





USEFUL CONTACTS

The Australian High Commission

Australia House

Strand London

WC2B 4LA

United Kingdom

Facsimile: 00 44 (0) 207 465 8218 (DIMA)

Email: london.cc@dfat.gov.au

Website: www.uk.embassy.gov.au

Note

There is no telephone service available for Irish applicants. You can contact the Australian High Commission by post, email or fax only if you are resident in Ireland.

Australian Adoption Authority

Each state and territory in Australia has its own adoption authority and criteria for applicant selection. The contact details for the adoption authorities are:

Australian Capital Territory

Department of Family Services

P.O. Box 1584

Tuggerunong ACT 2901

Australia

Telephone: 612 6207 1335

Website: www.decs.act.gov.au

New South Wales

Adoption and Permanent Care Services

Department of Community Services

P.O. Box 3485

Parramatta NSW 2124

Australia

Telephone: 612 8855 4900

Website: www.community.nsw.gov.au/adoption/adoption.htm

Northern Territory

Family and Children's Services Adoption Unit
Department of Health and Community Services
Shop 9, Ground Floor
Casuarina NT 0810

Telephone: 618 8922 7077

Website: www.nt.gov.au/health/comm_svs/facs/adoption.shtml

Queensland

Local and Post Adoption Services Unit
Department of Communities
GPO Box 806
Brisbane QLD 4001
Australia

Telephone: 617 3324 7415

Website: www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/adoption

South Australia

Department of Family and Youth Services
GPO Box 292
Adelaide SA 5001
Australia

Telephone: 618 8207 0060

Website: www.adoptions.sa.gov.au

Tasmania

Department of Health and Human Services

Adoption and Information Services

GPO Box 538

Hobart TAS 7001

Australia

Telephone: 613 6222 7373

Website: www.dhhs.tas.gov.au

Victoria

Department of Human Services

520 Bourke Street, Level 20

Melbourne QLD 3000

Australia

Telephone: 613 8608 5709

Website: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/icas

Western Australia

Department of Family and Children's Services

189 Royal Street

East Perth WA 6004

Australia

Telephone: 618 9222 2555

Website: www.community.wa.gov.au

Public Housing

South Australia

South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT)

www.familiesandcommunities.sa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabID=939

Canberra

ACT Housing - www.dhcs.gov.au

Northern Territory

Territory Housing - www.territoryhousing.nt.gov.au/public_housing

Western Australia

Department of Housing and Works - www.dha.wa.gov.au

Tasmania

Housing Tasmania - www.dhhs.tas.gov.au

Queensland

Department of Housing - www.housing.qld.gov.au

New South Wales

Department of Housing - www.housing.nsw.gov.au

Websites to help with finding rental accommodation in Australia

www.actualhomes.com

www.sublet.com

www.pmrentals.com

www.relocateaustralia.com

www.propertyworld.com

www.rentbc.com

www.rentalhouses.com/australia

www.australianresidentialrentals.com

www.viviun.com/rentals/australia

Overseas Qualifications Units for each state and territory in Australia

New South Wales

Overseas Qualifications Advisory Service

City Industry Training Centre

Department of Education and Training

Ground Floor

255 Elizabeth Street

Sydney NSW 2000

Telephone: 612 9269 3500

Victoria

Overseas Qualifications Unit

Level 5

1 Spring Street

Melbourne VIC 3000

Telephone: 613 9208 3317

Email: oqu@employment.vic.gov.au

Website: www.employment.vic.gov.au

Queensland

The Overseas Qualifications Unit has several different local offices. Please see the website www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au for more information.

