



Destination Australia

Using your Cambridge
qualifications to study
in Australia

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About us

Cambridge Assessment International Education prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge.

Our Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Schools can shape the curriculum around how they want students to learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. It helps students discover new abilities and a wider world, and gives them the transferable skills they need for life, so they can achieve at school, university and work.

A pathway to university success

Cambridge International AS & A Levels are recognised as a passport to success in education, university and employment. They are valued by Australian universities as academically rigorous qualifications that equip students with the skills they need to succeed, both at university and beyond.

Nearly all Australian universities with undergraduate programmes recognise our qualifications, including those from the Group of Eight coalition of top universities. Each of these member universities is well regarded in a number of different areas and Cambridge students are currently enrolled at or have graduated from these universities.

We believe that it is essential to make sure that students holding Cambridge qualifications don't just get into universities in Australia, but also that they are well prepared to succeed in their studies and are well equipped with the necessary academic skills. We offer over 50 subjects at Cambridge International AS & A Level, so students can pick the subjects they love and the subjects they want to specialise in.

Did you know?

- Australia has the third highest number of international students in the world, behind only the United Kingdom and the United States, despite having a population of only 23 million.
- Currently, there are more than 500 000 international students studying in Australia across different education sectors, with more than 80 per cent of them coming from Asia.



Please note: All information is correct at March 2018. For the latest information and statements on Australian universities accepting Cambridge qualifications, search our database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch

“We are delighted to welcome Cambridge International A Level students to our campus. We have many students who enter Macquarie University following their A Level study and they are typically confident, well prepared and adjust well to university life.”

Ms Nicole Brigg, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International), Macquarie University

Why choose Australia?

There are many reasons to apply to study at undergraduate level in Australia. Australia is home to some of the world's leading universities and they welcome applications from international students.

Universities in Australia are extremely keen on internationalisation, and welcome large numbers of international students each year.

Twenty-two Australian universities were ranked among the top 400 universities worldwide in the 2015/2016 Times Higher Education World University Rankings. All of them accept students with Cambridge International A Levels.

Australian universities offer a high level of support to international students, including foundation years and pathways and help with English language and academic studies.

According to the QS Best Student Cities 2018 poll, Australia has four of the 30 best cities in the world for students, based on student mix, affordability, quality of life, and employer activity – all important factors for students when choosing a study destination.

Australia has an international reputation as one of the best places in the world to live. It is a unique and diverse country in every way – in culture, population, climate, geography, and history. Over the years, cities such as Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney have repeatedly been voted as the world's most liveable cities. These cities are also top of the list of tourist destinations.



Facts and figures

- There are 43 universities in Australia (40 Australian universities, two international universities, and one private speciality university). Higher education courses are also offered by many other institutions.
- In Australia it is quite common for students to enrol in a double or combined bachelor degree programme, which leads to the awarding of two bachelor degrees. This is most common in the fields of the arts, commerce, law and science.
- English is the official language of Australia and the main language of instruction in the education system. Many schools offer bilingual programmes or programmes in other languages.



Did you know?

Of Australia's 23 million population, almost half (47%) of all Australians were either born overseas or have one parent born overseas.

More than 260 languages are spoken in Australian homes: in addition to English, the most common are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese and Greek.



Adelaide University

Did you know?

There are 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites in Australia – more than any other country – including the Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu National Park, Lord Howe Island Group, Tasmanian Wilderness, Fraser Island and the Sydney Opera House.



Tip

You can search for institutions which have given their formal acceptance of Cambridge qualifications on our website at:

[cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch)

- The academic year usually starts in February/March but varies depending on the type of study you are undertaking. Many institutions also offer a mid-year, or second semester start. Start dates and the number of semesters vary by course and institution, so please check each institution's website for details.
- Australian institutions offer a wide range of courses. There are more than 20 000 courses available in over 1200 institutions – from science to management and commerce, humanities to engineering, and law to health sciences. Australian institutions rank among the world's best by discipline, particularly in engineering and technology, medicine, environmental science, and accounting and finance.
- The costs of studying in Australia depend on the institution and the level of study chosen. For international students, the tuition fees are payable before you study. There may be additional costs for the chosen course, including course materials and access to institution facilities.
- Typical course costs for different types of qualifications are:
 - English language studies – Around AUD 300 per week depending on course length
 - Undergraduate bachelor degree – AUD 15,000 to AUD 33,000 per year*.

