

Pre-departure and arrival checklist

Use this list as a reminder, but remember more information on each of these points is located throughout this guide. You could also print these pages and tick off each item as you go.

When you accept your offer

- Apply for your passport. Apply for your student visa (see page 8).
- Arrange for immunisations, medications and any medical records from your doctor.
- Apply for a credit card and/or arrange for access to sufficient funds. If you open an Australian bank account while overseas, you can then transfer funds and confirm overseas access to your fund with your bank (see page 22).
- Book your flight to arrive at least a few days before your registration, enrolment and Orientation (see page 13). We strongly recommend you arrive at least three weeks before classes start.
- Arrange travel insurance.
- Organise childcare or schooling for your children (see page 38).

Six to eight weeks before leaving home

- Attend an online pre-departure briefing (see page 10).
- Join e-friends (see page 10) on the Transition @ LaTrobe Facebook group – our online social networking program to assist you before you arrive.
- Arrange personal references that might assist with accommodation or employment applications.
- View the Orientation program for your campus (see page 13).
- Book your airport pick up (see page 33).
- Organise temporary accommodation for when you first arrive or apply for on-campus accommodation (see page 24).
- Read publications and websites on Australian society and culture.

Handy hint

Keep all documents in a re-sealable folder in your carry-on or hand luggage for easy access while travelling. It is wise to scan these documents and save an electronic copy, email them to yourself, or leave another set of documents with your family in case you lose the originals. Remember that if your family are coming with you, you will also need to have their documents on hand.



What to bring with you

- A valid passport and a printed copy of your current student visa.
- Your Letter of Offer from La Trobe University and a copy of your Offer Acceptance Form including Refund Policy.
- Original transcripts and/or Completion Certificates if you only have a Provisional Offer.
- Receipts for any payments already made to La Trobe University.
- Letter of award of scholarship/ sponsorship (if applicable).
- Other official identification (driver's licence, national identification (ID) card, etc.).
- Any medical records (particularly of immunisations) and any necessary medical prescriptions.
- Some Australian currency for the first few days, e.g. A\$300 – A\$500.
- A personal reference, if you plan on looking for rental accommodation.
- A reference from your previous employer/s and your CV, if you plan to seek part-time employment after your course has commenced.
- A copy of airport reception instructions if you have arranged a pick-up service, so that you know where to meet the driver.
- Photos of your family and friends as well as any items to make your new surroundings feel more comfortable and familiar.
- This *Pre-departure Guide*.

When you arrive

- If you have arranged airport pick up, follow the instructions on page 32–34 and on our website on how to meet our driver at the airport.
- Contact home – your family and friends will want to know that you have arrived safely.
- Download the My OSHC Assistant App from Google Play or the Apple Store: oshcallianzassistance.com.au/app
- Attend the international registration session with La Trobe International (LTI) (see page 35 to find LTI on your campus). Check dates, time and location of registration from our website.
- Attend your enrolment session.
- Attend the university Orientation.
- Explore and familiarise yourself with your campus.
- Get to know the area where you will live, and how to get to the campus and shops.
- Open a bank account, or if you opened one when overseas, take your passport with you to the bank so you can withdraw funds.
- Contact Accommodation Services or LTI if you are having difficulties finding long-term accommodation.

Got a question?

- Email us at: studentsupport@latrobe.edu.au
 - Chat to us live during a pre-departure webinar.
 - Join e-friends on Facebook to chat to staff and current students about all your questions before you leave home.
 - Find answers online at: latrobe.edu.au/study/international
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