

Applying to Australia and New Zealand

Education System

- British based educational system. Programmes usually 3-4 years.
- High quality education with worldwide acceptance.

Application

- Applications are usually submitted online.
- Apply after you receive your A Level Results.
- Admissions are mostly done on basis of final A Level grades. Essays, recommendations and transcripts are rarely required. Some scholarships will require a separate application.
- 3-4 A Level subjects required. Different universities and programs have different entry requirements.
 - Equivalence for final A Level exam results: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, etc. A programme with a 14 requirement would mean minimum AAB, 12 would mean BBB/ABC/AAD, or higher, and so on.
- May need proof of English proficiency via TOFEL or IELTS for admission. May be a visa requirement.

Academic Calendar

- As Australia and New Zealand are in the southern hemisphere, their summer is during our winter. The first term of the academic year usually begins in February, the second term in July.
- To start at the beginning of the academic year, apply after your A Level results are released for a start in January of the year following your Lyceum graduation (as you would for some local universities).
- To start in the 2nd term in July, you would need the New Zealand/Australian university to admit you based on your projected grades.
 - You will need to confirm with your school of interest whether they will do this. Some will not.
 - Also, you must find out what happens when your grades are released in August, is your continued attendance subject to your A Level results? Could you be asked to leave if your results are low?

Costs (2013)

- Average cost in tuition is approximately AU \$20-35,000 depending on the university.
- Average cost of living is approximately AU \$18-20,000

Scholarships

- Some universities offer their own scholarships. Scholarships are usually merit based and amounts vary. See the scholarship list, and always confirm with individual university websites.

Resources

- The UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) has information about universities and programs, as well as a search engine for finding courses.
 - Although there is a section for international students (UAC International), students studying CIE A Levels are NOT allowed to apply using this application service.
 - The UAC International homepage has links to information about Australia, Australian universities and to a course search database. <http://www.uac.edu.au/international/>
- Future Unlimited: Study In Australia www.studyinaustralia.gov.au Australian government website. Course and scholarship searches as well as information about studying and living in Australia. Visa info.
- New Zealand Government: <http://newzealand.govt.nz/aboutnz/live-work-and-study/> Educational and visa information. Information about studying and living in New Zealand.
- Education New Zealand: www.newzealandeducated.com Searches for programs and scholarships. Program descriptions and links to university websites.
- New Zealand Qualifications Authority: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/> Information on how to choose.