* **Note:** This does not include high-value courses such as veterinary and medical. Please visit the institution websites to see costs for these courses.



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Student success stories

A passport to study in Australia

Gideon Richard Budiono

Course: Bachelor of Medicine

School: IPH School,
Indonesia

University: University of New South Wales



“One of the most tangible benefits I gained from Cambridge International A Levels was familiarity with the scientific content in the first classes I attended at university. I was able to not only revise the content I studied at Cambridge International A Level but also to think and analyse more deeply on each topic.

Cambridge International A Levels laid a solid foundation for my knowledge of chemistry and biology, providing a smooth transition from high school to university. Cambridge programmes also instilled in me a passion for learning and the application of knowledge. These skills and values are essential for any university student, regardless of particular interest, in order to use their discoveries and knowledge for the advancement and welfare of society.”

Ooi Wenn Lynn

Course: Bachelor of Biomedical Science

School: Taylor's College, Malaysia

University: University of Melbourne



“I was a little apprehensive when I first enrolled for the Cambridge International A Level programme

because I was told that it was very challenging. But looking back, I'm thankful for my decision as it provided me with a solid background in preparation for my university studies. Here, lecturers often build upon knowledge that students are expected to have learnt previously. Having done Cambridge International A Levels, I found the transition from college to university easier than other students.”

Taalib Haniff

Course: Mechanical Engineering

School: Wycherley International
School, Sri Lanka

University: University of
Melbourne



“The Cambridge International A Level curriculum has sparked my curiosity and offered me a comprehensive coverage in the breadth and depth of my subjects, especially in physics.

The curriculum provided me with a detailed understanding of my subjects and thus helped me to develop my knowledge at my university with ease. Taking Cambridge International A Level Physics meant that I would have to perform practicals regularly and also improve my laboratory skills. This proved essential in my university course as it enabled me to think critically and apply my knowledge to solve problems. The curriculum has aided me immensely to undertake a Mechanical Engineering course at the esteemed University of Melbourne.”

Quynh Anh Mai

Course: Bachelor of Commerce

School: The ABC International School, Vietnam

University: University of Sydney

“Having completed my Cambridge International A Level qualifications, I was able to gain a direct entry into the University of Sydney, rather than having to take the Foundation pathway like many students from Vietnamese high schools. Moreover, I feel that I have also gained a competitive advantage compared to other international students. I was familiar with the terminologies, particularly the technical concepts in Business Studies, which fast-tracked my learning in the university environment. This is evidenced by the fact I was placed second in a unit of study called Management Accounting A and third in a Marketing Research unit.”



Rebeca Indira

Course: Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology)

School: SMAK Penabur 8, Indonesia

University: Deakin University



“Taking Cambridge International A Level lessened my initial stress of going to a foreign university because many of its attributes already helped shape me to fit better with Australia’s education system. Not only did it expose me to a higher level of English language in both reading and writing, it also encouraged me to be more independent with my studying method. This worked to my advantage as I found that Deakin University gives students more autonomy on how they’d like to tackle study materials.”



Suit Yin Thing

Course: Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons)

School: Sunway College, Malaysia

University: University of Queensland

“I am very grateful to have undertaken the Cambridge International A Level before pursuing my degree at the University of Queensland. The knowledge I have gained during A Level not only helped me to cope with the university syllabus, but also was critical in rationalising my logical thinking. For example, A Level Biology required me to think reasonably with supporting evidence, integrating knowledge gained from books with real-life situations.

The practical experience in A Level helped build my confidence and my ability to accomplish a task with little supervision. As a Pharmacy student, this is particularly vital because we need to present our knowledge in a professional yet simple way for patients to understand. Overall, the depth of the A Level syllabus provided a strong foundation for my UQ degree, especially in the freshman year. Studying Pharmacy at UQ is fantastic yet challenging. I believe this four-year programme can transform me into an empathetic health care professional who focuses on patient-centred care.”

Zhang Xifan

Course: Bachelor of Education in Early Years and Primary Education

School: Guangdong Guangya School, China

University: Monash University



“The Cambridge International A Level curriculum provided me with opportunities to fully immerse in an English-centred study world. My specialisation in Early Education requires me to develop outstanding English language and academic skills.

The dynamic and helpful English course at Cambridge IGCSE prepared me for my future academic life at university. The curriculum gave me a detailed and comprehensive understanding of my Cambridge International A Level subjects which included chemistry, physics, mathematics and biology. It provided the foundations for understanding the holistic strategies to promote children’s literacy and numeracy, science, health and physical education. The curriculum provided an excellent preparation for my future as an outstanding student in Monash University.”

