

Journey to Australia

## Travel Information Kit

### Congratulations for getting an opportunity to study in Australia

(Please check your visa details and conditions at

<https://online.immi.gov.au/evo/firstParty?actionType=query>)

### PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION



### Buying Air Ticket

- The first thing you need to do is **book an air ticket**. You must be in Australia for the College's/ university's Orientation Day which is generally held one week prior to the course start date.
- Ticket prices vary depending upon peak or off-peak time. Try to book your air ticket with minimum connecting flights and few hours transit break if you can.
- If you want our help with tickets, you may contact our INFO DESK where our friendly staff will look after your ticketing needs at best prices.
- Inform your travel agency about your food/dietary requirements (*generally many Nepalis prefer Hindu meal; these requests are served first priority during flight*), and preferred seat (*generally passengers prefer window or aisle seats*).

- Maximum luggage weight limit varies between the airlines. Please check with the travel agency for maximum weight limit of your luggage and pieces allowed. Do not forget, you can carry a laptop bag in addition to your carry-on baggage (hand-carry) with you!
- Inform our **INFO DESK at 01 4104398** about your flight details so that we can assist you in case of emergency.

### **Arrangement of Airport Pick-up & Accommodation**

- Make arrangements for your accommodation in Australia as soon as possible as it may take slightly longer time to find one that suits you. Students under 18 years MUST go for homestay with a host family which will be arranged by your college/university.
- The academic institutions in the regional areas generally have accommodation facilities on their premises. Other students usually share accommodation with their peer groups.
- You must arrange in advance for someone to pick you up from the airport as the person has to organise free time to receive you at the airport.
- Alternatively, you may catch a taxi – it is easy.
- Please inform our INFO DESK if you need any assistance.

### **Enhancing Your Skills**

- Technical and personal skills, and hands-on experiences are important qualities in Australia to gain employment quickly. For example, coffee-making is one skill that can land you a job more easily than some higher qualification jobs. So, coffee-making (barista) training is one highly recommended skill that can help students find part-time jobs. Training centres can tailor an intensive course if you are short of time.
- Likewise, you can think of house-keeping training.
- If you need our help on such skills, please contact our INFO DESK for further assistance.
- Having driving licence for a car is an extra advantage for getting jobs quicker in Australia. Nepalese licence is recognized for students in Australia.
- You may search the Internet or watch YouTube about potential jobs for students in Australia.

### **Carrying Personal Things**

- There are lot of things you may want to buy prior to departure: clothes, daily needs to stationeries, etc. But please consider the weight limit the airlines will allow.
- Clothing items is a **MUST BUY** stuff as you may find them expensive and of wrong size in Australia. We further advise you to take bedsheets, pressure cooker (2-3 litres) and stationeries with you.
- Due to limited cash you can carry to Australia, we suggest you to buy even laptop, phones and their accessories in Nepal.
- Australia has a strict quarantine system. So, first of all, be clear on what you are allowed to carry with you. In general, you can take some snack items of your choice like noodles and flaked rice (*chiura*), and dried mustard leaves (*gundruk*) and dried vegetable balls (*masyoura*) with you. But, do not forget, they need to have label on it with manufacturing details including the name of producer, date of production, and best before date, and be declared in the *Incoming Passenger Card*. Please go through Australian customs and quarantine regulations which prohibit certain items like milk products, egg products, and fresh fruits and so on. For details, please visit <https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/can-you-bring-it-in>.
- If you are carrying other's stuff, please make sure that you have checked the item/s yourself and satisfied that it is allowed.

### **Knowledge about Australia, its Rules, and Regulations**

Gather some information from various sources about Australia, people and their lifestyles, job opportunities, and obviously general rules and regulations of the country so that you will not be totally naïve when you enter the first time.

### **Keeping Contact Details**

Keep a record of emergency contact details of friends and relatives (if any) who are in Australia and contact details of VIVID's Australia office. You will need to fill-up complete details of where you are going to live (full address), emergency contact person's name and contact number in the *Incoming Passenger Card*.

### **Documentation**

Pack a document folder containing your passport, ticket, visa grant notice, offer letter, Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), No Objection Letter, all academic transcripts, important contact numbers, details of pre-arranged accommodation, important medical records and any other relevant documents and keep them in your carry-on luggage (hand-carry).

### **Flight confirmation**

Reconfirm your flight schedule with the travel agency 1-2 days prior to departure. Sometimes flight schedules change due to various reasons including aircraft technical problems, airport issues, weather situation and security reasons etc.

Try to be at the airport atleast 3 hours prior to flight time.

### **AT THE AIRPORT (KATHMANDU) – The Process**



- You will get a chance to meet your friends and relatives who come to see you off at the airport if you reach there early.
- Keep your passport and ticket ready as they will be checked by the police while going inside for the boarding process.
- After screening and body-check, go to your Airline's counter for boarding pass and luggage handover. Keep your luggage tag number (attached in the ticket) safely until you come out of Australian airport.
- Then, head to Level 1 for immigration clearance where you may be cross-questioned or asked for your visa and/or other documents before giving you the clearance.

- Then, you will head towards boarding area. Your final body-screening is done on the way.

Then, after some anxious and nervous waiting, you are on the plane, seated and buckled down, headed for Australia! **Wish you a pleasant and a very memorable journey!!!**

### ON BOARD THE PLANE



- You can charge your mobile or tablets with your data cable on the plane.
- You will have access to various movies and music on the screen for your in-flight entertainment. Headphones will be provided. Port is located either on the arm of the chair or below the screen.
- Toilets are vacuum-based and noisy. So, when you press the **flush** button, the vacuum will suck the contents in the bowl nearly deafening you!

