

This visa instructions packet contains important information regarding your application for a Student visa for Australia. Please read through this carefully, as visa instructions can be complicated.

IMPORTANT: CISabroad will only advise students on visa procedures for travel requirements for your CISabroad program only. CISabroad is not responsible for advising students on visa issues if you plan to travel internationally before or after the program.

These instructions are intended for US passport holders. International students must also be aware of additional documentation and/or processing time needed for their visas. Please contact your Program Coordinator to discuss your visa.

Steps to Complete	Explanation	Timeline
<input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a passport	Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your program end date. If your passport will expire while you are abroad, you must apply for a replacement passport NOW and get it expedited to ensure you receive it quickly.	NOW
<input type="checkbox"/> Determine type of visa you need	➤ You will need an Australian Visitors Electronic Travel Authority Visa, subclass 601	NOW
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete visa application	<p>Apply online for your student visa. The application takes approximately 25 minutes. If there are no problems with your application, you will receive your visa within a few hours.</p> <p>The Australian Visitors Visa process is entirely ONLINE and you will receive your visa online. You should not expect to receive anything in the mail.</p> <p>If you do not receive your visa in 3-5 days, contact the Australian Embassy IMMEDIATELY. Do not wait until the day before you depart to apply for your visa.</p> <p>Please be sure to complete the visa application where you have access to a printer.</p>	2-6 weeks before departure
<input type="checkbox"/> Receive your visa	<p>After you apply for your visa, you will receive an email confirming its completion. Print this email out and put it in your carry-on.</p> <p><i>If you do not receive your visa within a week before departure, contact your CISabroad Program Coordinator immediately!</i></p>	2-4 weeks before departure

Generally required documents:

- An online Australia [Student Visa Application](#)
- Passport
- Visa fee

Documents that MAY be required:

- [Medical Exam](#)

Note: Required documents for visa are always subject to change at the discretion of the embassy.

Understanding your Visa Documents

Signed Passport:

- Your passport must be signed and valid for at least 6 months after your program end date. **Keep a photocopy of the picture page of your passport for your own records.**

Visa Application Fee:

- The fee for U.S. citizens is currently \$20 but is subject to change at any time. This fee may go up or down and is unrelated to CISabroad. You can find the current fee [here](#).

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THIS, AS IT CAN TAKE 30 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AND MAY REQUIRE A MEDICAL EXAM