Leon Lazarou

Course: Bachelor of Business (Management)

School: The Heritage Private School, Cyprus

University: RMIT University



“Being introduced to the Cambridge curriculum from a young age at The Heritage Private School in Cyprus has contributed to the necessary skills I have developed today.

Taking computing, mathematics and physics at Cambridge International A Level unlocked the independence and open mind required to study in Australia. The two-year qualification provided me with a significant advantage when it came to my university course in that it eased the psychological changeover into university life and the higher standard of work. This has aided me tremendously in undertaking my Management and Marketing course at RMIT University.”

What you need to know

There is every chance Australia has a course suited to your specific study interest. Before selecting a course, there are a number of things to check first, such as the courses available and fields of study.

What courses can I study?

There are thousands of excellent courses offered by Australian universities and colleges which lead to qualifications that are respected by employers and academics worldwide. At undergraduate level, most students study for a bachelor's degree. Shorter courses are also available including foundation degrees and diploma courses. A full-time bachelor's or undergraduate degree normally takes three years to complete (four in some cases, such as language courses that require a year of study abroad or business courses that require work experience).

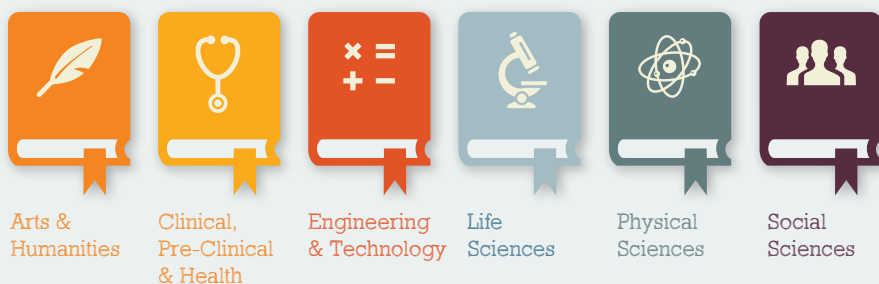
If you have an interest in a specific study area, there is every chance an Australian institution can meet your needs. At least three Australian universities are ranked in the top 50 worldwide across the study areas of Arts and Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Natural Sciences, Life Sciences and Medicine, and Social Sciences and Management (according to QS World University Rankings).

Fields of study

Courses in Australia are categorised by 'Fields of education', also called 'Fields of study'. It is a classification system used by Australian institutions to describe courses, specialisations and units of study. The 12 fields are:

1. Natural and Physical Sciences
2. Information Technology
3. Engineering and Related Technologies
4. Architecture and Building
5. Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies
6. Health
7. Education
8. Management and Commerce
9. Society and Culture
10. Creative Arts
11. Food, Hospitality and Personal Services
12. Mixed Field Programmes

Australian universities feature in the top 50 ranked universities in the world in the following study areas:



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“Cambridge International A Levels have a very well-deserved reputation. They are qualifications which allow us to be confident that the students will be well prepared for higher education.”

Professor Nick Shaw, School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland

What qualifications do I need to get a place on a course at an Australian university?

Entry requirements

For academic courses at established universities, typical Australian university entrance requirements are three A Level passes at minimum grade C or above, although some courses may have lower entry requirements. Two AS Level subjects can be counted in place of one A Level subject for some universities, including Monash University and Queensland University of Technology. Competitive courses require three A Levels with good grades (ABB or above).

Each higher education course has its own entry requirements. You'll have to achieve certain exam grades and you may need qualifications in particular subjects to ensure that you have the right skills and knowledge to successfully complete the course. Universities list the entry requirements for each of their courses on their websites alongside other requirements, such as an admissions test or an interview. Check the entry requirements for each of your selected courses carefully since these vary from university to university, even for the same course of study.

Applying with Cambridge International AS & A Levels

You need to make sure that your choice of Cambridge International AS & A Level subjects is suitable for your intended degree course, especially if you have a specific career path in mind such as medicine, engineering or law, which may have specific subject requirements. For medicine, for example, two science subjects or one science and a maths subject are often expected. A number of courses have subject-specific requirements so bear this in mind when selecting your university course. Check the entry requirements carefully for your chosen course on the university's website before submitting your application.

Do I need to sit an admissions test?

