

AUSTRALIA STUDENT VISA GUIDE

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Please use this guide to direct you step by step through the whole online visa application.

If you have a question, first consult this guide but when in doubt with a question or concern, call/email your program manager.

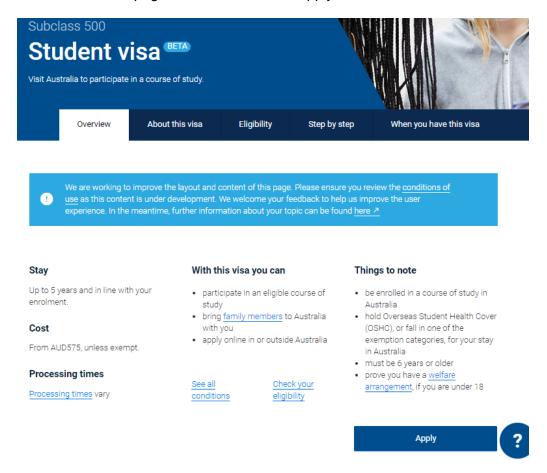
Screenshots are a HUGE help so send that along if you can!

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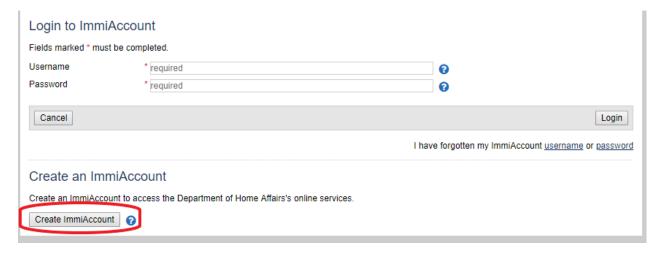
Step 1: Create your ImmiAccount Login

1. Enter this link in your browser: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500

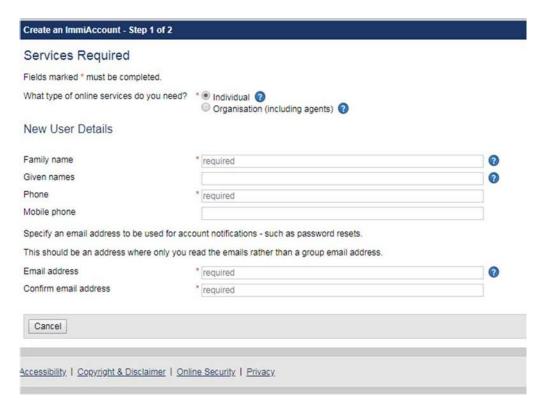
You will be taken to this page - click on the blue "Apply" box



Click "Create ImmiAccount" at the bottom:



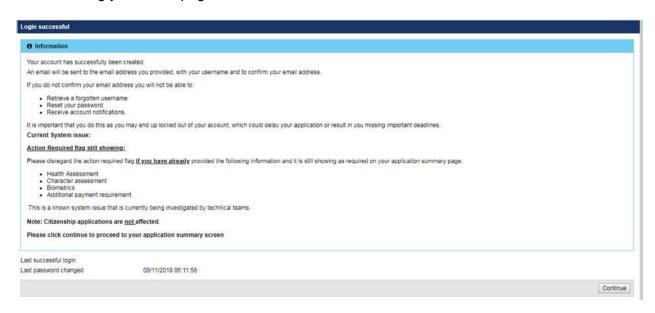
3. Select "Individual" and fill in your details (Family name = last name, given names = first and middle name(s)) and do not use nicknames or abbreviations. The name you enter must exactly match your passport.



