Studying in Queensland AUSTRALIA

Vocational education and training

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
Experience endless study opportunities at world-class institutions and gain qualifications that are highly regarded internationally.

Queensland offers students leading education with the flexibility to choose the right course from an abundant range of options in an enjoyable, diverse, safe and vibrant community.

Choosing Queensland for your study requirements has many advantages:

- Queensland is the only state with four international airports (Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Gold Coast) which makes travel to and from your home country easier and more accessible.
- Queensland has an enviable climate and lifestyle, with warm and sunny weather experienced across the state most of the year.
- Queensland has five of Australia’s 11 World Heritage sites, including the world’s largest sand island, Fraser Island and also has an array of famous landmarks including the natural wonder of the Great Barrier Reef, the World Heritage listed Daintree National Park, plus more.
- International students enrolled in full-time accredited courses may be entitled to local transport concessions.

Queensland offers students a myriad of possibilities supported by a strong economy, a high standard of living, relaxed outdoor lifestyle, friendly people and plenty of work experience opportunities.

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.

“Why Queensland, Australia?

Charlotte Galette, France
Diploma of Venues and Events
Martin College, Brisbane
Support services and orientation for students studying in Queensland

Most of Queensland’s education and training providers 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.

What’s it like to live in Queensland?

“I have been an international student in Brisbane for three years and I wouldn’t change my experiences for anything. Brisbane is the most beautiful place on earth as well as the people in it. I was very honoured to be named a 2014 Brisbane International Student Ambassador. I got to live my dream and it would not have been made possible without the support of the Global Linkages Program that CHARLTON BROWN® has put together.”

Samantha O’Dwyer, Ireland

Lifestyle and environment

Queensland has modern, cosmopolitan cities and laid back coastal and regional towns. It has a clean and green natural environment and international students can enjoy an idyllic sub tropical climate and diverse leisure activities in one of Australia’s most enviable places to live, work and study. 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, 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.

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
A wide selection of high quality and affordable options from renting to homestay accommodation is available for international students. Rental accommodation ranges from studio and one bedroom apartments, to large houses, which are often rented by a number of people who live together as housemates. Sharing accommodation is often more affordable than living alone and is a good way to make friends.

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 the 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 and training 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 here. However, a common sense approach is always recommended to help ensure your safety.

"Coming here to Queensland for further studies was an experience and a challenge. I have embraced a new culture and traditions that are completely different from home. Being an international student opened the doors of opportunity for me in my career.

Having multi-cultural classmates taught me new cultures, new languages and enhanced my English speaking skills.

Sharing experiences and enjoying quality time in class and on practical placements are unforgettable highlights of my experience as an international student.

CHARLTON BROWN® has supported me and made me feel like they are my family here in Australia. I know more opportunities are on the way!"

Ivy Gay Lagahit-Te, The Philippines
Certificate IV Aged Care,
Studying Diploma of Children’s Services
Student Ambassador CHARLTON BROWN®

Queensland has a vibrant, multicultural society where other students, teaching staff and the broader community readily accept and welcome international students.
Why choose Queensland for vocational education and training?

Vocational education and training in Queensland

Queensland is internationally renowned for its high quality, industry focused vocational education and training system.

Led by industry and responsive to local and international needs, vocational education and training providers in Queensland are focused on delivering competency based training that gives students a competitive edge.

Vocational education and training in Queensland is delivered through TAFE Queensland, private vocational education and training providers and most high schools. Many vocational education and training providers also offer customised training programs to international governments and organisations.

Vocational education and training courses build practical and professional skills that help students to achieve their potential and progress in their chosen field.

Queensland’s vocational education and training providers offer international students:

- Accredited courses across a wide range of industries
- Experienced, industry-aware teaching staff
- Leading technology and study facilities
- Strong partnerships with industry and business
- Solid pathways to higher education and employment.

"My education at QIBT enabled me to secure employment with IBM - an exciting work place which will provide me with opportunities to work as an IT specialist throughout the world. Studying at QIBT has given me the confidence and experience I was looking for and it has allowed me to follow my dreams."