You may be asked to take an admissions test, particularly for medicine or law, and/or attend an interview or audition (for performing arts) as part of the admissions process. Admissions tests often assess particular abilities, such as thinking skills and logical reasoning. Most admissions tests happen at the start of the academic cycle. The standard academic year in Australia starts in February or March and runs until December so, if you do need to sit such a test, make sure you register on time. You may need to take the

test before sending in your application. If you are invited to attend an interview, the university will let you know about the arrangements.

English language

The English language requirements vary between Australian universities, and according to the course you want to study. For entry into law and medicine, for example, the English language requirements are generally higher than for other courses. The IELTS test is the most common way of demonstrating your English language ability. Many universities require you to obtain a minimum score in each band of IELTS (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking) in a single sitting. Cambridge English Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) is also widely accepted by universities.

Student visa

In addition, you will need to meet the Australian government's English language requirements. To apply for a student visa, you must be accepted to study full time at an educational institution in Australia. For the purpose of visa application, an IELTS average score of 5.5 is required. A Cambridge English: Advanced score of 162 is deemed as equivalent to the required IELTS score.

You should carefully check student visa information on both the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (www.border.gov.au) and the institution websites for English language requirements.

Australian National University – Canberra



How do I apply to study at an Australian university?

Choosing a university programme is a very important decision. You will need to think about the type of university you are most interested in, the courses offered, the location of the university, the choice of activities on offer, and the costs.

The application process

Step 1: Choosing courses

- Identify Australia as your preferred destination
- Decide on a course and institution
- Check entry requirements for the course and visa requirements

Step 2: Applying

- Make your application¹
- Receive your offer letter
- Receive Confirmation of Enrolment

Step 3: Starting your course

- Apply for your visa (www.border.gov.au)
- Plan your travel

¹ Cambridge students from Australia and New Zealand may apply through the Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC) of the chosen university, e.g. those who wish to study at the University of Melbourne may apply through the Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).



Recognition of Cambridge qualifications

Universities across Australia welcome applications from Cambridge students. Cambridge International A Levels are widely accepted for direct entry to undergraduate degree courses. A growing number of universities now also accept Cambridge Pre-U, an alternative to A Level taken in UK schools.

Here are some examples of entry requirements for Australian universities:

University of Melbourne: Minimum of three A Levels at grades BBC are required for application. Requirements differ and some courses require significantly higher grades. Admission is guaranteed to students who achieve certain grades. Cambridge Pre-U is recognised for direct entry. The University of Melbourne will also accept a combination of Cambridge Pre-U and A Levels to meet the entry requirements.

University of Queensland: The University of Queensland welcomes applications from students holding Cambridge International A Levels or the Cambridge AICE Diploma. Grades from the best

three (or two) A Level subjects or a combination of A and/or AS Level subjects equivalent to three (or two) A Level subjects will be converted into an aggregate score as follows: A*=5, A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.

Australian National University (ANU):

ANU welcomes applications from students holding Cambridge International A Levels. Points will be calculated as follows: A*/A=5, B=4, C=3 etc. A minimum of 12 points is required in the best three subjects, all of which must have been taken in one year.

Tertiary Admissions Centres

A Tertiary Admissions Centre is a state-based organisation that administers application processes for places in tertiary courses in higher education institutions and universities in the different states in Australia, excluding Tasmania and Northern Territory. This service is only available to Australian and New Zealand citizens as well as Australian Permanent Residents.

For example, the University Admissions Centre (UAC), which works with universities in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, recognises both Cambridge International A Levels and Cambridge Pre-U. All UAC participating institutions consider A Levels (or comparable qualifications) equivalent to an Australian Year 12 qualification.

Recognition database

Our recognition database shows all the institutions worldwide that have given formal written acceptance of Cambridge qualifications. It is regularly updated with new recognition statements, allowing students to see where their Cambridge qualifications are accepted.

For the latest information, or to search for your chosen institution, go to www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognitionsearch

Example of a search in our recognition database.

Search Results

Recognition and acceptance

Register your organisation's admissions policy

Recognition search

Your results are displayed below. Where recognition data has been provided by organisations, it can be sorted by organisation name, type or location. To do this, click the corresponding list header. The results displayed represent only written statements or recognition received but these qualifications are also accepted by many other organisations which have not provided us with a statement.

If you would like to see information about your organisation included in our Recognition Search results, please [register your recognition details](#).

