



Bringing your Family to Australia Information Sheet

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Please refer to the Australia Awards Policy handbook section 7.2.

Please note the Australia Awards program does not provide any additional financial support for your family to accompany you. Australia Award scholars are strongly encouraged to settle in to study and life in Australia for at least the first 6 months before making arrangements for family to join them. Please also note that by bringing your family you forfeit the right to any reunion travel entitlements.

To bring family to join you on scholarship in Australia follow these steps:

Family Acknowledgement Form

- When you advise us you will be bringing your family to Australia we ask you to a form to acknowledge that you forfeit your reunion airfare entitlements and take full responsibility for your family on arrival.
- You should request this form by sending us an email to sponsoredprograms@latrobe.edu.au

“Letter of No Objection”

- Send an email to sponsoredprograms@latrobe.edu.au with dependents names, dates of birth, and passport numbers and Sponsored Programs Team provides you a reference letter to support your family visa application
- The Embassy in your home country may contact you directly with a list of required documents before issuing the no objection letter.
- When the letter is available it will be emailed to you

Family Health cover

- Australia Award students need to upgrade single health cover to dual or family cover
- There is no restriction on who the health cover is with, but you cannot change your own health cover from the university provider (Medibank).

Apply for Visa

- Family members will need the No Objection letter in conjunction with the dual or family health cover evidence, to apply for the visa.

Housing

- Australia Award students must ensure that seeking appropriate housing does not interfere with studies. The Australia Awards program does not look kindly on students missing classes to sort their families out.

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Schooling Options for Children

- In most cases you need to seek approval from the Victorian Government to enrol your children in school. You may apply online: www.study.vic.gov.au/deecd/schools-in-victoria/apply/en/apply-to-study.cfm
- Once approved you should identify a school near to where you live or study and make an appointment to speak to the principal or school coordinator about study options, fees, uniforms etc