



## DEPENDANT SCHOOLING INFORMATION

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In Western Australia (WA), dependants of international students may be enrolled in either approved 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).

### YOUR CHILD'S AGE AND COMMENCEMENT PERIODS:

- Kindergarten if they turn four years of age by 30 June of the year they start Kindergarten
- Pre-primary if they turn five years of age by 30 June of the year they start Pre-primary
- Year 1 if they turn six years of age by 30 June of the year they start Year 1
- Year 2 if they turn seven years of age by 30 June of the year they start Year 2
- Year 3 if they turn eight years of age by 30 June of the year they start Year 3
- Year 4 if they turn nine years of age by 30 June of the year they start Year 4
- Year 5 if they turn ten years of age by 30 June of the year they start Year 5
- Year 6 if they turn eleven years of age by 30 June of the year they start Year 6

**Note:** Kindergarten schooling in WA is not compulsory and there is always a waiting list for Kindergarten placements. Students may submit a request for placement in Kindergarten but due to the high demand for places, a placement is not guaranteed.

### DEPENDANTS OF MASTERS AND PhD STUDENTS (visa subclass 500, 573 & 574)

Dependants of Masters and PhD (Doctoral) degree students 500, 573 and 574 visa holders are not required to pay international student tuition fees for their dependants for the duration of their parent's postgraduate study period, unless they are in receipt of a scholarship that also sponsors their dependant's schooling costs such as the King Abdullah Scholarship program.

The international tuition fee waiver does not apply before or after the parent's study period (for example: does not cover the preliminary English studies period before enrolling into the Masters or PhD) - during this time, the dependant is charged at the international full-fee rates.

### Enrolment Conditions

Under State Government regulations, dependants of international students have a lower enrolment priority in public schools than Australian citizens, permanent residents and some temporary residents.

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. 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 international student in a public school can only take place if the school has:

- been approved to accept international students by the Director General of Education;
- spare accommodation capacity; and

- an appropriate educational program

Schools approved by the Department of Education (DoE) to accept international students are listed on the TAFE International website <https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/your-study-options/study-at-school/approved-schools>

Note: places for international student dependents are **not** available at the following schools:

- Churchlands Senior High School
- John Curtin College of the Arts
- Perth Modern School
- Rossmoyne Senior High School
- Shenton College
- Willetton Senior High School

### **Other Fees and Charges required to be paid are:**

- Contributions and charges payable by local students enrolled at the 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 depending on subject costs. Items such as school and sports uniforms, stationery, school books, travel to and from school, swimming programs, optional courses of study, excursions and events will attract additional costs.
- Other costs incurred by the school such as leasing or purchase of notebook computers and School Curriculum and Standards Authority fees.
- **Charges for English as an additional language**  
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. **A school's assessment that additional English support is required is not negotiable and fees must be paid prior to commencement.**
- **Charges for provision of specialist services**  
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.

### **STEP ONE – PRIOR TO ARRIVAL: process for obtaining documents for dependant visa application:**

1. Before the dependant arrives, the student must contact TAFE International WA (TIWA) 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 TIWA:
  - a. Completed *Confirmation of Placement Request Form* \* (found in the below link)
  - b. Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) for the Primary Visa Holder (ie: 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 TIWA at: [admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au)

*Note:* \* *The Confirmation of Placement Request Form* can be found here:

<https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/Documents/Confirmation%20of%20Placement%20Request%20Form.pdf>

## **STEP TWO – AFTER ARRIVAL:**

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](mailto:issu@curtin.edu.au)
3. Curtin International will then provide the application forms and other requirements.
4. Students complete and send application back to Curtin International.
5. Curtin International sends the application to TIWA (note: the application can ONLY be processed during School Terms & could take 4-6 weeks to process)
6. TIWA issues a Payment Advice/Acceptance Letter (*only if Intensive English Program required*).
7. Student pays for English Intensive Acceptance (*only if Intensive English Programs required*).
8. TIWA issues Confirmation of School Placement (CoSP) letter to the students and school directly.
9. Students enrol the child at the assigned school.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

1. The student must be currently enrolled in either Masters (coursework or research) or PhD course.
2. The dependant must be physically in Australia at the time of application for placement and enrolment.
3. Application for placement in a public school MUST be made through the Curtin International Office. **The student must NOT directly approach public schools or TIWA regarding an enrolment request.**
4. TIWA will endeavour to place the dependant in a school that has spare capacity as close to the student's place of residence as possible.
5. If the student does not wish their dependant to attend the school assigned by TIWA, they **must** make arrangements to enrol their dependant in home schooling or a private school and pay private tuition fees.

**NON-MASTERS AND NON-PHD STUDENTS (visa sub class 500, 570, 572, 573) and recipients of a scholarship which covers the dependant schooling costs:**

International non-Masters, non-PhD students and recipients of a scholarship that also sponsors their dependant schooling costs (such as the King Abdullah Scholarships) 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.

### **Fees and Charges**

International school tuition fees are the same across all public schools as outlined below:

<b>Year level</b>	<b>Public School International tuition fees 2017 shown in AUD (per child, per annum or part thereof) <i>maybe subject to change</i></b>
Kindergarten	\$ 7 350
Primary (Pre-Primary – Year 6)	\$13,730
Lower Secondary (Year 7-10)	\$16,280
Upper Secondary (Year 11 -12)	\$17,880
English as a Second Language support (ESL)	\$1,500 plus tuition fees
Intensive English Centre (IEC)	\$3,000 plus tuition fees

In addition to the public school international tuition fees, the following charges and costs are required to be paid:

- Contributions and charges payable by local students enrolled at the 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 depending on subject costs. Items such as school and sports uniforms, stationery, school books, travel to and from school, swimming programs, optional courses of study, excursions and events will attract additional costs.
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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.

**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).

**Note: 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.

**STEP ONE: process for obtaining documents for dependant visa application:**

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**STEP TWO: process for application and school placement at a public school:**

1. **Once the dependent 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:  
<https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/Documents/overseas-fee-paying-school-application-form.pdf>

2. Submit this form to [admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. The dependant must be physically in Australia at the time of application for placement and enrolment.
2. TIWA will endeavour to place the dependant in an approved school that has spare capacity as close to the student's place of residence as possible.
3. Kindergarten schooling 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.
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**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. 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 are eligible for the same enrolment entitlement as local students for the duration of their parent's study period **ONLY** if they are on one of the following scholarships:

- Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS)
- 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
- Full scholarship awarded by Curtin University

Students will be required to pay local contributions, charges and fees payable by local students enrolled at the school.

**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.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For a list of approved public schools, visit <https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/your-study-options/study-at-school/approved-schools>

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 <https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/>

### **ISSU CONTACT DETAILS**

Telephone: +61 8 9266 3909 | Email: [issu@curtin.edu.au](mailto:issu@curtin.edu.au) | Web: [international.curtin.edu.au](http://international.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](http://www.des.wa.gov.au/Non-government_schools)