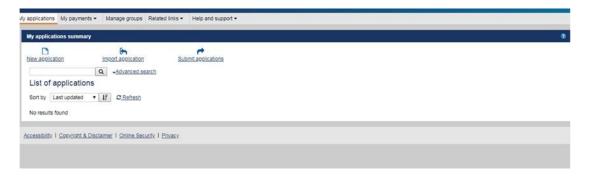
4. Continue setting up your account

Create an ImmiAccount - Step 2 of 2				
Account details Login details You can use your email address as a	a username or enter a different username if you prefer.			
After you have created your account	you will not be able to change your username.			
Username		0		
Password must be a minimum of nine	e (9) characters and include at least one (1) character from three (3) of the	ne four (4) groups below:		
lower-case characters (a-z) upper-case characters (A-Z) digits (0-9) punctuation and special characters	acters (~'1@#\$%^&*()_+=-{}_?/)			
New password	* required			
Re-type new password	* required			
Secret questions and answers Note: you will need to remember the	exact answers to these questions if you forget your password.			
Question 1	•	• 0		
Answer 1	* required			
Question 2	*	v		
Answer 2	* required			
Question 3	•	, ·		
Answer 3	* required			
Security alerts ImmiAccount will send you alerts to h	help protect the security of your account. Select whether you wish to recei	ive alerts about the following:		
	Successful logon			
You can change these preferences in	Change password			
Declaration	The later in equipo.			
Terms and conditions				
	View the ImmiAccount terms and conditions "I accept the ImmiAccount terms and conditions to access the form are correct."	ne Department of Home Affairs services and agree to an ImmiAccount being created in my name. All details on this		
Security check	□*1 am not a robot			

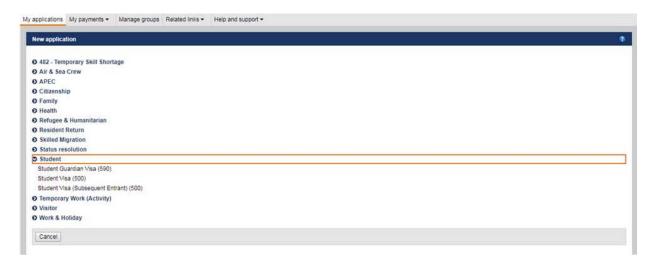
5. This will bring you to this page, click continue



6. Click on "New application"



7. Click on "Student." This expands your options and click "Student Visa (500)"

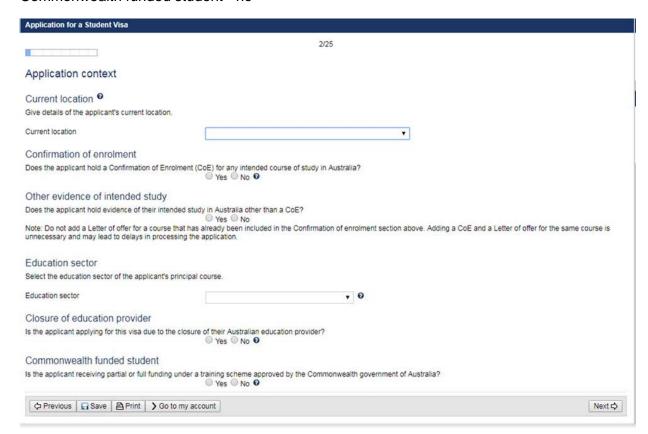


8. After viewing the terms and conditions, click that you have read them and click next



Step 2: Application Context

- Enter your current location. Most of you are applying from the United States.
- Confirmation of enrolment yes, you hold a CoE. You were sent this document when we told you to apply for your visa.
- Other evidence of intended study no
- Education sector Non-Award
- Closure of education provider no (this is important! Answer must be no!)
- Commonwealth funded student no



Tips:

- Your CoE code is in the top right corner of your CoE document
- Is this course a continuation... yes



Step 3: Primary Applicant Details

Tips:

- Enter your passport information exactly as it appears on your passport
- National Identity Card most of you say no. If you have one, you know if you do.
- Answer the rest of the questions accordingly
- You do not need to enter any other identity documents
- Health Examination say no. (This is referring to an exam specifically for the visa by a panel- approved doctor.)
- Place of issue/issuing authority is "United States Department of State" if you have a US passport. Other passports your issuing authority should be on your passport somewhere.

This visa guide is aligned for those with a US passport, so additional documents may be requested if using a different passport.

Note for students who hold dual citizenship:

Enter the information for the passport you will be traveling on. If you aren't sure which passport to travel on, we recommend using the one that matches the country you plan to return to following the end of your program. Then list your second citizenship/passport information at the end of the section where it requests that information. If you are still unsure or have further questions, please reach out to your program advisor to discuss.

