

INTERNATIONAL PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDE

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WELCOME

Congratulations on your choice to study with TAFE SA. You are on your way to Adelaide to join many new international students who will be studying with us. You have chosen well because Adelaide is a friendly and welcoming city that has a high standard of living yet the living costs are affordable.

Before you depart, it is a good idea to prepare yourself well for your journey.

We look forward to getting to know you during your time studying with us. If we can assist you at any time please don't hesitate to contact us.

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PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

To ensure smooth travel to Australia, here is a checklist to help you with your pre-departure preparations.

Tick the following when you have completed them.



- ☐ I have read and accepted my letter of offer, accepted the terms and conditions of enrolment at TAFE SA and received my confirmation of enrolment (COE).
- ☐ I have a passport with appropriate student visa or a visa which enables me to study in Australia.
- ☐ I have paid all required tuition fees and any charges associated with my enrolment.
- ☐ I have sufficient Australian dollars for my first few days, about AUD\$500. Please note: if you bring more than AUD\$10,000 cash into Australia, it will need to be declared on your incoming passenger card when given to you on the aircraft.
- ☐ I have organised my flight to arrive in Australia before the Orientation program commences.
- ☐ I have arranged temporary or longer term accommodation and planned for my transport from the airport to accommodation.
- ☐ I have checked via Australian Border Force to see if any medication I need is permitted entry into Australia.
Visit abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/can-you-bring-it-in/categories/medicines-and-substances
- ☐ I have a credit card facility which I can use in Australia.
- ☐ I have discussed with my bank, how to access my funds easily from my overseas bank account whilst in Australia, if required.
- ☐ I have made sure that all electrical appliances that I am taking to Australia comply with the Australian 240 volt system.
- ☐ I have researched information about Adelaide to become more familiar with what to expect.
Visit studyadelaide.com/life/discover-adelaide
- ☐ I have packed my international driver's licence if I intend to be driving in Australia.
- ☐ I have packed clothes appropriate for all seasons, especially a thin jacket for summer and a warm jacket for winter.
- ☐ I have read through the Australian Government Biosecurity document received with my COE to learn what I can and cannot bring into Australia.
- ☐ I have packed photos of family and friends, my favourite music and a special reminder of home.
- ☐ I have packed certified copies of my school/university transcripts and left the originals home.
- ☐ I have packed all documentations I have received from TAFE SA, as I may require this during Orientation.
- ☐ I have my passport and my flight ticket.
- ☐ Finally, I have checked that my hand luggage and suitcase complies with the weight limit for international travel.

I have visited StudyAdelaide website for anything I have missed in my preparation for my arrival:
studyadelaide.com/life/prepare-for-your-arrival

The below checklist will help you stay up to date.

- ☐ I have followed TAFE SA international socials, facebook and instagram to keep up to date with what's happening.
- ☐ I have joined the TAFE SA international students facebook group to be part of the international community.
- ☐ I have registered for the StudyAdelaide newsletter to keep up to date with events and information for international students in Adelaide.
- ☐ I have registered for Insider Guides newsletter to keep up to date with important and general information for international students in Australia.

ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

FOUR important steps to follow, to help you with your arrival in Australia

- 1.** Keep your passport; air ticket; valuables; camera; and other important documents, such as your international driver's licence; academic records; COE; letter of offer; etc, in your hand luggage in case you need to show these when you arrive at the airport. You might also want to keep electronic versions of these in your smart phone; laptop; or tablet.
- 2.** You should have your passport and completed the incoming passenger card ready for inspection when you get into the airport arrival hall.
- 3.** Upon arrival, declare all food (tinned or packaged), plant and animal material if you are bringing any of these into Australia.
- 4.** If you need to convert your currency to AUD\$ you will find money changers at the airport and you will also find them in the city.

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE LAWS

Australia has very strict customs and quarantine laws to protect its plant and animal life. Illegal importation of food or food items, drugs, weapons etc will be treated harshly by Customs staff.

DO NOT carry parcels or goods on behalf of other people.

Any animal or plant products (skins, feathers, bones, shells, wood, and leaves) must be declared to Customs when you arrive at the airport. There are heavy penalties for attempting to bring them into Australia.

