



Pre-Departure Information for International Students

2022



Cost of Living in Sydney

It is important that you plan your budget ahead of your arrival so that you can make the most of your time in Sydney. The Australian government provides estimated for the cost of living in Australia at [Study in Australia](#).

The [Department of Home Affairs](#) sets out financial evidence you demonstrated to obtain your student visa. As a single student you must be able to show you have the financial capacity to cover living costs of at least \$21,041 Australian dollars per year. However the actual cost varies and we suggest you allow a budget of \$25,900 per each year of study. There are additional costs for extra family members. If you are bringing your family or school aged dependents, you must also have sufficient funds to support them and also pay for attendance at a NSW Government School. Using this amount as a guide, a single student living in Sydney will require at least \$1,754 - \$2158 per month for accommodation, food, utilities and entertainment. The actual costs will depend on your lifestyle choices and needs.

The Australian government provides a [tool](#) for young people to budget for living expenses and we have listed some categories below to help you plan ahead.



Arriving in Sydney

Before you depart, familiarise yourself with [Study NSW](#) website, which has a lot of information to help international students arrive, settle and succeed during their studies in Sydney.

When you arrive in Sydney, stop by [the International Student Welcome Desk](#) at Sydney Airport for assistance with any arrival questions or directions to public transport or taxi services.

The most recent information on requirements for international students arriving into Australia can be located from the [Australian government](#).

The Institute campus is located in the centre of the Sydney CBD district, approximately 6km from the international airport, or 20 minutes by car, taxi or Uber and within an easy walk from Central Station.

Public transport bus and train services also frequently depart the international airport into Sydney city.

[NSW Transport](#) provides information to help you plan your trip from the airport to your accommodation.

Short term and Permanent Accommodation

Sydney is an international city that is a study destination for international students from all over the world. There are many different types of accommodation to suit all budgets, from low cost shared accommodation, homestay to single room apartments in purpose-built student accommodation.

It is important that you research your options to locate accommodation that suits your budget and your lifestyle needs.

When you arrive, if you haven't planned for accommodation, some short-term accommodation options close to the Institute's campus include:

[Wake Up Youth Hostel](#) offers secure single and shared rooms and is close to Central Station and is located in the city's education precinct

[Sydney Central YHA](#) also offers hostel style accommodation in shared or single rooms close to campus.





In addition, there are several guest houses located in the nearby suburb of Glebe that specialise in short term accommodation, particularly for young adults or female students who may not be experienced travellers and which offer bed and breakfast accommodation:

[Alishan International Guest House](#)

[Verona Guest House](#)

There are many options for permanent accommodation in Sydney. If you have never travelled overseas and are familiar with living with a family, **Homestay** which includes accommodation and meals with an Australian family may be a good option for you. Or you may want to live independently or share with other students.

[Study NSW](#) has lots of options, from homestay, student residence halls to private rentals. Some options include:

Purpose Built Student Residential Accommodation

[Iglu](#) has several locations across Sydney, some which are very close to campus

[UniLodge](#) specialises in accommodation for international students and is located on Broadway

[Scape](#) specialises in student accommodation and has several locations close to the campus. Scape Redfern is walking distance or a short train ride to the Institute

Homestay

Homestay provides accommodation located with an Australian family environment in locations close to the Institute.

[AuzzieFamilies](#)

[Homestay Network](#)

[OzHomestay](#)

Groceries

In addition to accommodation, a weekly grocery bill for one person is usually between \$80–\$280. You can save money by buying groceries at supermarkets including [Coles](#), [Woolworths](#) and [Aldi](#). Shopping at fresh food markets like [Paddy's Market](#) can save you money too

Buying lunch near campus is a more expensive option, with most meals costing \$10–15 each.





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Accommodation

- ⌘ Hostels and Guesthouses - \$90 to \$150 per week
- ⌘ Shared Rental - \$95 to \$215 per week
- ⌘ Homestay - \$235 to \$325 per week
- ⌘ Rental - \$185 to \$440 per week

Other living expenses

- ⌘ Groceries and eating out - \$140 to \$280 per week
- ⌘ Gas, electricity - \$10 to \$20 per week
- ⌘ Phone and Internet - \$15 to \$30 per week
- ⌘ Public transport - \$30 to \$60 per week
- ⌘ Car (after purchase) - \$150 to \$260 per week
- ⌘ Entertainment - \$80 to \$150 per week

Cost of Living

The 12-month living costs are:

The [Department of Home Affairs](#) has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa for Australia.

Refer to the step-by-step [Student Visa Subclass 500 application and Document Checklist Tool](#) for details on how to provide the evidence required to cover the costs of your stay, including your travel, study and living expenses.

As of October 2019, the 12-month living costs are;

- ⌘ For students or guardians - AUD\$21,041
- ⌘ For partners coming with you - AUD\$7,362
- ⌘ For a child coming with you - AUD\$3,152

For more information visit: <https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/english/live-in-australia/living-costs>



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