You searched on:

Organisation Type:	Universities and colleges
Organisation Name:	
Country:	Australia
State:	SA
Qualification Group:	Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge AICE Diploma

Print Search again

Latest recognition

- Rhodes College
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Presbyterian College

Recognitions that match your search criteria:

Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge AICE Diploma 5 results

Organisation Name	Type	Location	Recognition Details
Flinders University	Universities and colleges	Australia South Australia	A Levels are accepted for admission. Please contact the University for further details. Details
South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)	Universities and colleges	Australia South Australia	For students completing GCE A Levels, SATAC will convert the aggregate of your grades from the best 3 A Level subjects to an equivalent ATAR. The subject General Studies (or its equivalent) cannot be counted. SATAC's participating institutions are: TAFE SA Charles Darwin University Flinders University of South Australia Tabor Adelaide The University of Adelaide University of South Australia Details
TAFE SA	Universities and colleges	Australia South Australia	Students holding at least two Cambridge International A Levels are welcome to apply for admission. Some courses may also have additional entry criteria, such as a portfolio or audition for Arts courses, or an aptitude of skills test for Health courses. Students must also meet the English language requirements for their chosen course. Please visit our website for further details. http://www.tafesa.edu.au/international/apply-international-student Details
University of Adelaide	Universities and colleges	Australia South Australia	A Levels are accepted for admission for undergraduate program entry. Please contact the university for further details. Details
University of South Australia	Universities and colleges	Australia South Australia	The University of South Australia is pleased to consider applications from students holding Cambridge International A Levels or the Cambridge AICE diploma. Students must have completed at least three A Levels in academic

Australian universities that accept Cambridge International A Levels

All universities under the Universities Australia umbrella, as well as other Australian tertiary institutions, recognise our qualifications – including those from the Group of Eight coalition of top universities.

Australian Capital Territory

- Australian National University
<https://study.anu.edu.au/apply/international-applications>
- University of Canberra
www.canberra.edu.au/international

New South Wales

- Australian Catholic University
www.acu.edu.au/international
- Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School
www.torrens.edu.au/blue-mountains-hotel-management-school
- Charles Sturt University
www.csu.edu.au/international
- Macquarie University
www.mq.edu.au/international.php
- Southern Cross University
www.scu.edu.au/international
- SP Jain School of Global Management, Sydney
www.spjain.org
- University of New England
www.une.edu.au/study/international
- University of New South Wales
www.international.unsw.edu.au
- University of Newcastle
www.newcastle.edu.au/international
- University of Sydney
www.sydney.edu.au/future-students
- University of Technology, Sydney
www.uts.edu.au/future-students/international
- University of Wollongong
www.uow.edu.au/future/international/index.html
- Western Sydney University
www.uws.edu.au/international



Northern Territory

- Charles Darwin University
www.cdu.edu.au/international

Queensland

- Bond University
<https://bond.edu.au/future-students/bond-international>
- CQ University
www.cqu.edu.au/international-students
- Griffith University
www.griffith.edu.au/international
- James Cook University
www.jcu.edu.au/international
- Queensland University of Technology
www.qut.edu.au/international
- University of Queensland
www.uq.edu.au/international
- University of Southern Queensland
www.usq.edu.au/study/international

South Australia

- Flinders University
www.flinders.edu.au/international-students
- University of Adelaide
www.international.adelaide.edu.au
- University of South Australia
www.unisa.edu.au/study-at-unisa/international-students

Victoria

- Deakin University
<http://www.deakin.edu.au/international-students>
- Federation University of Australia
www.federation.edu.au/international
- La Trobe University
www.latrobe.edu.au/international
- Monash University
www.monash.edu/study/international
- RMIT University
www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students
- Swinburne University of Technology
www.swinburne.edu.au/study/international
- University of Melbourne
www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/international
- Victoria University
www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/international-students

Tasmania

- University of Tasmania
www.utas.edu.au/international

Western Australia

- Curtin University
www.international.curtin.edu.au
- Edith Cowan University
www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/international
- Murdoch University
www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students/International-students
- University of Notre Dame Australia
www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/international-students
- University of Western Australia
www.international.uwa.edu.au

