
Student Visas

To be granted a student visa, students must be a genuine applicant for entry to Australia as a student; be accepted for a full-time course of study registered by the Australian government; seek only temporary entry to Australia without intent to become a permanent resident; have adequate means of support for the duration of the course; provide evidence of adequate health insurance; provide evidence that arrangements have been made for any school-age dependant; and meet Australian health and public interest requirements. (Most will require a medical and X-ray examination before a visa is granted.)

International students are permitted to work no more than 20 hours per week while the course is in session. Family members who accompany the student are generally considered in the same visa class (certain stipulations apply), and are permitted to work up to 20 hours a week. Family members of students enrolled in a masters degree or doctoral program have unrestricted work rights.

4.2 New Zealand

New Zealand, with a population of just 3.4 million and a correspondingly small secondary and post-secondary education system, has opened Education Advisory Offices in its Asian embassies.

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International students wishing to study in New Zealand must apply for a student permit and meet certain financial conditions before the visa or permit is approved. Students interested in undertaking employment while on a student visa must make special application for permission to work.