

Accommodation in Australia

Australia has a wide variety of student accommodation to suit different budgets and needs. Students can choose to live with an Australian family or in shared rental accommodation with other students or friends.

Niche Education Group Pty Ltd (Niche) provides help to students in finding accommodation, understanding leases and tenancy agreements.

Temporary accommodation can be arranged prior to the student's arrival, giving the student time to investigate the various styles of accommodation available.

Finding the right place to live involves consulting Niche, gaining advice from friends, and checking local newspapers advertisements and student support agencies such as Perth Education City <http://studypertth.com.au/live-perth/accommodation>

Accommodation choices include:

Homestays: Students live with an Australian family gaining valuable English language conversation skills and experiencing the unique and friendly Australian culture and lifestyle.

Rental houses and rooms: Students seeking independence may prefer rental accommodation and can choose to share with friends or other students to share living expenses.

Other: Hostels, Guesthouses and Hotels offer alternative accommodation for students.

Cost of Living in Australia

Australia has the position of having one of the world's highest living standards. Institutions in Perth have calculated the living costs in Perth as being around AUD \$400 - \$500 per week.

School aged Dependents

Any school aged dependents who accompany international students to Australia will be required to pay full fees if they are enrolled in either a government or non government school. Fees vary from state to state. For more information contact the relevant state Department of Education.

Flexible Pathways

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a national system of learning pathways linking universities, vocational education and training, The AQF structure allows students to move easily from one level of study to the next and from one institution to another subject to visa restrictions. Further study and/or career option advice is contained in your specific course information or is available from Student Support Officers at Niche .

Counseling Support

If a student experiences difficulty completing studies due to personal issues, the Student Support Officer will provide whatever assistance is appropriate reasonable and equitable. This service is at no charge to the student.

Internal and external counseling services are available to students so they may receive advice in the following areas:

- personal, emotional and cultural issues.
- study skills
- education information
- applications for further study
- information on student visas, student health cover and international students obligations should refer to The Department of Immigration and Broader Control and The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS)
- issues relating to accommodation options, such as homestay

Niche Student Support Officer is responsible for all support services including counseling to overseas students.

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External counseling services are listed below.

Relationships Australia Ph: 08-9489 6363 or 1300 364 277 email: info@wa.relationships.com.au	Baptistcare Pathways Counseling and Family Service Ph: 1300 660 640
Life-line 24 hour Crisis Telephone Counseling Ph: 131 114	Institute of Accredited Clinical Psychologists Ph: 1300 788 348
Pregnancy Counselling Australia Ph: 1300 139 313	Legal Aid WA Ph: 1300 650 579

Language, Literacy and Numeracy Referral Service:

If a student is having difficulty with language, literacy and numeracy skills (either identified by self or lecturer), the Student Support Officer and the relevant lecturer will provide whatever assistance is appropriate reasonable and equitable. This service is at no charge to the student.

If further assistance is required, a student may be referred to a specialist from the following providers:

- TAFE International WA: 08-9320 3746
(English for International students)
- Dyslexia Speld WA Inc. 08-9474 3494
- Reading and Writing Hotline 1300 655 506

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS)

<p>Aspect College 1325 Hay Street, West Perth, WA, 6005 Ph: 08-9322 4136 Email: australia@aspectworld.com.au</p>	<p>Perth International College of English Level 2, 100 Murray Street, Perth City, WA, 6000 Ph: 08-9221 2295 Email: info@pice.com.au</p>
<p>Cambridge International College 297 Hay Street, East Perth, WA, 6004 Ph: 08-9221 9990 Email: cicp@cambridge.com.au</p>	<p>Phoenix Academy 223 Vincent Street, West Perth, WA, 6005 Ph: 08-9235 6000 Email: info@phoenix.wa.edu.au Web: www.phoenix.wa.edu.au</p>
<p>Centre for English Language Teaching The University of Western Australia 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, WA, 6009 Ph: 08-6488 3539 Email: celtinfo@celt.uwa.edu.au</p>	<p>Language Links 90 Beaufort Street, Perth, WA, 6000 Ph: 08-9328 1266 Email: enquiries@languagelinks.wa.edu.au Web: www.languagelinks.wa.edu.au</p>
<p>ECU International English Centre Churchland Campus, Pearson Street, Churchlands, WA, 6018 Ph: 08-9442 1402 Email: iec@ecu.edu.au</p>	<p>St Marks International College 375 Stirling Street, Perth, WA, 6000 Ph: 08-9227 9888 Web: www.stmarkspertth.com.au</p>

Please note that the above services are not within the scope of Niche and may incur a fee from the provider

Study Skills

If a student is having difficulty with study skills (either identified by self or lecturer), private one-on-one tutoring with the relevant lecturer or assessor can be made available. A student must contact the Student Support Officer to arrange a suitable time for the support. This service is at no charge to the student.

If a learning difficulty becomes apparent and further in-depth assistance is required, the student may be referred to a specialist tutor. This service is not within the scope of Niche and may incur a fee from the provider.

More Information

The Council of International Students in Western Australia offers free support and advice for overseas students studying and living in Western Australia.

Email: info@ciswa.com

Website: www.ciswa.com

Postal Address: P O Box 190, Maylands WA, 6931

Phone: 08-9325 4156

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The "Insider guides" is a free useful downloadable booklet for students offering extensive information for International Students in regard to living and studying in Perth. <http://www.insiderguides.com.au/perth/#>