my visa application?

The visa sector is based on the type of course that the student will undertake in Australia. This program is classed as the Higher Education Sector.

What is my Overseas Student Health Coverage (OSHC) policy number, which my visa application asks for?

Students will receive an email from the University of Sydney containing more details on how to log into the Allianz Global Assist OSHC website. This email will include each student's unique policy number.

How can I change my address and passport details?

Please visit [this page](#), and use the appropriate form to notify the Department of Immigration and Border Protection about any changes or a new passport.

How do I continue a saved application?

To continue a saved application, the system will require you to log in to your ImmiAccount through [this page](#).

How long will it take for my visa to be issued?

This [link](#) provides an approximate estimate of processing times. This is a general guide only. Processing times can vary greatly from student to student.

How do I check the progress of my application?

You are able to check the status of the application through the [Electronic Application Status Inquiry](#) page. To access the page, you will need to have your ImmiAccount username and password.

How will I know when my visa has been granted?

You will receive a Visa Grant Notification via email. The visa itself is electronically connected to your passport, NOT a paper document. Once you have received the Visa Grant Notification email, please email Emily Fiagbedzi at e.fiagbedzi@northeastern.edu to report that your visa has been granted. Print the Visa Grant Notification email for your records.

May I work or change programs while in Australia?

All student visa holders are subject to [conditions established by the Australian Government](#).

Under the terms of your visa you are not allowed to work more than 40 hours for every 2 weeks and we highly discourage any employment. You are not allowed to change education providers while in Australia as this may be deemed a breach of your visa.

What is PIC 4020?

A visa applicant is responsible to provide correct information and genuine documents to support a visa application.

Incorrect information whether knowingly or unknowingly can invoke PIC 4020, which carries a 3-year ban.

Important Reminders

The document has been prepared based on the information and links provided by the [Australian Department of Home Affairs \(DHA\) website](#).

Northeastern University and the University of Sydney have no influence on the outcome of visa applications and no ability to contact the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) to inquire about a visa application or expedite the process for an individual student. In addition, N.U.*in* employees are unable to provide advice to students or families concerning the visa application. They are solely available to advise on the process and logistics.

Students are responsible for completing their visa application correctly and in an effective manner and for obtaining a valid visa prior to the program start date. If they cannot obtain a valid visa in time, then please refer to the N.U.*in* Withdrawal Policy and contact the N.U.*in* office to discuss next steps.