DEPendantS SCHOOLING INFORMATION

In Western Australia, dependants of international students may be enrolled in either government (public) or non-government (private) schools registered by the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). A visa for a dependant must be obtained through the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) or a representative. Both public and private schools require the payment of fees. Public school fees vary for dependants of pathway students, undergraduate students, postgraduate students and for some scholarship students. It is important to understand these costs BEFORE your dependants arrive in Australia. It is essential to bring your dependant’s immunisation records, birth certificates, original school reports (and copies translated into English by a professional translator).

DEPendants of Masters and PhD Students (visa subclass 573 & 574)
(not relevant to AAS students or King Abdullah scholarship students)

Dependants of international Masters & PhD students may be enrolled in selected public schools through the Department of Education of Western Australia (DoE) under the same conditions as local students while studying in Western Australia (WA), provided the school is on the Approved Schools List and has the capacity to accept them. There is a high demand for places in public schools in WA and it may not be possible to place dependants in schools closest to the student’s home or near the university. Enrolment of an overseas student in a public school is at the discretion of the principal and can only take place if the school has:
• been approved to accept overseas students by the Director General of Education;
• spare accommodation capacity; and
• an appropriate educational program.

Voluntary contributions and charges apply to all public primary and secondary schools. These charges are approximately A$60 per year, per child for primary school and approximately A$235 – A$500 for secondary school per year, per child. Items such as school and sports uniforms, stationery, school books, travel to and from school, swimming programs and costs associated with optional courses of study and excursions will attract additional costs.

Note: If your dependant is enrolled in a public school and requires placement in an Intensive English Program (usually not relevant for children 6 years of age and under), you may need to pay between A$1,500 to A$3,000 or more per child, per year. These associated costs are paid by the student (not Curtin or DoE) and may involve the dependant moving to a school specifically designed to provide the required support. It is recommended that dependants commence English language training prior to arrival in Perth.

Note: Special requirements (such as learning difficulties or disabilities) are costed on the basis of the child’s special needs in accordance with the Department of Education’s inclusive education standards. These annual costs can range between a few thousand dollars to $25,000 and are paid by the student (not Curtin or DoE) and may involve the dependant moving to a school specifically designed to provide the required support. According to DoE policy, students will not be enrolled where the costs of providing an appropriate education program exceed the $25,000 maximum annual tuition charge.

Note: Kindergarten is not compulsory. Students may submit a request for placement in Kindergarten but due to the high demand for places, a placement is not guaranteed.

Conditions of enrolment at a public school:

1. The student must be currently enrolled in either Masters (coursework or research) or PhD course.
2. School placements for enrolment MUST be made through the Curtin International Office (see Step 2 below).
3. The dependant must be physically in Australia at the time of placement and enrolment.
4. The student must NOT directly approach public schools regarding an enrolment request.
5. The student is responsible for meeting the full costs associated with special needs such as Intensive English Program, learning difficulty or disability educational support.
6. If a student is studying a preliminary course before the Masters or PhD program (eg. a preliminary English
Process for enrolment at a public school (assisted by Curtin International):

1. Before the dependant arrives, the student must contact Education & Training International (ETI) to request a Confirmation of Placement (CoP) letter. The CoP letter is needed for your dependant(s) visa. ETI email contact is: admissions.eti@dtwd.wa.gov.au

2. Once the dependant arrives in Western Australia – the student and family must have a permanent residential address before an application for a school placement can be made. Students must then notify Curtin International by email (including the details of the residential Australian address) at: issu@curtin.edu.au Curtin International will then make an application to DoE for school placement on the student's behalf.

3. DoE will endeavour to place the dependant in a school that has spare capacity and that is close to the student’s place of residence (if possible).

4. Once a school has been assigned, each dependant will be assessed by that school to determine if there are special needs such as English language ability, learning difficulties and/or disabilities. Any associated costs for these special requirements are to be paid by the student and will vary and may involve the dependant moving to a school specifically designed to provide the required support.

5. If the student does not wish their dependant to attend the school assigned by DoE, they must make arrangements for their dependant to attend a private school and pay private tuition fees.