Primary applicant

Information: Entering names incorrectly may result in denial of permission to board an aircraft to Australia, or result in delays in border processing on arrival to Australia, even if the applicant has been granted a visa.

Passport details •		
Enter the following details as they appear in the app	licant's personal passport.	
Family name		0
Given names		0
Sex	○ Female ○ Male ○ Other	
Date of birth		
Passport number		
Country of passport		•
Nationality of passport holder		•
Date of issue	.	
Date of expiry		
Place of issue / issuing authority It is strongly recommended that the passport be valid	d for at least six months.	
National identity card		
Does this applicant have a national identity card?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No ⊙	
Place of birth •		
Town / City		
State / Province		
Country of birth		. 0
Relationship status		
Relationship status	▼ 0	
Other names / spellings		
Is this applicant currently, or have they ever been kn	own by any other names? ☐ Yes ☐ No €	



Tips:

Answer the question and provide additional documents if necessary



Tips:

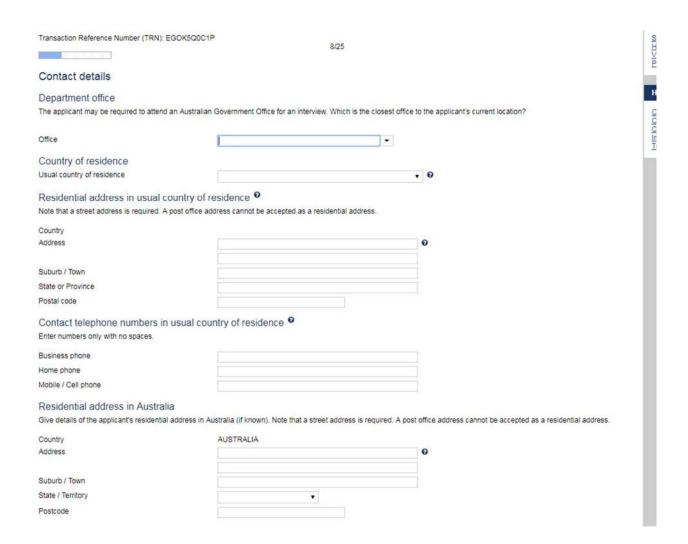
- This is asking if you are bringing a family member with you as a result of your visa (like bringing your child to be with you while you study.) Most of you will answer **no**. If your parent wants to travel to Australia with you to drop you off, the answer is still **no** because they will have their own tourist visa. Talk to your program manager if you are unsure.



Tip: Note the Transaction Reference Number (TRN) at the top of your screen. This number is something you may use later to check in on the status of your visa. Write it down somewhere or snap a quick picture of the number with your phone.

Step 4: Contact Details

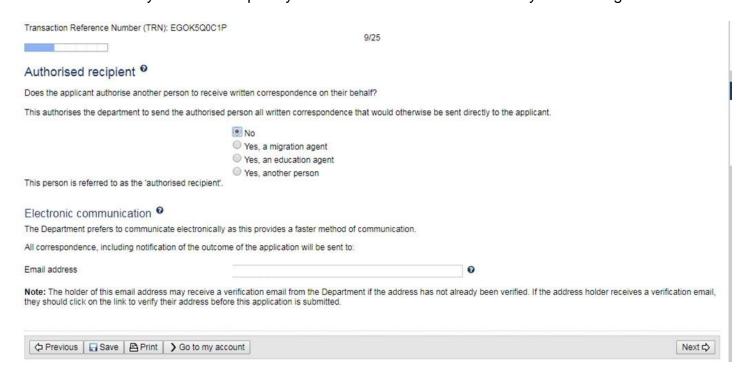
- Department Office: Choose the office closest to you. If you are in the US, Washington is the only option.
- Country of Residence:
 - If you are a US citizen or permanent resident, please choose "United States" from the country of residence drop down menu then provide your home address. Be careful about autofill!
 - If you are not a US citizen and have permanent residence elsewhere, you should still
 choose the United States from the Country of Residence drop down menu since you are
 attending an undergraduate university in the United States. When you provide your address,
 please provide your address at your current US university/college.
- Address and phone number in Australia: leave these areas blank





Step 5: Authorized Recipient

- Please choose no. If you choose yes you will need to fill out a lengthy form and often communication will go straight to that person rather than to you. You do not need an authorized recipient.
- Provide your email. Ideally this is the same email Arcadia is using with you and make sure it's an account you check frequently. You are notified via email when your visa is granted!



