



Australia Awards

# Nauru

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards in Nauru

Australia's development assistance in Nauru aims to advance Nauru's development vision as expressed in its National Sustainable Development Strategy 2005 – 2025. Australia Awards are aligned with Australia's development assistance in Nauru and aim to provide the next generation of global leaders for development, the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence economic and social development.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in conjunction with the Government of Nauru will assess applicants for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Nauru.

Australia Awards are offered on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access. We strongly encourage applications from women and people with disability.

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Nauru are targeted towards addressing human resource gaps in the jointly identified five priority sectors:

1. More efficient and accountable public sector management
2. Improved education
3. Cost effective health system and improved health outcomes
4. Reliable and cost effective provision of essential infrastructure and services
5. Increase private sector growth.

Applicants should contact the Australian High Commission in Nauru office for further information on the 2018 intake priority areas.

### Levels of study

#### Australia Awards Scholarships

These Scholarships provide citizens of Nauru with the opportunity to obtain an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

### Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships

These Scholarships provide citizens of Nauru with the opportunity study at eligible technical or tertiary institutions in the Pacific region.

### Australia Awards Benefits

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

Scholarship recipients will generally 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 (for Australia Awards Scholarships only)
- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork allowance (for research students only).

### Eligibility criteria

Applicants for Australia Awards Scholarships must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships must meet all eligibility requirements found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-policy-handbook-december-2017.aspx>

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

- IELTS test results with minimum level of entry for the chosen course (6.5 for Australian universities).
- Must not be under any bond arrangements at the time of commencement of an award.

- Must have had a minimum of 12 months residence in Nauru before accepting scholarship.

### Application dates for Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships and Australia Awards Scholarships

Opening date: 1 February 2017

Closing date: 30 April 2017

Applications or supporting documents received after this date will not be considered.

### The application process for Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships and Australia Awards Scholarships

#### Hardcopy applications

Application forms can be obtained from:

Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade  
Australian High Commission  
MQ 43 NPC Oe  
Aiwo District, Nauru

#### Online applications

You can also apply online at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

#### Supporting documents

Australia Awards Scholarship applicants must submit with their application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook.

All applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Nauru as listed in the table below.

| Document type   | *Certified |
|---|------------|
| Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate /passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licence if passport is not available.                                      | Yes        |
| Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)  | Yes        |
| Academic transcripts (where they are not in English please provide an English translation) and if required a letter from institution of study or high school that English was the medium of instruction | Yes        |
| IELTS, TOEFL or PTE <sup>1</sup> Academic results (Australia Award Scholarship applicants only)   | Yes        |
| Academic Referee Reports (with seal: two reports for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants)  | No         |
| Employment Referee report with seal   | No         |

<sup>1</sup> Refer to page 18 of the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook February 2015

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| (same template as above) |    |
| Curriculum Vitae         | No |

#### The selection process

Following eligibility checking, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will also include an interview. Applicants will be assessed against criteria which include:

- Academic competence
- Potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in Nauru
- Professional and personal leadership attributes
- Relevant experience (for in-service applicants)
- Employer support.

#### Preparatory training

- All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing
- For Australia Awards Scholarships you will be required to complete the following testing:
  - IELTS - International English Language Testing System to assess English language competence.

#### Further information

Further information about Australia Awards can be found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx>

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

More general information about the Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at:

<http://www.australiaawards.gov.au>

[www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)

[www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au)

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