NON-MASTERS AND NON-PHD STUDENTS (visa sub class 570, 572, 573) AND ALL KING ABDULLAH SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

International non-Masters and non-PhD students, and all King Abdullah scholarship students are able to enrol their dependant(s) in public or private schools. International tuition fees apply for both public and private schools and vary considerably. However, International school tuition fees are the same across all public schools as outlined below. Students will be responsible for the payment of contributions, charges and fees, as determined by the school, on top of the tuition fees. Items such as school and sports uniforms, stationery, school books, travel to and from school, swimming programs and costs associated with optional courses of study and excursions will attract additional costs.

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<th>Year level</th>
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<td>Kindergarten</td>
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Note: Special requirements (such as learning difficulties or disabilities) are costed on the basis of the child’s special needs in accordance with the Department of Education’s inclusive education standards. These additional costs can range between a few thousand dollars to $25,000 and are paid by the student (not Curtin or DoE) and may involve the dependant moving to a school specifically designed to provide the required support. According to DoE policy, students will not be enrolled where the costs of providing an appropriate education program exceed the $25,000 maximum annual tuition charge.

Note: Kindergarten is not compulsory. Students may submit a request for placement in Kindergarten but due to the high demand for places, a placement is not guaranteed.
Note: King Abdullah Scholarship Holders (Saudi Arabia) – these scholarships are granted (& identified) if the student was not working with a Government Ministry at the time the scholarship was granted (or during their studies in Australia).

Conditions of enrolment at a public school:
All enrolments are on the basis of spare capacity at the school, the school having an appropriate education program and at the Principal’s discretion.

Process for enrolment at a public school:
1. Before the dependant arrives, documents must be submitted to the Department of Training and Workforce Development so the dependant(s) visa can be processed.
2. Please send an email request to: admissions.eti@dtwd.wa.gov.au and include the following information:
   - copy of the child/children’s passport details page AND a copy of the child/children’s Visa Grant Letter
   - copy of the Primary Visa Holder’s passport details page (ie: the Curtin student)
   - copy of electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) for the Primary Visa Holder (ie: the Curtin student).

   1. Once the dependant arrives in Western Australia should you wish to enrol in a Government Primary or Secondary School you will be required to complete the Overseas Fee paying Students Application form.
   2. Submit this form to admissions.eti@dtwd.wa.gov.au
   3. Students are required to pay full fees for their studies, as per the table above
   4. If the dependant has special requirements, the school will arrange for these to be assessed & costed (such as English language ability, learning difficulties and/or disabilities). The student will be advised of these arrangements and additional associated costs in writing and if agreed to, the enrolment will be confirmed. If the student does not accept the costs, they will not be able to approach another public school but will have to seek alternative education options.

DEPENDANTS OF ALL AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP (AAS) STUDENTS
Dependants of all AAS students are eligible to attend a public school through the Department of Education of Western Australia (DoE) under the same conditions as local students while studying in Perth, provided that the school has been registered and has the capacity to accept them. Note: If a dependant has special requirements such as English language ability, learning difficulties and/or disabilities - any associated costs are paid by the student, NOT Curtin or the Department of Education.

For further information on the procedures for visas, costs and enrolments for AAS dependants please contact the International Sponsored Student Unit (ISSU) directly.

DEPENDANTS OF IPRS/CIPRS & ENDEAVOUR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS
Dependants of overseas post-graduate students on the following scholarships are entitled to the same enrolment conditions as local students for the duration of that scholarship:

- a full scholarship awarded by the Commonwealth of Australia to a person who, because of the scholarship is permitted under a law of the Commonwealth to reside in Australia; or
- a full scholarship awarded by Curtin University

These post-graduate students should apply for confirmation of their scholarship status through the International Office of the University. ETI will issue a letter of introduction to be taken to the school that confirms the local enrolment entitlement. The enrolment entitlement is limited to the duration of the scholarship.

These post-graduate students will be required to pay the school contributions, charges and fees payable by all students enrolled at the school.

ISSU Contact Details
Telephone: +61 8 9266 3348 | Email: issu@curtin.edu.au | Web: ausaid.curtin.edu.au
PROCESS FOR ENROLMENT AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL:

You must contact the private school direct for enrolment/visa processes and tuition fee charges. For a list of private schools, visit http://www.des.wa.gov.au/Non-government_schools

MORE INFORMATION

For a list of public schools, visit http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/home.do.

For visa requirements, visit the Department of Immigration and Border Protection at www.immi.gov.au.

For general information on dependant schooling in Western Australia and a list of published fees for public schools, visit www.eti.wa.edu.au

For assistance with dependant schooling at Curtin please contact:

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