Step 6: Non-Accompanying Family Members

Tips:

This question is simply asking if YOU have a family (like a spouse or children). Please choose
 No.



Tips:

This question is asking if you have parents and/or siblings – most of you will say yes



Tips:

Enter the information for each family member



Step 7: Genuine Temporary Entrant

Tips:

- Copy and paste the text that was in a word document attached to your CoE and visa email. It should look like this:

[ENTER TODAY'S DATE like 20 NOVEMBER 2021]

Dear Visa Officer,

I intend to genuinely stay in Australia temporarily.

Sincerely,

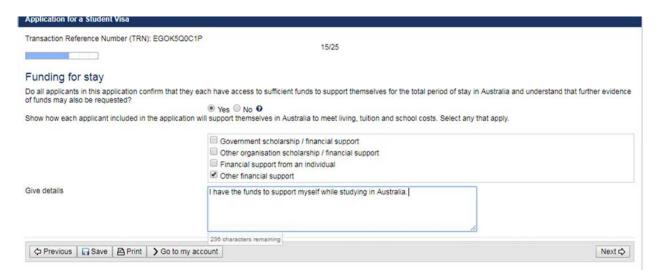
[YOUR FULL NAME AS IT APPEARS IN YOUR PASSPORT]

- Save the word document of this message with the appropriate date/name. You'll need to upload this later.



Step 8: Funding for Stay

- Select yes
- Select "Other financial Support"
 - o In the box write: "I have the funds to support myself while studying in Australia."



Step 9: Health Insurance

OSHC health insurance is a certain type of health insurance that the Australian government requires visiting students to have and is needed to get a visa. Your Australian school registered you for it and now this application just needs the proof.

- Select yes, you have OSHC, and it will expand to more questions:
- Was it organized by the education provider yes
- The name of health insurer is listed on your CoE next to "OSHC Provider Name"
- Insurance policy number this number should be in the comments section at the bottom of the "Student Details" section on your CoE or emailed to you by your Australian school or their insurance provider (like BUPA). If you do not have either of those things yet, you can leave the policy number blank. Email your Program Advisor a screenshot if the application does not let you proceed without a policy number.
- Here is where you can find your Insurance Policy Number:
 - Bond University In an email you received from BUPA
 - James Cook University in CoE comments
 - Griffith University in CoE comments
 - Macquarie University your Macquarie student number + MU (example: 1234567MU)
 - Queensland University of Technology -
 - University of Melbourne In an email we forwarded you from Melbourne/BUPA
 - University of New South Wales You do not have an insurance policy number yet.
 When asked if the OSHC was organised by your provider, make sure you selected "yes." You are prompted to attach further documentation (the Letter of Insurance attached) in the beginning or end of the process. Make sure you upload the letter at some point.
 - University of Queensland Allianz health information shared via email from Program Advisor
 - University of Sydney Provider ID number on CoE + US (example: 1234567US)
 - University of Technology Sydney Medibank policy, comes via email
 - University of Wollongong In an email you received from BUPA
- The dates of coverage are on your CoE as "Student Health Cover (OSHC) Start date: and End date:"





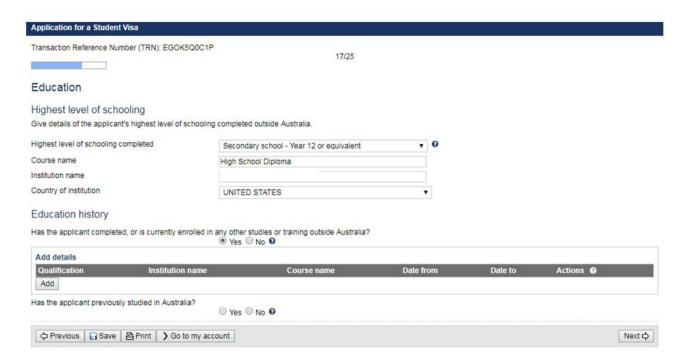
Step 10: Education

Tips:

- Highest level of schooling: Secondary
- Has the applicant completed or is currently enrolled in any other studies...: Yes
- Has the applicant previously studied in Australia: Answer accordingly



- Most of you have only completed a high school diploma so you would answer like in the screenshot "secondary school"
- Course name High School Diploma (in Australia "course" can mean different things)
- Write your high school name
- Education History yes
- Click the button to add details. See next screenshot.