### IN TRANSIT



- There is no direct flight to Australia from Nepal. So, you will need to change your flight in transit. You will know your flight details including time and gate numbers on *information display boards* at airport.
- You will find drinking water fountain outlets across the transit area. Press the button on the side for water.
- Body-screening will be done once again before boarding the new plane.
- On your Australia- bound plane, you may be given *Incoming Passenger Card* to fill-up. Please complete honestly.

### ON ARRIVAL (AUSTRALIA)



- You will need to show your **completed Incoming Passenger Card** (which will either be handed out on the plane or is found on the way to Australian Customs and Border Protection checkpoint) and, **your passport** to the immigration officer for clearance. The officer may ask you a few questions about your planned stay in Australia.
- Then you will enter the baggage hall where you can collect your luggage. Please check the display board for carousel number where your luggage will be.
- After collecting baggage, proceed to customs and baggage examination area.
- Then, when you exit, at the gate you should find your loved ones/friends waiting impatiently to welcome you to your second home!

### **Welcome to AUSTRALIA!!!**

The Land of Milk and Honey! Kangaroos, and the Land of Opportunities.

*(Contact Yogendra Bista, Managing Director, at 0401876853, in case you need any help)*

### **FIRST FEW DAYS IN AUSTRALIA**



#### ***Things to do:***

##### **1) Knowledge of Transportation System**

Australia's internal public transport system varies from state to state. For commuting, trains are common in major cities like Sydney and Melbourne, but buses are widely available in the

other states and regional areas. Learn about the transport networks and ticketing system in your city.

## **2) Getting a Sim Card**

Buy a sim card to get yourself connected to all. There are various mobile plans in Australia including prepaid, sim only contracts or contracts with mobile phones. The sim only plan starts from \$15/month for unlimited calls in any mobile (provider) within Australia and with some data pack. The most common providers (with Nepal talk time) are Dodo, Virgin, Vodafone and Aldi mobile. Before making contracts, we suggest you to go through the following web-link:

<https://insiderguides.com.au/questions-ask-sign-phone-contract/>

## **3) Opening Bank Account**

Account opening is easy (just with your passport, visa, and CoE/student ID card) and free of cost in Australia. Normally, banks do not even charge monthly account-keeping fees to the students. A large number of students create accounts in Commonwealth Banks. Other preferred banks are Westpac and NAB.

## **4) Accommodation and Sharing**

Initially, renting unit/house in own name is difficult for the students. So, room-sharing is the best way of living as bills and other general expenses are shared among the occupants, making the accommodation a lot cheaper. The cost may range from \$100 to \$230 a week. It may include utility bills (water, gas/electricity, home phone, and internet)

## **5) Applying for Tax File Number (TFN)**

Each individual MUST have TFN in order to work in Australia. All the taxes collected on your behalf by different employers you work with throughout the year goes into that number in the Australian Taxation Office. Tax assessment is done after the completion of every fiscal year.

## **6) Updating OSHC and Getting Card**

You MUST contact your Overseas Students Health Cover (OSHC) provider at the earliest possible in order to update your details, get covered immediately and request for your OSHC Card.

### **7) Visiting the Places Around**

Visit different places in the surroundings including tourist destinations and icons to know about your place you will be living in.

### **8) Job Search**

Gradually, you can start looking for jobs of your expertise or anything you feel comfortable with. There are various sources on the internet to get job information including [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au), [www.gumtree.com.au](http://www.gumtree.com.au), company websites, and community Facebook pages. Do not panic if you do not get the job opportunity immediately; just keep on searching.

DO NOT HESITATE TO GO DOOR TO DOOR IF NEED BE.

For details about tips to find job, follow the link

<https://insiderguides.com.au/step-step-guide-land-job-australia/>

### **9) Culture and Society**

Australia is a diverse and accepting country that originated from Indigenous and British roots to today's migrants from a varied culture. It is widely known as a multicultural country where people from almost all over the world have come and settled. However, you may notice some differences in etiquette, lifestyle and values that you are accustomed to back home. Australians are informal, and you will need to accept a wide range of people on an equal basis in informal situations. The rule of law and non-discrimination based on work types are the attributes of Australian society. This also called Dignity of Labour where whatever job you do has equal respect.

In recent years, the population of Nepalis in Australia has grown significantly. In major cities and even in many regional towns, you will now find it easy to meet and interact with fellow Nepalese. There are lots of transnational activities going on in the Nepalese diaspora community. So, you will never feel lonely and alone

Australia is western democracy based on rule of law: everyone is equal in the eyes of law, something we are unlikely see in many countries in our region. So, please abide by Australian law and live wisely.

In your day to day life, you will find people using common slangs, which you may find weird in the beginning. To know some of those slangs, follow the link

<https://insiderguides.com.au/essential-aussie-slang-international-students/>

### **Additional Information to Know**

- Legally, you are not allowed to work before your course starts.
- You are allowed to work up to 40 hours a fortnight when the study is in session (except for higher degree by research students) You can work unlimited hours during session break. Family members of postgraduate students can work unlimited hours.
- You are not allowed to change your college/university before completion of 6 months of your principal course.
- Ensure that your work will not distract you from your studies.
- The best and the cheapest shop for stationeries is Officeworks that shelves all the stationeries that students need. For details, follow the link: [www.officeworks.com.au](http://www.officeworks.com.au)
- You may get spams in your emails with job offers from companies located overseas (especially related with cryptocurrency). Stay away from these lures.
- There are different network businesses (where obviously a few get benefitted) going on in the Australian market especially among Indian and Nepalese diaspora communities. If someone encourages you to join, first of all, get all the pros and cons of it and then only make a decision that best favours your needs.

### **NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE?**

Please contact: VIVID CONSULTANTS Australia  
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**VIVID CONSULTANTS Australia** welcomes you to Australia.

Good Luck with your career.