Hyo Sung Kim, Korea
Diploma of Information Technology
Bachelor of Information Technology
Queensland Institute of Business and Technology, Mt Gravatt Brisbane Campus

Quality assurance and accreditation

All vocational education and training providers in Queensland are monitored for quality assurance to ensure the highest standards of teaching are maintained. Queensland providers are committed to delivering high quality education and training for international students and must adhere to strict legislative frameworks and quality assurance standards.

Australia’s education system is highly regulated:

- The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), is used in the school, vocational education and training and higher education sectors in Australia.
- This AQF is a highly visible, quality assured national system of educational recognition promoting lifelong learning as well as a seamless and diverse education and training system. Go to aqf.edu.au for more.
- Under the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000, all Queensland education and training providers delivering courses to international students must be registered and meet rigorous registration conditions. Go to internationaleducation.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Pages/RegulatoryInformation.aspx for more.
**Why choose Queensland for vocational education and training?**

Students can choose from a wide range of study areas including:

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Queensland’s key industries and strengths

Queensland is a leader in world-class education and a range of industries including:

Aviation and aerospace
Queensland is home to a growing aviation industry employing more than 14,000 people and backed by a strong education and training base. More than 15 organisations are registered to provide training to international students across a wide range of aviation and aerospace courses throughout Queensland.

Queensland maintains its competitive advantage in aviation and aerospace through:
- world-class aviation education and training
- strong alliances with local industry and Queensland government support
- globally-recognised research and development in aerospace automation, hypersonics, autonomous systems and advanced composites
- a competitive and innovative aviation industry comprising firms from small to medium enterprises to international corporations.

Creative industries
Knowledge, innovation and passion drive Queensland’s creative industries. Queensland’s education and training providers work closely with industry partners to provide students with access to the facilities, teachers and opportunities to help build creative careers.

Queensland offers teaching and research relevant to current practice, cutting-edge technology and strong partnerships with industry to provide students with a practical learning experience.

Engineering
Queensland offers a range of theoretical and practical engineering education and training in fields such as agriculture, avionics, construction, chemistry, electronics, environment management, mechanics, mining and transport.

With close links to industry, Queensland’s education and training providers deliver industry-affiliated programs that provide students with the skills and experience they need for their future roles in engineering. These programs equip students with experience, job-ready skills, self-confidence and valuable industry contacts.

Queensland’s engineering strengths include:
- globally recognised research and development
- excellent infrastructure and facilities
- courses in chemical, mechanical and environmental engineering
- courses in emerging fields such as aerospace, biomedical and infomechatronics engineering
- close partnerships with industry that provide practical work experience
- culture of innovation and use of cutting-edge technology.

Health sciences
With cutting-edge facilities, practical work experience opportunities and strong links with healthcare agencies and professional associations, Queensland education institutes can prepare students for a career in health.

Queensland’s strengths in health include:
- a rapidly growing health industry that demands excellence in education and training
- excellent infrastructure and world-class facilities
- partnerships with industry that provide hands-on learning experiences for students and researchers.
Mining

Queensland is a global leader in the export of coal and other raw and refined commodities and has a broad base of significant industries associated with mining. National and international mining organisations have long recognised Queensland’s vast resources and world-class mining expertise.

Queensland’s researchers and education and training providers work collaboratively with the mining industry to develop innovative training programs that address the needs of this global industry.

Queensland maintains its competitive edge in the mining industry through:

• access to raw materials and sophisticated and efficient infrastructure
• leading research and development of innovative technologies such as robotics, satellite imaging and 3D visualisation
• strengths in chemical production, mineral processing and power generation
• highly skilled labour force with access to leading educational and training facilities
• high standards in mining safety
• regional and global headquarters of international mining companies providing employment opportunities.

Tourism and hospitality

Queensland’s leisure destinations and natural environment are among the most popular in Australia and attract more than 16 million visitors each year. Queensland’s vast and successful tourism industry makes it an ideal location for tourism and hospitality training. Queensland’s education and training providers have partnered with business and industry to ensure students receive both academic knowledge and practical work experience.

Queensland’s tourism and hospitality strengths include a thriving industry and strong partnerships with industry that provides real work experiences to students.