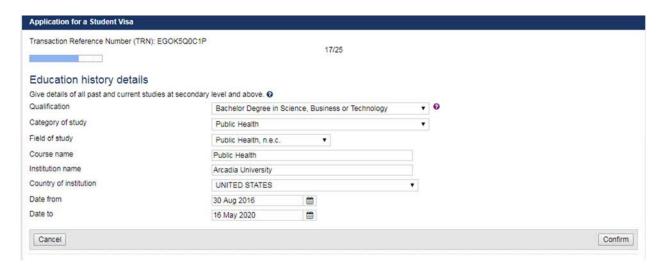


Tips:

This is What pops up when you add details.

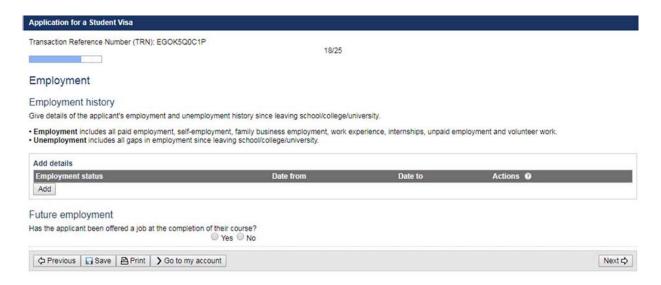
You can see the information for a sample student as an example. Click on each drop down menu and select what is most fitting for you. Course name is your major. The institution is **whatever university you attend in the US**. Students that go to Arcadia would write Arcadia University but if you are just studying abroad through Arcadia, you write your school's name there.

If you have attended more than one school, add another line of details and complete this
again. If we asked you for an additional transcript, that means you should fill out a section for
that school as well.



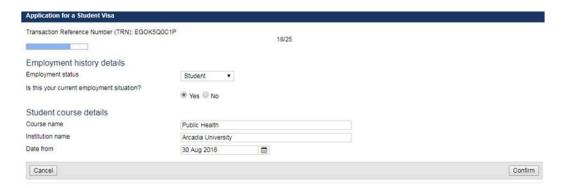
Step 11: Employment

Click "Add" and see the next screenshot



Tips:

- Your employment status should be "Student"
- Answer the future employment question (no screenshot here but just add a sentence about what you want to do after graduation.)



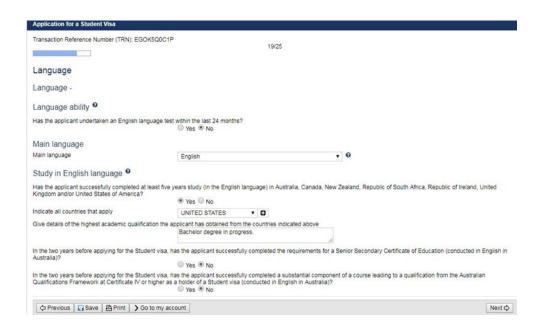
Step 12: Language

Tips:

- Answer the questions accordingly. The language ability question is referring to an English language ability test which would be "no" for native English speakers.
- Under the Study in English language section, most students will click yes, no, no.
 - A box will appear and write "bachelor degree in progress"
- If your main language is not English, you will be asked the following questions:
 - Did the student complete at least five years' study in one or more of the following countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland?
 - Did the student have successfully completed in Australia in the English language either the Senior Secondary Certificate of Education or studies at the Certificate IV or higher level, in the two years before applying for the student visa?
 - Did the student take the test (TOEFL) no more than two years before the student visa application?
 - Note: Please answer these questions accordingly. If all of your answers are NO
 and you do not meet the English requirements, you may be asked to take a TOEFL exam.
 If you have questions about this, please contact the Australian Visa Global Service Centre:

Telephone: +61 2 6196 0196

Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm (Eastern Standard Time)



Step 13: Countries Visited

Tips:

- If you have visited any countries in the last 10 years, select yes
 - o If yes, click "Add" and create an entry for each time you went to a country, including multiple entries. For example, if you went to France for 3 days, Germany for 2, then back to France for another 3 days, make three separate entries and include the dates for each. If it was a vacation/school trip, just write "tourism" as the description. If you aren't positive about dates, make your best guess.



