Studying in Queensland AUSTRALIA

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS)

Make the right decision
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International students in Australia on a student visa must study with an institution and in a course that is registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

For more go to cricos.education.gov.au
Why Queensland, Australia?

In addition, International students enrolled in full time accredited courses may be entitled to local transport concessions. Children of PhD students and 576 visa holders may be eligible for free schooling depending on the Queensland public school and their circumstances.

- Queensland offers many business and career opportunities in diverse industries. To move to Queensland you need to obtain a visa. Business and Skilled Migration Queensland provides Queensland Government nomination for business and investor, skilled and investor retirement visas.

For more information on migration and opportunities

migration.qld.gov.au

For more information on student visas

border.gov.au

International students and their families and friends will easily see why Queensland is one of Australia’s most attractive places to study, live and work.

“Studying English in Queensland improved my communication and social skills to a very high degree. I will always remember the great time I had in Queensland, especially on the Gold Coast. The people and the surroundings really made me feel at home. I enjoyed my time so much that I definitely want to return to Queensland. I could also imagine spending a lot more time working and living in Queensland.”

Robert Tang, Switzerland
Langports English Language College
Support services and orientation for students studying in Queensland

Most Queensland education providers and institutions offer international students a variety of support services to help adjust to life in Australia including:

- airport reception
- accommodation placement
- orientation and welcome programs
- social and recreational activities
- welfare advice and counselling
- emergency and health services.

“Coming to Queensland to study English has been one of the best experiences of my life. My English has improved immensely and I am confident that I will succeed at university and in my future career. The opportunity to study with other students from around the world and the amazing Australian lifestyle has made this an enriching experience. If a student is coming to study English for the first time, I will tell them not to be shy, just dedicated and focus on the wonderful opportunities that studying English has to offer!”

Naiza Flavia De Souza Gomes, Brazil
Griffith English Language Institute

What’s it like to live in Queensland?

Lifestyle and environment

Queensland has modern, cosmopolitan cities and laid back coastal and regional towns. International students can enjoy a clean and green natural environment and fantastic climate plus diverse leisure activities in one of Australia’s most attractive places to study, live and work. Queensland’s tourist destinations are among the most popular in Australia.

Tropical North Queensland

Cairns is a vibrant city located in the heart of Tropical North Queensland. Framed by the spectacular rainforest mountain ranges and the sparkling Coral Sea, Cairns is within easy reach of the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics Rainforest, The Great Barrier Reef and the Queensland outback.

Townsville is Australia’s largest tropical beachside city with a safe, friendly and welcoming lifestyle. Surrounded by a rich hinterland of tropical rainforests and waterfalls, Townsville is located close to historic gold mining towns, the outback, islands and The Great Barrier Reef.

Central Queensland

Rockhampton is situated in Central Queensland and was built on the wealth of gold rushes and cattle empires. A city steeped in country charm, Rockhampton has regular rodeos, long stretches of sunburnt country, beautiful forests and beaches.

South East Queensland

Brisbane is the capital city of Queensland and the third largest city in Australia. Brisbane boasts the attractions and facilities of a large city yet is considerably more relaxed than its southern counterparts, Sydney and Melbourne. A modern city with an innovative and vibrant edge, Brisbane enjoys a mild subtropical climate and outdoor lifestyle.

Toowoomba is Australia’s largest inland regional centre located just over 1.5 hrs drive west of Brisbane’s CBD. A modern mountain city, Toowoomba is most well-known as Queensland’s Garden City. With beautiful heritage buildings and more than 150 parks and gardens, Toowoomba is a treasure trove of tradition and culture, with growing arts, plus food and wine industries.

The Sunshine Coast offers a laid back lifestyle in a friendly communal and safe environment. Free of the hustle and bustle of the city, the Sunshine Coast still offers world-class dining and shopping. With clear blue skies, fresh clean air, bright sunny days and long stretches of beautiful beaches, the Sunshine Coast is a favourite holiday destination for local and international visitors.
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The Gold Coast boasts stunning beaches, a magnificent hinterland, an abundance of action-packed activities, premier shopping, restaurants and nightlife. The Gold Coast is a multi-cultural hub with close to a quarter of its residents born overseas. The diversity in culture provides a safe and accepting environment where people have an appreciation for different perspectives and new experiences.

Accommodation options

Homestay or boarding school accommodation are the preferred accommodation options for students under the age of 18. Homestay accommodation, where students are usually provided their own room and most meals, offers the chance to experience life as part of a Queensland family, learn about Australian culture and improve English language skills.

Getting around

International students can take advantage of Queensland’s comprehensive transport network and motorway system as a great way to explore all Queensland has to offer with relative ease.

