

## Living costs in Australia

Knowing the average living costs in Australia is an important part of your financial preparation. For your reference, here are some of the costs associated with living and studying in Australia. (All costs are in Australian dollars.)

### Accommodation

- **Hostels and Guesthouses** - \$80 to \$135 per week
- **Shared Rental** - \$70 to \$250 per week
- **On campus** - \$80 to \$250 per week
- **Homestay** - \$110 to \$270 per week
- **Rental** - \$100 to \$400 per week
- **Boarding schools** - \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year

### Other living expenses

- **Groceries and eating out** - \$80 to \$200 per week
- **Gas, electricity** - \$60 to \$100 per week
- **Phone and Internet** - \$20 to \$50 per week
- **Public transport** - \$10 to \$50 per week
- **Car (after purchase)** - \$150 to \$250 per week
- **Entertainment** - \$50 to \$100 per week

### Minimum cost of living

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa. Below is a guide on the requirements you must meet to study in Australia:

- **You** - \$18,610
- **Your partner** - \$6,515
- **Your first child** - \$3,720
- **Every other child** - \$2,790

All costs are per year in Australian dollars. To convert to your own currency, visit <http://www.xe.com/> ([opens in a new window](#))

The Australian Government provides information and guidance on managing your finances. You can read more at [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au) ([opens in a new window](#))

If you experience financial trouble while in Australia, talk to your institution's international student support staff for assistance.