If you are unsure of what is legal or illegal, visit the Australian Border Force website:

abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/can-you-bring-it-in



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Australian health laws may require vaccination or immunisation against certain diseases before leaving your country. Advice on this can be obtained from the nearest Australian Embassy or High Commission in your home country.

A requirement for issuing a student visa is that you have current Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). It is your responsibility to ensure that this is current for the entire duration of your student visa.

You will receive your OSHC e-card shortly after your arrival in Adelaide.

Please register your address with your OSHC provider and you may request a hard copy card to be sent to your home address.

OSHC is compulsory for all international students studying on a student visa.

Pre-existing medical conditions or complaints will not be covered by this insurance.

This scheme does cover pharmaceutical products to a limited degree and some other medical treatments (please contact your OSHC provider for further details).

You would have paid for your OSHC when you paid the tuition fee to confirm your enrolment either to TAFE SA, via your agent or direct to provider.

MOBILE PHONES

Before you bring your mobile phone to Australia, check that your SIM Card is compatible and that you can access global roaming.

Be aware that international roaming is expensive, so it is best to change to an Australian network SIM card as soon as you arrive in Adelaide.

You are responsible for your mobile phone usage and charges, so be aware that these can have a significant impact on your budget.

There are a large number of companies offering mobile phone plans, but you could consider using a pre-paid mobile phone plan.

LIFE IN ADELAIDE

For further information about living in Adelaide, visit:

studyadelaide.com/life

GETTING FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY

You can take a bus, taxi or Uber from the airport to the city.



The taxis stand is just outside the main terminal and is managed by an assistant. Most fares across the Adelaide district are between AUD \$30 and AUD \$50.

You can also catch the J1 bus from the airport into the city.



WEATHER IN AUSTRALIA

Summer in Australia is from December to February, autumn from March to May, winter from June to August, and spring from September to November. In Adelaide, the hottest months are January and February, and the coldest months are June and July.

Season average temperature range:

SUMMER (December to February)
25°C to 35°C / 77°F to 95°F;

AUTUMN (March to May)
20°C to 25°C / 68°F to 77°F;

WINTER (June to August)
10°C to 15°C / 50°F to 59°F; and

SPRING (September to November)
20°C to 25°C / 68°F to 77°F.

To check the weather, download the **BOM Weather app**.

WORKING IN AUSTRALIA

You can work a maximum of 48 hours per fortnight during the term/semester and unlimited hours when your course is not in session. Please do not expect to find work immediately on arrival and expect casual work in Australia to cover all your living expenses. For some students it may take a few months to settle in and find work in Adelaide. As per Home Affairs requirements, you need to have access to funds of \$29,710 for the first 12 months.

If you are searching for work to undertake whilst studying, TAFE SA Career Services offers support with resume, cover letter, job interview preparation and job search.

Students can search the TAFE SA Jobs Board or StudyAdelaide's Job Shop for jobs available for students.

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BALANCING STUDY, WORK AND SOCIAL LIFE

To enjoy your overall experience in Australia and to support your mental health and wellbeing, it is important to balance your study, work, and social life. On a student visa you must prioritise your study commitments and any work and social activities must be planned around your class timetable and homework. Home Affairs restricts working hours during the semester to help students meet their study commitments.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND NETWORKING

To immerse yourself into the Adelaide community we recommend that you join sports and/or activities. Join a sport, join a hobby group, join a club, attend TAFE SA social activities and StudyAdelaide Activities and Adelaide community events. This enables you to network with people and make new friends and relationships for a healthy and enjoyable experience.

LIVING COSTS IN AUSTRALIA

The cost of living varies considerably depending on the type of accommodation you choose, such as share house, student accommodation or own private house; and your spending habits, such as making your own budget meals at home, takeaway meals, or dining out.

To work out your expected weekly average budget use the **Cost of Living Calculator**.

Visit **StudyAdelaide** for further information on the Cost of living in Adelaide.

CAMPUS LIFE

The International Unit is the first point of contact for all international students. We arrange social events and activities every school holiday and on campus events during the semester. Information is sent via our monthly student newsletter and/or student email. If you are unsure who to contact in TAFE to answer your query or concern **contact us**.

