



## International Student Pre-departure Checklist

You're almost ready to leave for your new adventure in Australia! Before you leave your home country, it is important to make sure you have planned and prepared for your travels as this will help to ensure a pleasant and safe arrival and first weeks in Australia. Please carefully read through this Pre-Departure Checklist, ensuring that you have checked off each item. If you have any queries, please contact us at [admissions@equals.edu.au](mailto:admissions@equals.edu.au) or phone us on + 61 8 8110 1200.

**Tick when complete** Please read through your Course information or Student Prospectus and the Student Handbook to ensure you understand the following information. *Have you:*

Read and understood the Course Information (or Prospectus) and Student Handbook, including your Written Agreement and Student Fees and Refund Policy?

Understood your obligations regarding Overseas Student Health Insurance?

Reviewed the information about Adelaide, Accommodation and other local information?

Understood the course content and duration of the course you are enrolling in?

Complied with the entry requirements for the course and provided copies of relevant documentation to the International Admissions Advisor?

Received a copy of your Electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (only for Students with a Student Visa)

Provided a copy of your passport to the International Student Liaison officer

Read and understood the conditions outlined in your Letter of Offer and Written Agreement?

### Other checklist items:

Organised all travel arrangements and packed your most important documents in your hand luggage?

Packed your folder with important documents?

Checked Customs and Quarantine regulations and separately packed items that you need to declare?

Organised to have approximately AUD\$3,000 available to you on arrival in Adelaide? (Approximately A\$500 in cash; the balance available through electronic means )

Had medical/optical/dental checkups prior to leaving?

Written down the contact details of your country's embassy in Australia?

Purchased locks for your luggage?

Organised accommodation (or requested EQUALS to organise short term accommodation)?

Do you have your OSHC Insurance membership number and the phone number for emergency purposes?

Are you aware that if you are planning to rent accommodation you will likely be required to pay 4



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weeks rent as bond for the property (refundable)?

### What to bring with you to Australia

Most items you will need are available in Australia, though the cost of some may be higher than in your home country. Here is some advice on what international Students may want to bring with them, and also what is not necessary. Remember you are only allowed 20-30kgs of luggage on the flight to Australia.

#### Tick

#### Bring the following:

##### Clothing

Electrical goods - computers, hair dryers, stereos and rice-cookers are items some international Students choose to bring with them. However, bear in mind that these items may attract customs duty GST. If in doubt, refer to the Australian Customs Regulations at [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

Adaptor plugs - Australia has 240 volt, AC 50 Hz cycle electricity.

Optical Spares – if you wear glasses or contact lenses you should bring spares.

Other personal items - you may find it useful to bring things like a small sewing kit, battery operated alarm clock, umbrella, dictionary, and prescriptions for medicines, sports gear, toiletries and other favourite personal items.

Waterproof document folder which includes the following:

Valid passport and Student visa (including photocopies)

Copy of your confirmation of enrolment form, your letter of offer and other material sent to you by EQUALS International

Receipts of payment for all fees

Certified copies of personal papers, including academic transcripts, educational or work qualifications you may already have completed.

Identification papers such as birth certificate, proof of citizenship, international driver's permit

Credit cards

Your medical records, immunisation records and school records of all accompanying family members

Marriage certificate if your spouse is coming with you

Receipts of goods you may bring with you to Australia to assist with assessing customs duty and/or GST

If you intend to drive in South Australia, you must bring your current driver's license with you. If possible, have the license updated to cover the duration of your studies.

#### Do Not bring the following

**Food** - not just because there are strict Customs regulations, but because you really don't need to.

- Adelaide is a multicultural, cosmopolitan city and international Students usually find they can get foods from their home countries here.

- Winter clothes** - it is advisable to buy your winter clothing in Australia, as it will be more suitable to the local climate.



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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_