



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Studying in Australia

Financial Capacity Requirements – Assessment Level 1

To get a student visa to study in Australia you must show the department that you have enough money to pay for your travel, education and living costs while you are in Australia. If you have a partner or children under 18 years of age you must also have enough money to support them, even if they do not intend to travel to Australia with you.

How much money do I need to show?

The department works out a student's costs using fixed amounts in **Australian dollars** (in most cases). These costs show the minimum level of financial capacity needed for your visa application. These costs do not necessarily reflect the total cost of living in Australia.

Course fees per year	\$Your course fees
Living costs per year in Australia:	
You (the main student visa applicant)	\$12 000
Your partner	\$4 200
First child	\$2 400
Each extra child	\$1 800
School costs each year for every child aged five years and over and less than 18 years	\$8 000
Travel costs to and from Australia (one return trip only per person)	\$Estimated airfare

You must provide a declaration stating that you have access to enough money to meet the above costs for the full period of study in Australia **except:**

- if you are applying as an exchange student for a **Subclass 571 (Schools sector) visa** – the financial requirements do not apply to you.

The necessary declaration is contained in Form 157A.

See: [Form 157A](#) *Application for a student (temporary) visa.*

Does the money have to be my own?

The money to support you and your dependants may come from any source.

Further information about visa requirements is available on the department's website.

See: [Visa Options](#)