Step 14: Visa History

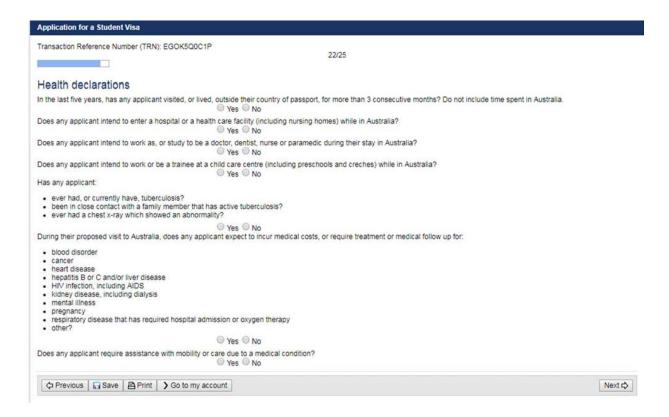
Answer the questions accordingly.



Step 15: Health Declaration

Tips:

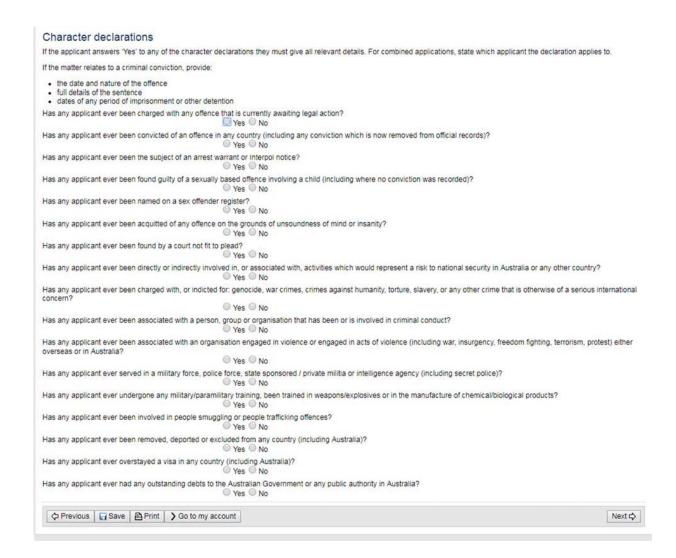
- The hospital or health care facilities question is asking if you have a chronic physical condition that you anticipate needing hospital care for (like dialysis.) If you think the answer to this is "yes," also let your program manager know.
- Especially if you think the answer is "yes" to the bottom three questions (about tuberculosis, conditions requiring treatment, or required assistance) please save your application and contact your program manager immediately. Do not move forward with the application until you talk to your program manager. Answering yes to these questions will delay your application and the government will require additional documents and a special doctor appointment before considering your application.
- Besides the first question which might be yes depending on your circumstances, you can keep moving forward if the rest of the questions are answered "no."



Step 16: Character Declarations

- Answer as application
- Please note that there is a difference between being charged with an offense and being convicted of an offense. If you have an arrest record of any kind and are not sure about how to answer this, you should speak to the police station associated with your arrest, or your lawyer.
- If you answer yes to any of these questions, you will be asked to submit additional documentation which will likely include an overseas penal clearance. You can find out how to apply for one based on your country here: http://immi-to-australia.com/pdf/Character.pdf

- For example, students from the United States will be directed here:
 https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations/usa Please scroll down to the Police Check section. Read the information thoroughly including the type of penal clearance needed, how to apply for it, and the processing time.
- This will delay your visa processing time so it is extremely important that you apply for your visa as soon as possible and follow the instructions closely to get your supporting documents as soon as possible. For any questions regarding this, call the Australian Visa Global Service Centre:
 - o Telephone: +61 2 6196 0196
 - Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00am 5:00pm (Eastern Standard Time)
- If this applies to you, contact your program manager immediately



