

# Pre-departure checklist



Before you arrive in Australia's Northern Territory, it's important to make sure you are fully prepared for your move and new home.

Feel free to use this pre-departure checklist to make sure that you're ready.

## Travel arrangements

**Passport** My passport is valid for at least 6 months prior to my arrival in Australia. It is also a good idea to have photocopies of your passport in case of an emergency.

**Flights** I have booked my flights and ensured I will arrive prior to my orientation program beginning.

**Luggage** I have checked that my suitcase and hand luggage comply with my airline's baggage allowance.

**Accommodation** I have arranged safe and secure accommodation for my time in the Northern Territory.

**Transport** I have arranged transport from the Darwin or Alice Springs Airport (depending on my place of study) and have checked if my institution offers free airport pickup.

**Student Visa** I have my Student Visa and understand all the requirements around it.

**Banking** I have a credit or debit card with sufficient funds which can be used in Australia, and have plans to set up an Australian bank account when I arrive.



## Important documents to bring

**Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)**  
I have a copy of my OSHC policy:  
[Insurance | Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\) \(studyaustralia.gov.au\)](#).

**Offer letter from your institution and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE):** I have read and accepted my letter of offer, accepted the terms and conditions, and received my CoE.

**Proof of payments** I have copies of receipts for tuition fees, OSHC, bank statements etc.

**Personal identification** I have my birth certificate, ID card, driver's licence etc.

**Medical records and prescription** I have copies of my medical records and any prescriptions in English.

**Academic documents** I have a copy of my previous academic qualifications.



## Clothing and personal items

### Clothing

- If I am living in the Top End (Darwin) I have packed clothing for warm weather and a couple of pieces of clothing for cooler weather.
- If I am living in Central Australia, I have packed clothing for all four seasons Central Australia experiences - some summer clothing, but also clothes for winter.

**Weather protection** I have packed items and accessories for sun protection, e.g. hat, sunglasses and umbrella.

**Personal items** I have also packed personal care items, footwear, and one set of traditional clothing in case I attend one of the Northern Territory's many multicultural events.



## Accommodation

Make sure you have secured accommodation before you arrive in Australia. There are lots of options in the Northern Territory for international students, including homestay, purpose-built student accommodation and private rentals. Visit the [Study NT website](#).

## Medicine

I understand that if I have a medical condition I need to bring any regular medicines and I have checked what medications I am allowed to bring into Australia: [Entering Australia | Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\)](#).

## Technology

**Phone and Internet** I am aware that using my home phone number in Australia will incur high costs, so it's best to purchase a SIM card or Australian mobile number when I arrive in Australia. Free Wi-Fi will be available at most airports for you to make contact for your transfer.

**Electronics** I have packed a travel adapter so I can use my electronics when I arrive.



## Contact details

I have a list of emergency contact details, e.g. family and any personal contacts in Australia, as well as my accommodation and institution details.

## Money

**I will bring a small amount of Australian dollars** with me for any unexpected or immediate expenses. We recommend bringing less than AUD\$1,000 in cash while you are travelling from your home country to Australia.



## What you can or cannot bring

I have read the list of permitted food products (which are allowed) and products I cannot bring to Australia: [Studying in Australia - DAFF \(agriculture.gov.au\)](#).

I do not have more than \$10,000 AUD in cash.

I do not have dangerous items such as knives and scissors in my hand luggage.

I have read what I can and cannot pack in my luggage to Australia:  
[List of items you can and can't bring in \(abf.gov.au\)](#)

## Other tips

**Connect** To learn more about events, activities and opportunities for international students in the Northern Territory subscribe to the [Study NT student newsletter](#).

**Planning to work?** Your student visa allows you to work alongside your studies. This can help you to earn some extra spending money, and help you gain valuable language and cultural experiences. Find out what you need to know about working in Australia as an international student: [Work while you study \(studyaustralia.gov.au\)](#) and [work restrictions for student visa holders \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](#).

**International Student Handbook** Study NT has created an International Student Handbook which you can get from Study NT and/or your education provider when you first arrive in the Northern Territory. This booklet shares helpful advice on money, working, community life, accommodation, shopping and much more! You can also access the guide [here](#).

## What to expect on arrival

**Incoming Passenger Card (IPC)** An incoming passenger card is a document providing passenger identification and an effective record of a person's entry to Australia. By Australian law, every passenger arriving in Australia is required to complete an IPC. Find out more about passenger cards here: [Incoming Passenger Card \(abf.gov.au\)](#).

**Biosecurity requirements** It is important to check Australia's biosecurity requirements when packing your personal items. Some products may not be permitted, while other products are only allowed if they meet certain biosecurity import conditions. Your baggage may be assessed to identify items of biosecurity concern. This may include questioning, screening using x-ray, detector dogs and/or a physical inspection. For further information on biosecurity in Australia download this [factsheet](#) from the Australian Government.