Email: skillsrecognition@det.qld.gov.au

South Australia

Skills Recognition Support Services

Level 1 East

TAFE SA Adelaide City Campus

120 Currie Street

Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: 08 8207 8354

Facsimile: 08 8463 5449

Email: srss@saugov.sa.gov.au

Western Australia

Overseas Qualification Unit
Level 2, City Central Building
166 Murray Street (Mall)
Perth WA 6000

Telephone: 08 9224 6566

Facsimile: 08 9224 6580

Email: oqu@det.wa.edu.au

Tasmania

Tasmanian Qualifications Authority
Level 5, Kirksway House
Kirksway Place
Battery Point TAS 7000

Telephone: 613 6233 7948

Facsimile: 613 6224 0175

Email: sue.hunt@tqa.tas.gov.au

Website: www.tqa.tas.gov.au

Northern Territory

Overseas Qualifications Unit

Level 3, Harbour View Plaza

Cnr McMinns St and Tiger Brennan Drv

Darwin NT 0801

Telephone: 618 8999 4372

Facsimile: 618 8999 3782

Email: ntitsoma.dcm@nt.gov.au

Website: www.nt.gov.au/dcm/multicultural/overseas.shtml

Australian Capital Territory

Overseas Qualifications Assessments Officer

Level 1

Perpetual Building

10 Rudd Street

Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: 612 6205 0528

Website: www.dhcs.act.gov.au/community/mau/educationalassessment.htm

State and Territory Immigration websites

Western Australia - www.migration.wa.gov.au

New South Wales - www.business.nsw.gov.au

Victoria - www.liveinvictoria.vic.gov.au

South Australia - www.immigration.sa.gov.au

Queensland - www.migration.qld.gov.au

Tasmania - www.development.tas.gov.au

Northern Territory - www.migration.nt.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory - www.business.act.gov.au/investinginacberra/act_skilled_and_business_migration_program

State and Territory Department of Education Websites

Western Australia - www.eddept.wa.edu.au/schoolprofile/home.do

New South Wales - www.det.nsw.edu.au and www.schools.nsw.edu.au

Victoria - www.education.vic.gov.au

South Australia - www.education.gov.au/goved/go

Queensland - www.education.gov.au/goved/go

Tasmania - www.education.tas.gov.au/dept/about/contact/schoolsatoz

Northern Territory - www.schools.nt.edu.au

Australian Capital Territory - www.det.act.gov.au/schools/schools.htm

At national level the key Government organisation is the Department of Education

- Training and Youth Affairs - www.detya.gov.au
- Education Network Australia - www.edna.edu.au
- Higher Education Contribution Scheme - www.goingtouni.gov.au
- Commonwealth Government's Study in Australia website - www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Other Useful Websites

www.edunet.ie/links/aus.html - finding a school

www.housesaustralia.info - finding accommodation

www.workingin-australia.com - finding a job/finding accommodation/schools

www.sublet.com/spider - finding accommodation

<https://jobsearch.gov.au> - finding a Job

www.nla.gov.au/npapers - finding a job/finding accommodation

www.workplace.gov.au/workplace - finding a job

www.myfuture.edu.au - finding a job/finding a school

Centrelink website - www.centrelink.gov.au (Centrelink also provide a series of factsheets outlining what payment rates are made for each type of benefit - go to Centrelink's Payments page for details).

Family Assistance Office website - www.familyassist.gov.au

Medicare is an agency of the Health Insurance Commission
www.hic.gov.au

Information on health cover provided by Medibank Private for international students and New Zealanders is located at
www.medibank.com.au

For an overview of employment issues monitored by the Department of Employment & Workplace Relations see www.dewrsb.gov.au

For a listing of Australian newspapers on the Internet click on
www.nla.gov.au/npapers

For more information about the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition, including a listing of related State or Territory offices - www.aei.gov.au

The main website for Taxation information is www.ato.gov.au

A specialist Government site for businesses, known as Business Entry Point, is available at www.business.gov.au and includes a facility for registering for an Australian Business Number (ABN) or GST.

Further information on citizenship is located on the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs website at www.immi.gov.au

Websites for information on Driving Licence's by State or Territory

- New South Wales - www.rta.nsw.gov.au
- Victoria - www.vicroads.vic.gov.au
- Queensland - www.transport.qld.gov.au
- South Australia - www.transport.sa.gov.au
- Western Australia - www.dpi.wa.gov.au
- Tasmania - www.transport.tas.gov.au
- Northern Territory - www.ipe.nt.gov.au
- ACT - www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au

The Australian Electoral Commission at www.aec.gov.au is responsible for voting at federal elections.