Step 17: Student Declarations

Please read carefully and answer the questions accordingly

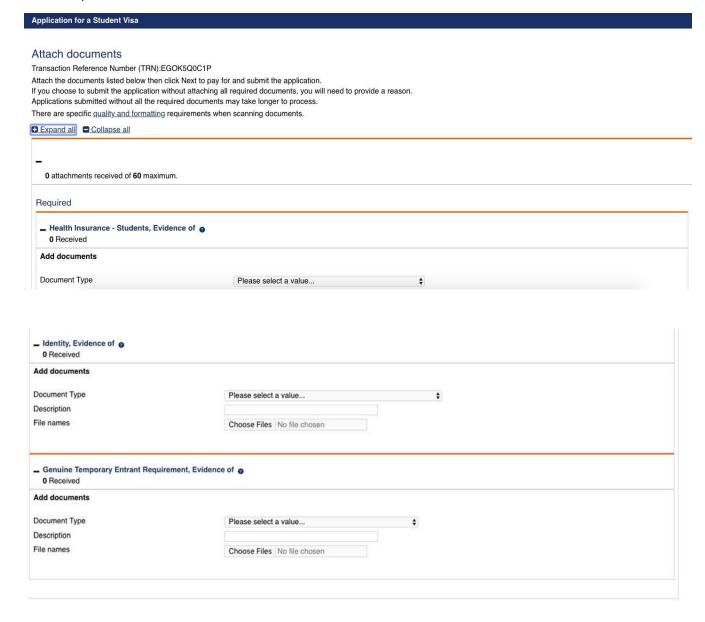
Declarations	
Warning:	
Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.	
The applicants declare that they:	
Have read and understood the information provided to them in this application. ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Have provided complete and correct information in every detail on this form, and on any attachments to it. Yes No	
Understand that if any fraudulent documents or false or misleading information has been provided with this application, or if any of the applicants fail to satisfy the Minister the application may be refused and the applicant(s), and any member of their family unit, may become unable to be granted a visa for a specified period of time. One of the application of the applicant o	of their identity,
Understand that if documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.	
Understand that if this application is approved, any person not included in this application will not have automatic right of entry to Australia. Yes O No	
Will inform the Department in writing immediately as they become aware of a change in circumstances (including change of address) or if there is any change relating to in have provided in or with this application, while it is being considered. Yes O No	formation they
Have read the information contained in the Privacy Notice (Form 1442).	
	ned in the
○ Yes ○ No	
Understand that, if required to provide their fingerprints and facial image, the applicant's fingerprints and facial image and biographical information held by the Department to Australian law enforcement agencies to help identify the applicant and determine eligibility for grant of the visa being applied for, and for law enforcement purposes. Yes No	may be given
Give consent to Australian law enforcement agencies disclosing the applicant's biometric, biographical and criminal record information to the Department to help identify the determine eligibility for grant of a visa and for law enforcement purposes. © Yes © No	e applicant, to
Give consent to the Department using the applicant's biometric, biographical and criminal record information obtained for the purposes of the Migration Act 1958 or the Cit 2007. © Yes © No	zenship Act
Australian values Each applicant who is 18 years or over has read, or had explained to them, information provided by the Australian Government on Australian society and values, and agree	es to the
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Student declarations	
Warning:	
Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.	
The applicants declare that they:	
Have read and understood the information provided on the website (www.studyinaustralia.gov.au) regarding living and studying in Australia. ☑ Yes ○ No	
Have made adequate arrangements for health insurance for the period of their stay in Australia and acknowledge they are required to maintain these arrangements the holder of a student visa.	vhile in Australia as
Understand that a student visa is a temporary visa and that being granted a student visa will not guarantee that they will be eligible for the grant of a further visa to st including a skilled migration visa.	ay in Australia,
Understand that if they cannot obtain a further visa they must depart Australia on or before the cease date of the student visa.	
Acknowledge that if granted a student visa, they are required to understand and abide by its conditions.	
Understand that if the 8534 visa condition is imposed on the student visa, it will be indicated by the condition code 8534 and by the short description No Further Stay that this means the 8534 condition has been imposed on their visa and while in Australia they will only be entitled to the grant of limited visas including:	They acknowledge
 A subclass 485 (Temporary Graduate) visa ,or A subclass 590 (Student Guardian) visa. 	
◎ Yes ◎ No	
Understand that the effect of 8534 visa condition is that it will not be possible to apply to remain in Australia beyond the date authorised on the student visa and that to depart Australia on or before that date. © Yes © No	hey will be required
Understand that if the 8535 visa condition is imposed on the student visa, it will be indicated by the condition code 8535 and by the short description No Further Stay that this means that the 8535 condition has been imposed on their visa and while in Australia they will only be entitled to the grant of limited visas including:	They acknowledge
 A further student visa (subclass 500) in circumstance where the Commonwealth, or foreign government (as the case requires), does not oppose them from o visa to stay in Australia. 	and the second s
○ Yes ○ No	otaining a further
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Understand that the effect of the 8535 visa condition is that it will not be possible to remain in Australia beyond the date authorised on the student visa, unless they a further student visa in circumstances where the Commonwealth or a foreign government (as the case requires) does not oppose them undertaking a relevant course they will be required to depart Australia on or before the authorised date. Yes No	re applying for a

