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Things to know before you go

TAFE SA International

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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.

TAFE SA International Team.

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\$300. (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 accommodation/homestay and airport pickup and it has been confirmed.
- ☐ I have checked with the Australian High Commission or Embassy to see if any medication I need is permitted entry into Australia.
- ☐ I have a credit card facility which I can use in Australia.
- ☐ I have made sure that all electrical appliances that I am taking to Australia comply with the Australian 240 volt system.
- ☐ 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 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 ticket.
- ☐ Finally, I have checked that my hand luggage and suitcase complies with the weight limit for international travel.
- ☐ Register with the StudyAdelaide Welcome Desk at the Adelaide Airport (note, this is not a pick up service) studyadelaide.com/airportwelcome

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 the 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 Customs website:

customs.gov.au

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 course/s of study.

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

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 (please contact your OSHC provider for further details) and some other medical treatments (details will be provided when you apply for your student visa).

You would have paid for your OSHC when you paid the amount requested on your Letter of Offer.

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. This is the most popular choice amongst students.

Accommodation

For further information about living in Adelaide, visit these websites:

studyadelaide.com

tafesa.edu.au/international/int-support-services/int-accommodation

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.

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