



Australia Awards

Palau

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Palau

Australia's international development assistance in Palau helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders in developing countries. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in eligible countries.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for eligible Palau are:

- Health
- Information and Communications Technology (Computer Science)
- Infrastructure Development and Management
- Fisheries Management
- Engineering (Electrical Engineering)
- Surveying and Mapping or Geodetic Engineering
- Agriculture
- Education
- Law
- Tourism
- Aviation Management (Griffith University)

The governments of Australia and Palau regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: www.palau.embassy.gov.au

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Palau with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian university. Awards will be offered for commencement in 2026 within the following allocations:

- Graduate certificate/diploma
- Bachelor's degree
- Master (by research or coursework).

Awards for Aviation Management at Griffith University will be offered for commencement in 2026.

Two awards are available:

- Bachelor of Aviation Management
- Graduate Certificate (postgraduate) in Aviation Management

Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support,
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

Country-specific conditions

English language proficiency

Applicants must be able to satisfy all relevant university admission requirements, including English language proficiency, please check TOEFL requirements.

At a minimum, successful applicants must have achieved a TOEFL (internet) score of at least 84 (with a minimum of 21 in all subtests) or an equivalent IELTS or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2026.

English language requirements may also be met if applicants have undertaken their education in English (evidence by their academic transcript and/or letter from academic institution).

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded, dependent on travel restrictions. Should an awardee not be able to commence study in 2026 for reasons unrelated to travel restrictions, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

For (undergraduate) graduate certificate/diploma level study, scholarship awardees:

- Must have successfully completed Palau Year 12 High School Diploma or equivalent General Education Degree (GED) or adult high school certificate with a 3.2 cumulative GPA.

For Bachelor level study, scholarship awardees:

- Must have successfully completed Palau Year 12 High School Diploma or equivalent General Education Degree (GED) or adult high school certificate with a 3.2 cumulative GPA.
- Must not hold or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification at the time of application.

For Master level study, scholarship awardees:

- must have already obtained a first degree related to the proposed area of study
- at least two years of relevant work experience
- must not hold a or have substantially completed a master's degree at the time of application.

For Aviation Management Awards

Bachelor of Aviation Management

- Must have successfully completed Palau Year 12 High School Diploma or equivalent General Education Degree (GED) or adult high school certificate with a 3.2 cumulative GPA.
- Must not hold or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification at the time of application.

Or Professional Entry pathway (for Aviation Management)

- Undergraduate degree in an area relevant to the degree major
- OR
- At least 5 years equivalent full-time work experience in the aviation industry; and either
 - Professional aviation industry qualifications (eg. Air traffic controller or commercial pilot)
- OR
- A technical aviation industry certificate plus at least a Cert IV level qualification in a field relevant to the degree majors

Graduate Certificate (postgraduate) level study (For Aviation Management)

- Must have already obtained a first degree related to the proposed area of study and
- at least two years relevant work experience
- must not hold or have completed a Master's degree at the time of application

For further information on Aviation Management, refer to <https://www.griffith.edu.au>

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates from Palau must also meet the following country specific requirements:

- Be currently residing in Palau, with some exception for applicants working for the Government of Palau in a third country.
- If recipient of a previous scholarship, including Australia Awards, have worked in Palau for a minimum of two years cumulatively.
- Not currently hold another scholarship with the same benefits.
- Not have been terminated from a previous Australian Government scholarship.
- Not a current serving member of the military.
- No criminal history.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2026:

Opening date: **Monday, 7 April 2025**

Closing date: **Friday, 20 June 2025 (4:00 PM Koror Time)**

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

The application process

Softcopy & Hardcopy Applications

Please obtain a soft copy application form by:

- Downloading from the Australia Embassy Palau website at www.palau.embassy.gov.au; or
- Emailing palau.projects@dfat.gov.au to request a copy of the application form; or
- Obtain a hardcopy application from the Australian Embassy in Koror.

AND email your application and all required documents to: palau.projects@dfat.gov.au before the deadline.

OR

- Register on the online portal <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/> to fill and submit application before the deadline.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Palau:

Required document	Document type	Certified
1. Proof of citizenship, i.e. birth certificate/passport if available and photographic identification, i.e. student card/driver's licenses if passport is not available.	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
2. Curriculum Vitae Note: CV's must list all prior employment and study, professional development and any publications, conference presentations or professional memberships	CV or Resume	No
3. Academic transcripts. Note: Where they are not in English, please provide an English translation. For any prior study completed in a country other than Australia or New Zealand, a letter from the institution or school must be provided to verify that English was used as the language of instruction.	Academic Transcripts	Yes
4. Certificates for all completed study	Certificates	Yes
5. Police Clearance	Certified Letter	Yes
6. One Referee Report (see specifics for Masters applicants below regarding referee reports)	Letter	No

Applicants for master's must also provide:

7. Required document	Document type	Certified
8. Academic Referee Reports (with university seal): a. Master by Coursework applicants: one report b. Master by Research: two reports c. Doctorate: two reports	Referee Report Template	No
9. Employment Referee report with seal	Referee Report Template	No

If applicants did not undertake previous education in English, to study in Australia they must also provide:

Required document	Document type	Certified
10. A valid TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic results. Note that if applicants are not able to provide a valid test result on application, if selected they may have to sit a test to meet English language requirements.	Proof of English Language Proficiency	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Palau.
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2025.

- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the federal Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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