Step 18: Review the information you've entered.

Review it carefully and make sure everything is detailed, honest, and accurate.

Step 19: Supporting Evidence

- Evidence of Health Insurance upload your CoE
 UNSW students only: Upload your insurance letter here in addition to CoE
- **Evidence of Identity** upload a photocopy of your passport. This should include your passport number, photo, issuing country, date of issue and expiration, and signature.
- Evidence of Genuine Temporary Entrant Requirement: please upload the Genuine Temporary
 Entrant Requirement word document sent to you via email by Arcadia (be sure to add the date and your
 name).



Step 20: Online Payment

Tips:

- Most students should choose debit/credit card
- Some reasons that your payment could be denied are:
 - Maxed out daily spending limit for debit cards
 - The credit card company stops the charge because it is coming from another country and looks like fraud
- We recommend that you contact your bank to make sure you have the daily spending limit modified as needed and make sure they know you are trying to make a charge that will show up as an Australian charge.

Congratulations! You've applied for your visa! Keep an eye on your email for the grant notification.

Tip: Make sure to record the TRN (Transaction Reference Number) before you exit the page. You will use the TRN to track the status of your visa application with VEVO (see instructions below).

Please note that because you are submitting your visa application directly to the Australian Government (as is required), Arcadia Abroad is not able to get information, check the status, or expedite your visa application in any way. You will need to check VEVO (see instructions below) to view the status of your application and follow any instructions provided by the Australian government. See instructions below for more detail.

Notes

Checking the Status of your Visa

Approximately 2-3 days after submitting your online application, you should query the status of your application to determine if your application has been approved using VEVO (Australian Immigration's Online Visa Query System).

https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Busi/visas-and-migration/visa-entitlement-verification-online-(vevo)

Go to the VEVO website address above.
Select Check your own visa details with VEVO
Read the Terms and Conditions before selecting to agree to them.
Enter your TRN (Transaction Reference Number) OR password (used on your initial online application), date of
birth, passport details and country of passport as prompted and click OK .

- o If your status is approved, please print out the web page and carry this with your passport.
- o If your status is listed as pending, please allow a few more days for processing.
- If, after two weeks, your application is still listed as pending, please contact your program manager.
- o If your status is not approved, please contact your program manager immediately.

Visa Processing Time

The average processing time is about four weeks, however, each case is very different and some applications can take longer. The exact time will depend on: whether you have provided all supporting documents with your application, whether we need additional information from you and how you respond to any requests for this information, and whether you need to undergo health checks, or provide biometric information, English proficiency information, or police record information.

If your visa is not approved after three weeks of submitting your application, please notify your Program Manager.

Other

It is the student's responsibility to apply for their visa in a timely manner after receiving their CoE. The CoE cannot be issued by the student's Australian institution until the necessary documents are received; it is also the student's responsibility to return these documents to Arcadia in a timely manner.

Visa applications are always changing, so if you notice a difference, please contact your Program Manager to let them know.

When in doubt with a question or concern, call/email your program manager. Screenshots are a huge help so please send one with your question.