“I enrolled in the Bachelor of Popular Music and Performance at JMC Academy. I really like how the course combines theory and practical assessments and classes – I just love to play my guitar and am even in a band now! I would recommend JMC Academy to anyone - the staff are really friendly and knowledgeable and the facilities are incredible.”

Chen-Chieh (Johnny) Lin
Bachelor of Popular Music and Performance
JMC Academy, Brisbane Campus

“The atmosphere at Becker’s is very inclusive. Students come from all parts of the world and I have come away with life-long friends, from amongst both the staff and the students. In the end I must say that it was a good decision on my part to take to flying choppers, and more so to have trained with Becker Helicopters.”

Mrityunja ‘Meetu’ Singh, India
Becker Helicopters, Sunshine Coast Campus
Why study at TAFE Queensland?

TAFE Queensland is the government-owned and operated provider of world-class Technical and Further Education (TAFE) in Queensland. In some countries TAFE is also known as Polytechnic, Technical College or Community College.

TAFE Queensland offers international students:
• practical, industry-relevant training
• a network of six regions with multiple locations across Queensland
• a wide range of courses
• leading-edge technology and excellent facilities
• strong links and pathways to university
• a friendly, safe and culturally sensitive environment

TAFE Queensland trains more than 160,000 students in over 600 program areas annually, and is host to students from over 90 countries around the world.

TAFE Queensland

TAFE Queensland is the largest and most experienced provider of further education and training in Queensland. On 1 July 2013, TAFE Queensland was established as an independent statutory body under the TAFE Queensland Act 2013.

Hwasook Lee recently completed a Certificate II in Fashion Studies and a Certificate III in Fashion. During her studies at TAFE Queensland, Hwasook entered her first design competition, the student category at the RAQ Fashion Awards. Her dreams were encouraged and supported by the wonderful lecturers at TAFE Queensland and her ambition began to grow. Hwasook has achieved great success around the world with her fashion line Bora, and she readily acknowledges that it all began in Brisbane at TAFE Queensland.

Hwasook Lee, Korea
Certificate II in Fashion Studies and Certificate III in Fashion
TAFE Queensland Brisbane

“My father completed his cabinet making course through TAFE Queensland SkillsTech several years ago and he recommended it to me. I found the teachers to be very friendly and helpful and I have enjoyed meeting other international students and learning about their cultures. I have completed my vocational placement and my employer has offered me a full-time job when I graduate.”

Nick Gomes, South Africa
Certificate III in Joinery
TAFE Queensland SkillsTech
TAFE Queensland’s Regions

The TAFE Queensland network is made up of six regions delivering training from Thursday Island to the Gold Coast, from Bundaberg to Roma and across the south east corner.
TAFE Queensland delivers nationally accredited and internationally recognised courses.

**Quality assured**

- TAFE Queensland provides quality learning and assessment in accordance with National vocational education and training Regulator (NVR) standards, the national training and assessment quality management system for vocational education and training.

**Advantages of TAFE Queensland qualifications**

TAFE Queensland qualifications are developed with industry to ensure job ready skills and knowledge for our graduates.

TAFE Queensland students can:

- complete English studies and directly enter formal Certificate, Diploma or Advanced Diploma courses
- study in a wide range of industry areas which provide pathways to some of Australia’s top universities
- graduate with practical on-the-job work experience ready for employment.

TAFE Queensland teachers - highly skilled industry professionals:

- TAFE Queensland provides highly skilled technical teachers with a minimum of five years industry experience.
- All teachers receive continual professional development to maintain current industry-relevant skills.
- Teachers are available and accessible to students.
- Teachers maintain strong links with Queensland and Australian industry.

**University links**

TAFE Queensland studies can help put students on the pathway to university. Credit transfer arrangements are in place between TAFE Queensland and a selection of universities in the state. Find out more at [www.tafeqld.edu.au/international/students/courses/pathways](http://www.tafeqld.edu.au/international/students/courses/pathways)

TAFE Queensland is committed to pursuing its ongoing negotiations with universities to continuously improve credit transfers for students.
International student support services

TAFE Queensland regions have dedicated teams committed to student support and offer a full range of specialist student services to help students achieve their personal and academic goals. The services available include:

• enrolment and course information
• personal and academic support
• city and campus orientation
• information about living in Australia
• accommodation advice
• counselling
• learning support and English language assistance
• recreational activities.