TAFE SA has 9 metropolitan campuses and many more regional campuses across South Australia. There are 7 campuses offering courses to international students. Click on the links to find out more about the campus you will study at and view a virtual tour.

- > **Adelaide**
- > **Adelaide College of the Arts**
- > **Barossa Valley**
- > **Gilles Plains**
- > **Regency**
- > **Tonsley**
- > **Urrbrae**

ABOUT AUSTRALIA

GETTING AROUND IN ADELAIDE

Public transport:

Adelaide Metro runs public transport in Adelaide for bus, train and trams. The website adelaidemetro.com.au gives you access to general information as well as fares, timetables, news and special offers.

Riding:

If you are planning to ride a bike, ensure you know the road rules and safety. Bike route maps are a good way to plan your route. These can be downloaded from the **SA government website**.

Driving:

As a visitor with a temporary visa, you can drive in South Australia but must only drive the type of vehicle authorised by your licence. You must always carry your current driver's licence issued overseas, at all times. If your licence is not in English, you must carry an English translation or International Driving Permit. Ensure you know the road rules and safety.

Obtaining a Driver's licence:

If you would like to obtain a driver's licence for the first time, please refer to **mylicence** to get the process started. There are 5 steps in the process from Pre-Learner to Full licence.

Parking on campus:

All campuses, except Adelaide City Campus and Adelaide Arts campus have free on campus parking. Parking in the city can be expensive so it is advisable to take public transport. The car park beneath Adelaide City Campus belongs to the Adelaide City Council. Daily parking ranges from \$7 for up to 1 hour to \$23 maximum.

SHOPPING

Major supermarkets are Aldi, Coles, Drakes, Foodland, and Woolworths. Major shopping centres include Westfield Marion, Tea Tree Plaza, Westlakes, Armada Arndale, Colonnades Shopping Centre and Elizabeth City Centre. If you are looking for designer wear at outlet prices visit Harbour Town Premium Outlets or the District Outlet Centre. **Rundle Mall** is in the heart of the city of Adelaide. The mall offers shopping, dining and entertainment with over 100 retail stores and services.

WHAT'S ON IN ADELAIDE

There is so much to see and do in Adelaide! Visit **Experience Adelaide** for information and view a **virtual tour** of the city.

SAFETY

Australia is a safe and secure place to live and study. Like all major cities in the world, it is important to consider your personal safety in relation to where you are, what you are doing and who you are with. As you would at home it is good practice to consider your personal safety and to develop a personal safety plan.

CALLING EMERGENCY SERVICES

DIAL 000 for police, ambulance or the fire brigade. You can also dial 112 from your mobile. You can call police assistance on 131 444 for non-urgent matters.

SCAMS

Scams are a common method used by cybercriminals to compromise your online accounts or trick you into handing over your money or personal information. Scammers use emails, text messages, phone calls, websites and social media to make contact and often pretend to be a person or organisation you trust. By being smarter with your data, verifying the source or knowing how to spot scams you can help protect yourself from losing your identity, your reputation or your life savings. Be aware of scammers when booking online accommodation. For information how to protect yourself visit **SA Police**.



Rundle Mall, Adelaide

WHAT TO EXPECT ON ARRIVAL IN PREPAREDNESS TO COMMENCE STUDY

UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI)

On arrival into Australia you can apply for your USI which every student needs to register, study, and receive Parchment.

Create USI.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

All international students must attend a compulsory Orientation before commencing study delivered by the TAFE SA International team. At orientation you will receive important information about studying at TAFE SA, expectations, rules and policies, life on campus, visa conditions, and information about living in Adelaide.

COURSE INDUCTION

All students must attend a compulsory Induction before commencing formal classes delivered by your lecturers. At induction you will receive your timetable, study plan, and course and student expectations. You may also be invited to course counselling.

REGISTRATION

All students must enrol and register in their units or subjects. Lecturers will provide students with their Course Registration Numbers (CRNs) to register. Registration may be on the same day as Course Induction or be held on a different day to be communicated by the international team. You cannot register without a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

STUDENT ID CARD

You can request your student ID card online by following the information on our **website**. You can arrange to have the student ID card posted to your home address or collect from campus. You cannot request a student ID card without a USI or without registering in units/subjects.



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