



PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

Moving to a different country to undertake your studies is a big step in your life. With all of the information you have read regarding the course you want to study, the process for being accepted into an Australian college, and about what it's like to live in Australia, you don't want to forget about the things you should do before you leave home.

More than just arranging your visa and flight tickets, you'll also need to think about what clothes you'll need for the weather in Australia, if there are photo albums or personal items you want to bring with you, and how much you are allowed to carry on the aeroplane!

A very helpful website to look at is [Study Brisbane](#). This website will provide you lots of information on coming to Brisbane to study, and about living here as an international student.



Health Insurance

All students who come to Australia on a student visa must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). The government has made this mandatory so international students are protected in case they become sick or are injured during their time in Australia.

OSHC covers the cost of standard doctor and hospital treatment, but not dental, optional (elective) treatments, or optical. Axial can provide you with the details of a well-priced provider of OSHC, though you are free to use a provider of your choice. See the two website links below for information on health cover and a local provider:

- [Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing](#)
- [Medibank](#)

Health cover will be an extra cost of approximately \$300 - \$500 per year for normal cover. This is not a big price to pay for peace of mind in the event you need to go to hospital.

Make sure you read the details of your policy, as many of them have 'standard' amounts they will cover for each doctor or hospital visit. This means that, if the doctor charges more than the standard amount, you may have to pay the difference.





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Visas

To study a certificate level or diploma program in Australia, you will usually require a student visa.

If you haven't already looked into the visa process, you should read the information provided in the website links below and perhaps look at a couple of blogs or internet forums to find out about other peoples' experiences.

We will help you throughout the entire process, but the websites below will also provide additional information about study visas for Australia:

- [Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship](#)
- [Study in Australia](#)

Visas are granted by the [Department of Immigration And Citizenship](#) (DIAC) in Australia, and their website explains what you need to do to be eligible for a student visa.

Once your application for a visa has been successful, DIAC may place certain conditions on your visa, so you should check this when you receive the visa.



Visa Application Process

So, when you're ready to make your application to Axial College, and want to arrange your visa, you should follow these steps:

- Complete the Axial College application and wait for your acceptance letter
- Send us the documents we need to approve your application
- Make sure you meet all of the requirements on the DIAC website
- Make your first payment to Axial College
- Receive your eCOE as evidence you have been offered a place at Axial
- Apply for your visa and submit all the documents the government asks for
- Receive your visa and start planning your trip!

Migration Agents

You may also want to speak with a qualified migration agent, if you would like assistance with applying for your visa.

You should speak with a number of agents before making a final choice, as they will likely have varying levels of experience and may charge different amounts of money.

A number of qualified agents who understand the process for Australian visas can be found at [PIER Online](#).