“TAFE Queensland’s Toowoomba campus is beautiful with supportive staff. As a girl with no prior experience in the automotive industry, I enjoy the many practice opportunities in the course. It helps me learn a lot in both theoretical and practical aspects of automotive technology.”

Kuo-Lin Chu, Taiwan
Certificate III in Automotive Technology
TAFE Queensland South West

Find out more about TAFE Queensland courses, visit:

www.tafeqld.edu.au

ACPET is the national industry association for providers of private education and training – the choice of millions of students each year throughout Australia and overseas.

ACPET members listen to the student voice, take time to structure their programs to give students a study/life balance and work closely with industry to ensure that the skills each student develops meets the needs employers require today and into the future.

Private providers are popular for their flexibility and the variety of choices they provide across a wide range of industries as well as hard-to-find specialist courses. Teachers are experienced and committed and tend to be industry professionals themselves which ensures student demands are the number one priority.

ACPET members adhere to a strict Code of Ethics and have access to the best professional development for all of their staff. To make sure you choose a high quality private college start by looking for the ACPET logo.

“Being an international student, I felt very intimidated and overwhelmed when I first arrived in Australia. However, from the first day I stepped into CHARLTON BROWN®, I felt welcomed, comfortable and at home. I have felt a part of this family and know that I can excel, as these staff and my trainers have gone above and beyond to help me shine through in my industry placements.

If any student wants to be a part of this amazing experience, then CHARLTON BROWN® is the place to be. My studies and my experience in Australia will allow me to stand out from the rest, and become my absolute best.”

Kerri Bacelar, South Africa
Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care – Student Ambassador
CHARLTON BROWN®
“It was an amazing experience studying at Endeavour, people there were incredibly friendly and the lecturers were very fun to learn from. My favourite part was the clinical practices we did as a part of the course where we practiced on actual patients under the supervision of qualified practitioners. It was an incredible real life experience of what it is like working in a clinic.”

Kaori Osada, Japan
Diploma of Remedial Massage
Endeavour College of Natural Health

“ILSC College’s teaching english as a second language (TESOL) course is famous in Korea. Even though I have experience as a teacher in Korea, I received a myriad of new teaching tips and skills by doing the course. My teacher Scott was always energetic and he encouraged me to have confidence and improve my teaching skills. Practicing teaching allowed me to figure out my strengths and weaknesses. I became more organised and accustomed to handling many-sided situations. I was impressed that I was able to get my mentor’s feedback as well as my teacher’s after teaching elementary students. I found their comments useful and valuable for teaching in the future. As a result, I really recommend the TESOL course in the ILSC College if you want to be an English teacher. I’m so proud of myself that I finished the TESOL course successfully.”

Jin Su Yeon, Korea
Certificate IV TESOL Program
ILSC Education Group

Find out more at:
www.acpet.edu.au
The strong economy and number of service industries in Queensland offer almost limitless opportunities for international students to work as well as study.

International students are allowed to work in Queensland, although some visas have limited work rights. It is important that students are clear about the limitations of their visa before seeking work as people who breach these conditions may have their visa cancelled.

**Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection**

Visa requirements and conditions

[border.gov.au](http://border.gov.au) 13 18 81

*Working and studying in Australia*


Once you have completed your studies, you may be eligible for a visa that allows you to continue to work in Queensland. Queensland nominates skilled migrants in occupations that are in demand for both provisional visas and permanent residency, which allow you to live and work in Queensland.

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.

**BSMQ Business & Skilled Migration Queensland**

Check if your occupation is in demand,


Business and Skilled Migration Queensland also offer Queensland nomination for business and investor visas.

[migration.qld.gov.au](http://migration.qld.gov.au)
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. English language courses improve students’ job prospects in Queensland and are a great way to start a working holiday in Australia.

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
2nd largest state in Australia.

Nearly five times the size of Japan

Seven times the size of Great Britain

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

Easy access from your home country.

4 international airports

- Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast & Townsville

The state animal is the koala
CRICOS Information
Make the right decision
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