Queensland has four international airports (Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Gold Coast) and the many regional and island airports serviced by multiple airlines make air travel an efficient, reliable and affordable way to explore the state.

Your safety, health and protection

The safety of international students is vitally important to the Queensland Government and education providers. Queensland is safe by world standards. It has a vibrant, multicultural society where other students, teaching staff and the broader community readily accept and welcome international students. For many international students, the friends they make while studying in Queensland is one of the highlights of their education experience. However, a common sense approach is always recommended to help ensure safety.

“...The Queensland education system is very different to China. Here the flexible and independent teaching approach has allowed me to be more autonomous with my studies and improve diverse skills such as my time management and my computing skills.

Learning English has not only prepared me for my university studies but has also helped me develop new skills I never knew I had which will be very beneficial in my future career. I am really happy that I chose to come to Queensland and study at Griffith English Language Institute; I am now ready to continue my education and keep enjoying the amazing Australian lifestyle.”

Zhang Man, China
Griffith English Language Institute

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English language skills, a passport to a global career

Studying English language skills in Queensland will provide graduates with endless opportunities internationally.

English is the most widely spoken language in the world and is also the language used most on the Internet, making the ability to communicate in English a strong competitive advantage.

Whether you want to study English to improve job prospects, travel to an English speaking country, prepare for further study or just have fun, Queensland offers an enviable destination for study, live and work opportunities.

“Being fluent in English is a necessity if you want to succeed in your career. I was lucky to join an Australian company and I can tell you that the English language was the key that opened the door to the Australian workforce. Nobody in the company speaks Spanish (my mother tongue) so I have to communicate every day in English.

I am also an active member on many online communities, especially Google Plus. Getting involved on these communities has become part of my routine and it has helped me so much with my career.”

Santiago Ibarra Cáceres, Columbia
BROWNS English Language School

Why choose Queensland to study English?

Queensland’s English Language Institutions deliver high quality, innovative English language programs from well qualified teachers. Students can choose to study at one of Queensland’s world-class private English language colleges, vocational education and training institutions, schools or universities. Many providers offer flexible start dates and courses, ranging from beginner to advanced, to suit students’ needs.

Studying English in Queensland will help students achieve career, academic and personal goals.

“Queensland, Australia is the choice for a great life experience. Living in Australia has been about dealing with new cultures, making many friends, growing personally and achieving the biggest goal: to learn the English language. Having lived on the other side of the world, this is the choice that changed my life!

Living with classmates from all over the world and my homestay family were of great importance for the rapid adaptation of a new routine. Langports helped me to conquer many objectives and the main one was learning English.”

Cynthia Andrade, Brazil
Langports English Language College

“The opportunity to attend English classes was very helpful. I improved my academic skills and also felt welcomed and involved with the academic environment. Furthermore, it was great to see that despite all the different cultures, students are extremely capable of helping one another to learn and to achieve!

To be in contact with students from different fields enhanced our ‘world views’. By sharing information, experiences, food, having fun and doing activities together, we also improved our English language skills.”

Karoleen Oswald, Brazil
ACU English Language Centre, Brisbane
Studying English in Queensland gives students these benefits:

- **Quality assurance and accreditation**
  - English language teaching is closely regulated in Australia to ensure that the highest standards of quality and consumer protection are maintained. There are strict standards for class sizes, professional teacher qualifications, curriculum, teaching methods and materials.
  - The **Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000** is the legal framework governing the responsibility of Australian education institutions towards international students.
  - English Australia is the national association for accredited public and private English language providers and promotes quality English language training.
  - The National ELT Accreditation is the national accreditation and quality assurance body for English language teaching centres.
  - [www.neas.org.au](http://www.neas.org.au)
  - University English Centres Australia is a network of 30 Australian universities offering English language courses of the highest international standard.
  - [www.ueca.edu.au](http://www.ueca.edu.au)

- **Multiple English language programs are available - ALL will improve your job prospects and introduce you to fellow students.**

- **English language skills, a passport to a global career**

- **Exciting travel and leisure attractions**

- **State of the art learning facilities**

- **Quality assured and accredited courses**

- **Quality and experienced teachers**

- **Wide range of general and specialised courses at beginner to advanced levels (many providing pathways to higher qualifications)**

- **Choice of metropolitan, tropical and rural study locations**

- **Flexible enrolment times and study options**

- **Meet and interact with students from around the world**

- **Increased employment opportunities**

- **Vibrant student lifestyle**

- **English language skills, a passport to a global career**

  “What I like most about the English for Academic Purposes course is that students can not only learn the language but also the Australian and university academic culture, vital for international students who want to stay and study in Australia. Since Australia is such a multinational country, international students need to understand Australian culture and understand how to participate in an Australian university.

