

STUDENT VISA CHECKLIST

**For further information regarding student visas, please see www.immi.gov.au
Please complete this checklist and provide with your student application. You may be requested to provide further documents during processing of your application.**

You should lodge your application at least **12 weeks** before your course commences. Fiji nationals fall under assessment level 3 for degree level courses and assessment level 4 for vocational studies.

- Are all appropriate sections of the form 157A complete? Please check to see if **ALL RELEVANT** sections of the form are complete. Is the application form signed?

- Application fee payable by bank cheque or cash (fee FJD\$590 on and after 01.01.09)

- Current offer letters from the Australian educational institution indication length of studies and fee schedule (you do not need a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) at time of lodgement)

- English Language
 - An overall band score of 6.0 is needed to study towards a degree course
 - An overall band score of 5.5 is needed to study towards a vocational course
 - * You are required to undertake IELTS examination prior to lodging your application. The [IELTS test](#) must be taken less than 2 years before the date of the application. IELTS can be undertaken at College for Higher Education Studies (CHES), 195 Princess Road, Tamavua. Phone: 3386-732

- Certified copy of birth certificate and marriage certificate for all applicants included in the application

- Certified copies of your most recent academic certificate and transcript

- 3 Passport size photos

- Evidence of having completed Year 12 studies. Australian Year 12 equivalent is either Fiji Seventh Form Examination, University of the South Pacific Foundation Certificate, Trade Certificate level course, Global Assessment Certificate or a minimum of a Certificate IV qualification. Please provide certificates and Academic transcripts

- Fully completed Family Composition Form

- Fully completed Supplementary Form if you are a Fiji citizen or a resident of Fiji

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Evidence of funds:

If you are sponsored, (eg by AusAID), you need to include a letter from the sponsor indicating the value of the sponsorship

If you are providing your own funds you need to show evidence (eg. bank statements) that you have access to funds that have been held in an acceptable account belonging to an acceptable person for a period of three or six months (depending on your assessment level) preceding your application

Evidence provided must cover the entire 3 or 6 months with no time gaps. Funds available will be calculated on the basis of the lowest amount in the account during the 3/6 month period.

FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT GUIDE:

- **Living Costs:** AUD\$12,000 per annum
Subclass 573: If studying for Higher education course (ie University degree or high school), please add living costs for the first 24 months
Subclass 572: If studying towards a Diploma or certificate level course (ie, TAFE), please add living costs for the first 36 months

Principal applicant	\$12,000
Spouse	\$4,200
1st Child	\$2,400 plus \$8,000 if school age
Other children	\$1,800 plus 8,000 if school age

Living costs for dependents need to be assessed irrespective of whether family members accompany the applicant.

- **Tuition Costs**
Subclass 573: If studying for a Higher education (ie University degree or high school), please add tuition fee for the first 24 months
Subclass 572: If studying towards a Diploma or certificate level course (ie TAFE), please add tuition fee for the first 36 months

If your course is less than 24/36 months long, you must provide funds for the entire course duration

- **Travel Costs** AUD\$1,000 per person

Subclass 572: acceptable individuals providing funds for Vocational course, (eg TAFE) must be one or more of the following:

- (a) *the applicant;*
- (b) *the applicant's spouse;*
- (c) *the applicant's parents;*
- (d) *the applicant's grandparents;*
- (e) *the applicant's brothers and sisters;*
- (f) *an uncle or aunt of the applicant who is:*
 - (i) *an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or an eligible New Zealand citizen; and*
 - (ii) *usually resident in Australia.*