

Study/Move to Australia

Australia is the sixth-largest country in the world, sprawling over 7,688 million kilometres. It homes 25 million individuals from almost 200 countries, with Australia's Indigenous communities having lived and managed the land for over 60,000 years*.

*Source: [Australian Government \(2024\)](#)

Homing such a vast range of cultures, Australia is ideal for overseas students who wish to either study or stay due to its welcoming nature, vibrant cities and importantly, high-quality education. We're proud to rank among the top five countries* where overseas students seek like due to our higher education system which is ranked as one of the top three across the globe*.

*Source: [Shiksha \(2024\)](#)

*Source: [Yocket \(2024\)](#)

For those considering the decision to enrol into a course with Australian Paramedical College (APC) and stay/live in Australia, keep reading.

Accommodation*

Before you come to Australia it is essential to have your accommodation sorted, even if it is just for a night or two to begin within. Understand your options below:

*Note: APC has no affiliation with the below websites. Each individual needs to consider their own circumstances before booking, and are welcome to expand their research to other platforms should they wish.

Temporary Accommodation

If you're coming to stay in Australia for a Clinical Workshop, Clinical Placement, or just want to stay somewhere temporarily before finding a more permanent place to stay, consider where APC's Clinical Workshop facilities are located:

- Queensland – APC's Headquarters
 - a. Kortum Drive, Burleigh Heads
- Victoria
 - a. Atlantic Drive, Keysborough
- New South Wales
 - a. Mcilwraith Street, Wetherill Park
- Western Australia
 - a. Farrington Road, North Lake

With this in mind, APC recommends individuals review websites such as [booking.com](#), [airbnb](#), [stayz](#) or similar websites to find local and affordable accommodation whilst staying in Australia.

Permanent Accommodation

Australia offers a plethora of living accommodation so whether you wish to rent or buy, or consider any of the options available in between, in Australia it is possible.

- [realestate.com.au](#) is great for individuals who are looking to either **rent** or **buy** a home in Australia.

- Its secondary site, realestate.com/share offers options for **flatmates** and **rooms for rent**.
- [Flatmates](#) is an option for those wishing to **share accommodation** with other individuals.

Cost of Living

As of January 2024, the monthly average cost of living for a single individual in Australia is AUD\$1,750.00 without rent*.

Please note this figure will vary over time and depend on your chosen location to stay too. Feel free to review a breakdown of costs [here](#).

*Source: [Numbeo \(2024\)](#)

Transport

Despite its size, Australia is quite easy to travel around! This is a result of our ongoing development of public transport in major cities. Studies have shown in Australia that those who use public transport can save over \$8,000 annually in comparison to those who own and drive cars*.

*Source: [SrgFinance \(2024\)](#)

Some options to consider when looking for transportation around Australia are using public transport through trains, trams/light rail, buses etc., ride-sharing options with '[Uber](#)', '[DiDi](#)', [13 cabs](#) etc. or even taking advantage of the many cycling and walking pathways the nation has to offer. Should you wish to travel privately, [car hire companies](#) are an option to choose from too. For those wishing to travel interstate, flights can be purchased on websites such as [webjet.com.au](#).

Driving in Australia with an Overseas Licence

Please ensure to review your licence's permissions before hiring, driving or purchasing a car in Australia.

For those travelling from New Zealand, as of January 2024, you can generally use your New Zealand driver licence for the first 3 months after arriving in Australia. You must then apply for an Australian driver licence.*

*Source: [New Zealand Foreign Affairs and Trade \(2024\)](#)

Please be advised that these requirements can change and APC has no liability. Ensure to do your research before hiring, driving or purchasing a car in Australia.

Health and Safety

Australia is one of the safest places to travel and live in the world, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't be prepared in the case of an emergency*.

*Source: [Visit Victoria \(2024\)](#)

Please ensure to read and save any important links/phone numbers before making your trip to Australia:

- Emergency Contacts
 - [Queensland](#)
 - [New South Wales](#)
 - [Victoria](#)

- [Western Australia](#)
- [Tasmania](#)
- [Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Sun Safety](#)
- [Home Safety](#)
- [Personal Safety](#)

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance has been introduced to protect individuals against health financial losses and more that could occur when travelling. APC strongly recommends overseas students purchase travel insurance when coming to Australia for their Clinical Workshops and/or Clinical Placement. To further understand what it is and an option where to purchase travel insurance, click [here](#).

Other Useful Phone Numbers/Links

To best support you during your trip to Australia, continue reading.

What to do in the Case of an Emergency

Emergency Services

Should you need assistance in the case of an emergency, call triple zero (000) as soon as possible and advise if you need assistance with police, fire or ambulance.

Police Stations

When attending a Clinical Workshop at APC, please make note of the closest police station to you:

- Queensland Clinical Workshop – APC’s Headquarters
 - a. Robina Station
 - i. 291 Scottsdale Drive, Robina, 4226
- Victoria Clinical Workshop
 - b. Dandenong Police Station
 - i. 50 Langhorne Street, Dandenong, 3175
- New South Wales Clinical Workshop
 - a. Wetherill Park Police Station
 - i. 332 Prairie Vale Road, Wetherill Park, 2164
- Western Australia
 - a. Murdoch Police Station
 - i. 120 Murdoch Drive, Murdoch, 6150

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- Queensland Clinical Workshop – APC’s Headquarters
 - c. Burleigh Heads Ambulance Station
 - i. 158 W Burleigh Rd, Burleigh Heads, 4220

- Victoria Clinical Workshop
 - d. Dandenong Ambulance Branch
 - i. 81 Stud Road, Dandenong, 3175
- New South Wales Clinical Workshop
 - a. Liverpool Ambulance Station
 - i. 3 Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool, 2170
- Western Australia
 - a. Jandakot Station
 - i. 14 Eagle Drive, Jandakot, 6164

Department of Home Affairs (DHA)

To contact the DHA throughout Australia, call 131 881. Should you be calling outside of Australia, get in touch via +61 2 6196 0196.

Transport Services

- Queensland
 - o [Translink](#)
- New South Wales
 - o [Transport NSW](#)
- Victoria
 - o [Public Transport Victoria](#)
- Western Australia
 - o [Transwa](#)
- Tasmania
 - o [Metro Tasmania](#)
- Australian Capital Territory
 - o [Transport Canberra](#)
- Northern Territory
 - o [Journey Planner](#)
- South Australia
 - o [Adelaide Metro](#)

Crisis Support

Should you need crisis support, whether for suicidal thoughts, anxiety, depression, etc. please refer to the below numbers for support:

- Lifeline
 - o 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue
 - o 1300 224 636

Overseas Debit and Credit Card Fees

Please be advised for most of the time you can use your overseas debit/credit card at Australian businesses, but the cost of convenience can be high. For those coming from New Zealand, what your preferred bank charges can vary, but foreign transaction fees and exchange rate often result in individuals being charged significantly more than ticket prices. Understand what

your banks fees are surrounding overseas travel before coming to Australia*.

*Source: [MoneyHub \(2024\)](#)