  I’m very satisfied with staying in Australia and studying at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) English Language Centre and I really appreciate the dedicated and supportive teachers at ACU.”

  **Yuri Terao, Japan**
  Australian Catholic University English Language Centre
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“I studied at Lexis for six months and began my course in Cambridge English: Advanced. I scored a B pass in the examinations and then stayed on to do the International English Language Test. I scored an 8.5 in the test, which is amazing. Now I can go on to university in Australia. It feels like my dreams are going to come true!”

Roseanne, Switzerland
Lexis English

General English
A general English course will improve overall language proficiency and will help students to:

• develop English language oral communication skills
• build confidence in your English language speaking and listening ability
• prepare for further English language or academic study.

Academic English
An academic English course prepares students for further study in Queensland at school, university or a vocational education and training institution and will help students to:

• develop English language listening, speaking, reading and writing skills
• build confidence in your English language ability
• be equipped with the study skills you need for academic study in Queensland.

Business English/English for special purposes
A Business English/English for special purposes course will help students:

• develop core English language skills
• learn the English needed for business or a particular industry (such as aviation, health, tourism and hospitality)
• practice English in ‘real-world’ settings (such as emails, face to face meetings and presentations)
• prepare for further English language or academic study in Queensland.

English language exam preparation
Students can prepare for an international English language exam at one of Queensland’s English language study institutions. Exams include:

• Cambridge ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
• Cambridge FCE (First Certificate in English)
• IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
• TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
• TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication)

An English language exam preparation course will help students:

• develop the English language needed to sit an international English language exam
• prepare for academic study in Queensland.

English for teaching
English for teaching courses helps students develop the language skills needed to sit an international English language exam and teach English to others. They include:

• TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
• EFTC (English for Teaching Children).
Study Tours

Many English language institutions in Queensland offer group study tours that combine general or specialised English language teaching with leisure and cultural activities or vocational training. Programs range from one day to six weeks and can be customised.

Study tour activities may include:
- home stays or farm stays with an Australian family
- trips to tourist destinations
- visits to museums, art galleries and historical villages
- sporting and recreational activities
- shopping and tours.

“I chose to study at Imagine College of English because I heard that Imagine has very good teachers. I had a good time here and a good experience. I made many friends from other countries which was nice. Thank you Imagine!”

Shohei Asakawa, Japan
Imagine College of English

“My time at ILSC provided me with incredible moments. Firstly, I improved my English, particularly writing. Secondly, I made new friends. Last but not least, I had the best experience of my life! I would like to thank ILSC staff for all the support and help that they gave me during my stay. It seems that now ILSC is more than a school for me. It has become my home away from home and I miss everybody.”

Raissa Cristino Raposo, Brazil
ILSC Education Group

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With Queensland’s leisure destinations among the most popular in Australia, it makes sense to start a working holiday in Queensland. A working holiday visa allows students to combine study, work and travel in Australia. The visas are only available to citizens aged 18-30 from eligible countries. Education courses of up to 17 weeks can be undertaken on a part-time or full-time basis.

Many of Queensland’s English language study institutions have developed programs and services specifically for working holiday makers such as general English courses combined with resume writing, job placement assistance and customer service training, designed to help students get work while in Queensland.

“In Queensland, I met people from all around the world and practised my English with locals. Besides studying really hard, I worked and travelled around visiting new places.”

Julia Savi, Brazil
Student and Working Holiday Maker

To apply for a skilled visa, you must have an occupation which is listed on one of the Queensland Skilled Occupation lists. You must also meet the DIBP mandatory criteria such as a positive skills assessment and English language ability. Some occupations have specific specialisations or licensing requirements to allow you to work in Queensland.

The Queensland Skilled Occupation Lists are reviewed regularly and updated to reflect current labour market conditions. Some occupations have limited places, and when these places have been filled, further applications for state nomination cannot be accepted.

Business and Skilled Migration Queensland also offer Queensland nomination for business and investor visas.
2nd
largest state
in Australia.

Great Britain
Seven times the size of

Japan
Nearly five times the size of

15.7°C to 25.3°C average temperature range, and an average day has 8 hours of sunshine

4.7 million people call Queensland home

1/3 are migrants or children of migrants

5 World Heritage Areas
- Riversleigh Fossil Fields
- The Wet Tropics (including Daintree National Park)
- The Great Barrier Reef one of the Wonders of the World
- The Scenic Rim
- Fraser Island the biggest sand island in the world

Q1, located on the Gold Coast is the tallest building in the southern hemisphere

The aquatic symbol of the state is the Barrier Reef Anemone fish

4 international airports
Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast & Townsville

The state animal is the koala

Easy access from your home country.
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