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 (& 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 Adbullah scholarship students)

Holders of 573 or 574 Visa are not required to pay international student tuition fees for their dependants for the duration of their post-graduate study – if the children are placed in a public school by Education & Training International.

Although dependants of international Masters& PhD students are permitted to enrol in a public primary or secondary school, they do not, however, have an entitlement to enrol at the nearest public school. The School Education Act 1999 and the School Education Regulations 2000, stipulate that overseas students have a lower enrolment priority in public schools than Australian citizens, permanent residents and some temporary residents.

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.

Schools approved by the Department of Education to accept overseas students are listed on the Education and Training International website [http://www.eti.wa.edu.au/your-study-options/study-at-school/approved-schools](http://www.eti.wa.edu.au/your-study-options/study-at-school/approved-schools).

Places for overseas students are not available at the following schools:
- Churchlands Senior High School
- John Curtin College of the Arts
- Perth Modern School
- Rossmany Senior High School
- Shenton College
- Willetton Senior High School

Note: 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 to $500 for secondary school per year, per child to be paid by the 573/574 visa holder – including charges such as school and sports uniforms, stationery, school books, travel to and from school, swimming programs, optional courses of study, excursions and events.

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 AUD$1,500 to AUD$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.
STEP ONE: process for obtaining documents for dependant visa application:
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.

2. To receive your COP, you are required to provide the following documents to ETI:
   a. Completed Confirmation of Placement Request Form (found in the below link)
   b. Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) for the Primary Visa Holder (i.e: Curtin student)
   c. Copy of the Primary Visa Holders passport details page
   d. Copy of the child/children’s passport details page
   e. Email all of the above documents to ETI at: admissions.eti@dtd.wa.gov.au

*Confirmation of Placement Request Form found at:* [http://www.eti.wa.edu.au/Documents/Confirmation%20of%20Placement%20Request%20Form.pdf](http://www.eti.wa.edu.au/Documents/Confirmation%20of%20Placement%20Request%20Form.pdf)

STEP TWO: conditions of application and enrolment at a public school:
1. The student must be currently enrolled in either Masters (coursework or research) or PhD course.

2. Application for school placement MUST be made through the Curtin International Office (see process below).

3. The dependant must be physically in Australia at the time of application for placement and enrolment.

4. **The student must NOT directly approach public schools or ETI 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 program or a Graduate Diploma), the process outlined below **DOES NOT apply** - in this case, students must follow the process in section “Non-Masters and Non-PhD students” (see page 3) until they are formally enrolled in the Masters or PhD.

STEP THREE: process for application for a school placement (assisted by Curtin International)

1. **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.

2. To make application: students must contact Curtin International by email (including the details of the residential Australian address) at: issu@curtin.edu.au

3. Curtin International will then provide the application forms and other requirements.

1. Students complete and send application back to Curtin International.

2. Curtin International sends the application and supporting documents to ETI (note: could take 2-4 weeks to process)

3. ETI issues a Payment Advice/Acceptance Letter (only if Intensive English Program required).

4. Student pays for English Intensive Acceptance (only if Intensive English Programs required).

5. ETI issues Confirmation of School Placement (CoSP) letter to the students and school directly.

6. Students enrol the child at the assigned school.

**Please note that:**
1. ETI 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).

2. If there are special needs such as English language support, 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.

3. If the student does not wish their dependant to attend the school assigned by ETI, 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 (not relevant to AAS 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, excursions and events will attract additional costs.

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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 depend on the spare capacity at the school, the school having an appropriate education program and at the Principal’s discretion.

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Confirmation of Placement Request Form found at:
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STEP TWO: process for application and school placement at a public school:
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.

This form can be downloaded from this link: http://www.eti.wa.edu.au/Documents/overseas-fee-paying-school-application-form.pdf
1. Submit this form to admissions.eti@dtwd.wa.gov.au

2. Students are required to pay full fees for their studies, as per the table above

3. 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 (contact below).

**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 (note: the enrolment entitlement is limited to the duration of the 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

**Documents for visa purposes:** these students need to follow Step One in the PhD and Masters category on page 2.

**On arrival in Australia:** these students need to follow Step Two in the PhD and Masters category on page 2.

Postgraduate students under these scholarships 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 3909 | Email: issu@curtin.edu.au | Web: international.curtin.edu.au

**PROCESS FOR ENROLMENT AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL:**


**MORE INFORMATION**


For visa requirements, visit the Department of Immigration and Border Protection at [www.immi.gov.au](http://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](http://www.eti.wa.edu.au).

For assistance with dependant schooling at Curtin please contact:

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