



Applying to Australia & New Zealand

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This document provides information on universities and application procedures in Australia and New Zealand along with some guidance about visa processes in these areas. Information which is not specific to this region (choosing a course and a university, writing a personal statement, registering for the SAT, etc.) can be found in the sections on Applying to the USA and Applying to the UK. Please remember that counsellors and institutional publications available online and at school are there to guide you through the application process.

Financial aid for international students is not generally offered in this region, but a few scholarships may be available. Check the institutional websites for details of any scholarships for which you may be eligible. While some application requirements are provided here, remember it is your responsibility to check the requirements for the universities to which you are applying and to ensure that these are met and all necessary documents are sent.

All universities in Australia and New Zealand have courses in English. A new academic session usually starts in late February so an advantage of these universities is that you can apply to them after the completion of your A Levels, when other university choices may not have worked out.

The table below gives the latest rankings for universities in Australia and New Zealand, as determined by US News. Overall ranking is based on six criteria – Academic Peer Review Score, Employer Review Score, Student to Faculty Score, International Faculty Score, International Student Score and Citation Per Faculty Score.

Rank		Overall Score
1	<u>Australian National University (ANU)</u> <i>Australia</i>	88.5
2	<u>University of Melbourne</u> <i>Australia</i>	86.0
3	<u>The University of Sydney</u> <i>Australia</i>	82.9
4	<u>University of Queensland (UQ)</u> <i>Australia</i>	80.9
5	<u>The University of New South Wales (UNSW)</u> <i>Australia</i>	78.8
6	<u>Monash University</u> <i>Australia</i>	73.7
7	<u>The University of Western Australia (UWA)</u> <i>Australia</i>	71.4
8	<u>The University of Auckland</u> <i>New Zealand</i>	69.8
9	<u>University of Adelaide</u> <i>Australia</i>	67.7

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10	University of Otago <i>New Zealand</i>	58.2
11	University of Canterbury <i>New Zealand</i>	46.2
12	Macquarie University <i>Australia</i>	43.3
13	Victoria University of Wellington <i>New Zealand</i>	43.1
14	University of Technology, Sydney <i>Australia</i>	44.4
15	University of Wollongong <i>Australia</i>	42.1
16	Queensland University of Technology <i>Australia</i>	41.9
17	Curtin University of Technology <i>Australia</i>	41.5
18	RMIT University <i>Australia</i>	41.2
19	Griffith University <i>Australia</i>	37.7
20	University of South Australia <i>Australia</i>	37.7

(Source: <http://www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings>)

Australia

A list of Australian universities with links to their websites is provided at <http://www.australian-universities.com/list/>.

Visas:¹

Information about applying for a student visa can be found at the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship website (<http://www.immi.gov.au/students/>) and the Australian High Commission in Pakistan (http://www.pakistan.embassy.gov.au/islam/Visas_and_Migration.html). A few details are provided below. Please note that these details apply to students who will be studying for an undergraduate degree in Australia. The requirements for shorter courses are different.

How to apply: Applications for a student visa for citizens of Pakistan must be sent by post or courier to the Adelaide Offshore Student Processing Centre, not the Australian High Commission in Islamabad. The application must be received at least four months prior to the commencement of your course.

¹ Please note that you are responsible for ensuring that visa application instructions and requirements are up to date. We would advise you to check the link provided before proceeding.

Visa type and duration: Pakistani students starting an undergraduate course will generally require a Temporary Visa (Subclass 573) - Assessment Level 4. This visa allows you to stay in Australia for the duration of your course and permits multiple entries into the country. For full degrees finishing at the end of the Australian academic year in December, your visa will usually be granted to Mid-March of the following year.

Application charges and permission to work: The visa base application charge is currently Australian Dollars AUD 535, with an additional 18 years and over application charge of AUD Dollars 405 and a further charge of AUD 75 for permission to work. When you have started your studies in Australia, you may work up to 20 hours a week while your course is in session and unlimited hours during scheduled course breaks.

Financial requirements: When you apply for your visa, you will need to show proof of having enough funds for your university fees, living expenses of AUD 18,610 per year (i.e. AUD 55,830 for 3 years) and return air fare to Australia for the first 36 months of your stay in Australia. These are the minimum funds required for the visa. Acceptable proof includes bank statements for at least six consecutive months for an account held by you, your parents, grandparents or siblings. You are also required to show how these funds have been accumulated, e.g. by providing pay slips or bank loan documents. On your visa form you must also sign a declaration that you will be able to meet the financial requirements of the remainder of your stay (if your course is longer than 3 years).

Health insurance: You will need to have an Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) policy which covers the entire duration of your visa. This can be arranged through your university. The OSHC should take effect when you arrive in Australia. A receipt of OSHC payment must be provided at the time of applying for your visa.

Academic requirements: A score of 6.0 or higher in IELTS to prove your English proficiency is required when applying for a visa. You must also show that you have successfully completed your AS or A levels by providing school reports and CIE certificates.

New Zealand

There are eight universities in New Zealand, listed below (in alphabetical order) along with links to their websites.

