



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I am interested in studying in Australia. How do I submit my application?

A: You can email your updated resume to marketing@ozpacificgroup.com.au. Alternatively, you can complete the online form here: <https://www.ozpacificgroup.com.au/talk-to-us>. Please include your full birthdate, academic qualifications, and employment history with your current work. Our Registered Migration Agent will pre-assess your qualifications. If you are eligible, we will also provide course recommendations that relate to your qualifications.

Q: Aside from my updated resume, what other basic requirements do I need to prepare?

A: You should start organizing your valid passport, PSA birth certificate, academic transcript of records, completion certificate (diploma), and complete employment certificates (previous and current). Some scanned documents may need to be notarized or certified by a lawyer.

Q: Do I need to provide a valid result of an English Language Test such as IELTS or PTE Academic, and financial documents?

A: As of 03 April 2024, the risk assessment for the Philippines has changed to Level 3. Consequently, proof of English language proficiency and financial capacity has become mandatory. Filipino applicants are now required to submit the following when applying:

- A valid English Language Test (Ex: IELTS or PTE Academic) with the minimum required score; and
- Valid financial documents showing enough funds to cover living and educational expenses in Australia. For an individual applicant, the minimum required funds are approximately PHP 1.5 million for a vocational course and around PHP 1.8 million for a Master's course.

Q: What if I cannot achieve the required English test score?

A: You may retake the IELTS or PTE Academic exams as many times as needed, but you will have to cover the costs for each attempt. Alternatively, after your initial attempt, you can choose to enrol in an English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) in Australia, before your entry/principal course. Please note that you will be responsible for paying the associated fees for this course.

Q: Am I allowed to declare a sponsor to provide the required financial documents?

A: Yes, you can declare a valid sponsor. It is not necessary for the financial documents to be under your name (as the primary applicant). Instead, the sponsors will need to provide the necessary financial documents showing the required funds. Valid sponsors can be immediate family members, and you may declare more than one sponsor.

Q: What is Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)?

A: It is a mandatory health insurance for all international students (and their dependants) who are entering Australia. You must maintain your OSHC for the entire duration of your studies. We will assist in arranging your OSHC, which needs to be paid in full and upfront.

Q: What is a Letter of Offer?

A: A Letter of Offer is a document you receive once the school has assessed your qualifications for your intended course and determined your eligibility. It includes your personal details, course information, fee summary, payment terms, school guidelines, and refund policy.

Q: What is a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)?

A: The CoE is a document issued by your chosen education provider (school). It serves as evidence that you are enrolled and have made the initial payment for your course. The CoE includes details such as the course name, start and end dates, your personal details, and OSHC arrangements.

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Q: What if I do not meet the application deadlines?

A: Meeting deadlines is essential for a smooth application process, but do not worry as there are always options:

- Inform us immediately if you encounter any issues with your application.
- We will send regular follow-ups to remind you of upcoming deadlines.
- If you cannot join your intake date (course start date) due to any delays, we can request the school to defer your commencement to the next available date. We will inform you of any associated costs with the deferment request.

Q: What is the Genuine Student (GS) requirement?

A: Starting from 23 March 2024, Student Visa applications will be evaluated based on the GS requirement. According to the Department of Home Affairs, you must remain a student and demonstrate that your primary reason for applying is to study in Australia. To meet the GS criteria, you need to address the following points:

- Describe your current circumstances, including family, community, employment, and economic ties.
- Explain why you want to study your course in Australia with your chosen education provider, and demonstrate your understanding of the course requirements and what studying and living in Australia entails.
- Explain how completing the course will benefit you.
- Include any other relevant information you wish to provide.

Q: Can I include my spouse/partner/child on my Student Visa application?

A: Yes, you can include your spouse, partner, and children as dependants, and they will be linked to your Student Visa. An additional visa processing fee will apply for each dependent.

Q: After my Student Visa is granted, when can I leave for Australia?

A: You can arrive in Australia up to 90 days before your course starts. We recommend arriving before your school orientation date.

Q: How long can I stay in Australia if my Student Visa is granted?

A: The visa will be valid for the same length as your enrolled course/s. For instance, if your total course duration is two years, your visa will be valid for the same period.

Q: Can I work while studying?

A: Yes, but with restrictions. International students are allowed to work part-time for up to 48 hours every two weeks while classes are in session. Full-time work is allowed only during school breaks and holidays.

Q: Can my spouse/partner work?

A: Yes, your spouse or partner can also work part-time for up to 48 hours every two weeks. If you are studying at a Masters level, your spouse/partner can work full-time for the duration of your Student Visa, starting from the course commencement.

Q: Can I work immediately?

A: You can only work once your course has commenced, and not before your course start date.

Q: Is my Student Visa a multiple-entry visa?

A: Yes, your Student Visa allows multiple entries. As an international student, you can travel in and out of Australia as many times as you want, provided your visa is valid and you adhere to its conditions.

Disclaimer: This FAQ is intended to provide general information. Visa applications are subject to specific requirements and conditions. Please consult with our experts for advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

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