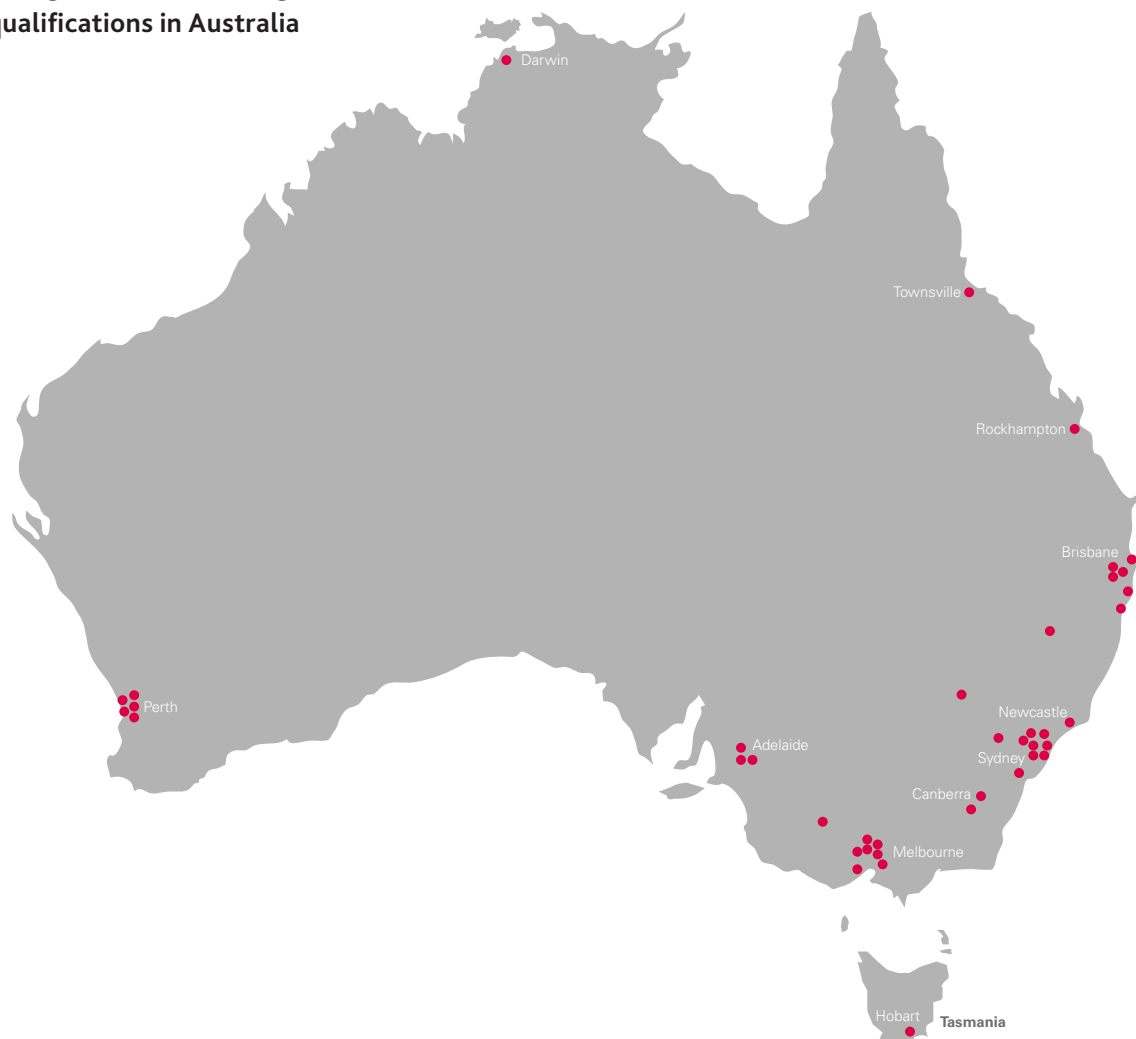


“Whatever goals students may be pursuing, we are here to help. We have welcomed a number of students to The University of Western Australia community after they have successfully completed their Cambridge International A Levels. They have settled into campus life well and are achieving very good results.”

Zoe Morrison, Associate Director, Admissions, University of Western Australia

Australian universities that accept Cambridge International A Levels continued

Recognition of Cambridge qualifications in Australia



● Universities that recognise Cambridge International A Levels.

You may find the following sources of information useful

1. General information for international students planning to study in Australia is at <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/>
2. The Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) is the official Australian government website that lists all Australian education providers that offer courses to people studying in Australia on student visas. Go to <https://cricos.education.gov.au/>
3. Information related to student visa and English language requirements is at www.border.gov.au
4. Information on the Australian Group of Eight universities is at www.go8.edu.au
5. The OECD website gives information about Australia's education system. Go to www.oecd.org/australia
6. Information on the ranking of Australia's universities and the university landscape in general is at www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings

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