1. Auckland University of Technology

Website: <http://www.aut.ac.nz/>

International Applications: <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/apply-to-aut/international-students/undergraduate-programmes>

University Profile:

In the latest PBRF rankings AUT's Business School ranked second in the country in the core disciplines of Accounting and Finance. Signature courses at AUT include the Bachelor of Communication Studies, Bachelor of Health Science, Bachelor of Sport and Recreation, and Bachelor of Business.

The university has five faculties: Business and Law, Health and Environmental Science, Design and Creative Technologies, Applied Humanities, and the country's only dedicated Maori development faculty, Te Ara Poutama.

AUT University maintains strong and current links with industry. Each faculty has advisory committees with public and private sector professionals to help guide curriculum changes and provide updates on developments in the industry. AUT University also has numerous international research partnerships with various research centres.

2. Lincoln University

Website: <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/>

Applications: <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Studying-at-Lincoln/Apply-Online/>

University Profile:

Lincoln University is New Zealand's specialist land-based university and is one of the country's oldest tertiary education institutions offering courses which include agriculture, agricultural science, agribusiness, horticultural, viticulture, conservation and ecology, supply chain management, biosecurity and bioprotection, landscape architecture, environmental policy and planning, tourism, sport and recreation, science, and commerce.

The University offers a full range of specialist programmes from vocational training, certificates and diplomas to undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate qualifications.

It also hosts the South Island's only Centre of Research Excellence, the Bio-Protection Research Centre and has many research collaborations with the industry.

3. Massey University

Website: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/>

International Applications: http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/international/undergraduate/how-to-apply/how-to-apply_home.cfm

University Profile:

It is the largest New Zealand university provider of distance learning. It jointly owns and operates the New Zealand School of Music with Victoria University of Wellington.

The University offers programs in business, creative arts, health, humanities and social sciences, and sciences. About half of the enrolled student body includes distance students and about a quarter postgraduate. Its strengths are in design, finance, creative arts, veterinary science, agri-food business and agri-food science, biological sciences, health sciences, nursing, Māori studies, sport and exercise science, fundamental sciences and aviation.

4. University of Auckland

Website: <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en.html>

International Applications: <http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uaa/home/for/international-students/is-how-to-apply>

University Profile:

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's largest and most comprehensive university with eight faculties: Arts; Business and Economics; Creative Arts and Industries; Education; Engineering; Law; Medical and Health Sciences; and Science, offering a full range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

The University has a very strong focus on research. In addition to supporting two world leading research institutes, it has developed the most successful research commercialization company in Australasia.

The University of Auckland has a strong international focus and is the only New Zealand member of Universitas 21 and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities – international consortia of research-led universities.

5. University of Canterbury

Website: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/>

International Applications: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/international/admissions/>

University Profile:

The University of Canterbury, Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha, is New Zealand's second oldest university. UC has an impressive profile in research, learning and advanced scholarship.

The University's teaching programmes represent a heritage of solidly-grounded basic disciplines in the laboratory sciences, commerce, education, engineering, field sciences, forestry, humanities, information and communication technology, law, life sciences, social sciences and visual and performing arts.

6. University of Otago

Website: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/>

International Applications: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/international/undergraduate/index.html#application>

University Profile:

It enjoys a world-wide reputation for excellence, successfully balancing the traditions of its history with modern scholarship and research.

The University of Otago is a multi-faceted institution and is recognised as a world-class research institution with particular prowess in the health-related and biological sciences. It has also earned a reputation for its entrepreneurial acumen and commercial energy, particularly in biotechnological applications.

7. University of Waikato

Website: <http://www.waikato.ac.nz/>

International Applications: <https://sase.waikato.ac.nz/app/NewStudent/ApplicationToEnrol>

University Profile:

The University of Waikato offers undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate qualifications across seven faculties.

The Faculty of Education leads the government-funded contract to deliver professional development in adult literacy and numeracy throughout New Zealand. Waikato University's Management School has been recognised with the sought-after triple-crown accreditation for its executive education programmes and the University attracts high-calibre arts and sports students through the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship programme that coaches and financially supports elite students with leadership potential.

The University's highly regarded Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory has an international reputation for its work. During its relatively short history, the University of Waikato has developed a unique identity and distinctiveness; it remains committed to serving its region for the next 50 years and beyond.

8. Victoria University of Wellington

Website: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/>

International Applications: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/international/planning/apply-full-degree.aspx>

University Profile:

Victoria University is located in New Zealand's capital city, and offers seven faculties including architecture and design, law and commerce, education, science, engineering, humanities and social sciences.

The University has an eclectic mix of students from all backgrounds with different interests, all of which contributes to the vibrant atmosphere of arts and culture that is Wellington.

Visas:²

Information about applying for a student visa can be found at the Immigration New Zealand website (<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/study/application/>). Students are required to complete the form Student Visa Application (INZ 1012) and attach a medical and chest x-ray certificate and a police certificate of character and provide evidence of funds of NZ\$ 13,000 for each year of study plus funds to leave New Zealand before your visa expires. Acceptable evidence of funds are photocopies of travellers' cheques, bank drafts, letters of credit and bank statements in your name, going back at least three months.

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