



Australia Awards

Palau

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Palau

Australia's international development assistance in Palau promotes a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Australia and in the region.

The Australia Awards program aims to support partner countries in achieving their development goals through education, knowledge exchange, and building enduring relationships with Australia. It equips emerging leaders with the skills, networks, and experience needed to contribute to sustainable development and foster international cooperation.

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

Applications from women, persons with disabilities and other marginalised groups are encouraged.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for 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)
- Maritime studies or Marine Transportation studies

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 tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2027 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 2027.

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](#)

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Palau must also meet the following 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 2027.

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 2027 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 3.5 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 3.5 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 3.5 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 five 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 2027:

Opening date: **Monday 30 March 2026 (8:30 AM Palau Time)**

Closing date: **Tuesday 30 June 2026 (4:30 PM Palau Time)**

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

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through [OASIS](#).

- Applicants must use their full name exactly as it appears on their passport, including first, middle, and last names.
- Applicants must not use nicknames, shortened versions, or abbreviations of their names.

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	OASIS document type	Certified
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
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
Academic transcripts. Note: Where they are not in English, please provide an English translation. Official academic transcripts to be delivered directly to the Embassy, unopened	Academic Transcripts	Yes
Certificates for all completed study	Certificates	Yes
Police Clearance	Certified Letter	Yes
One Referee Report (see specifics for Masters applicants below regarding referee reports)	Letter	No
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

Applicants for Graduate studies must also provide:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Academic Referee Reports (with university seal):	Referee Report Template	No
Employment Referee report with seal	Referee Report Template	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Shortlisted applicants without a TOEFL score should contact the embassy to inquire about reimbursement options.
- 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.

- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2026.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the federal Department of Home Affairs and Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- 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:

- [Australia Awards Scholarships](#)
- [Study in Australia](#)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

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