



Australia Awards

Myanmar

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

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Australia's international development assistance in Myanmar aims to support Myanmar's process of political, social and economic reform. The Australian aid program in Myanmar focuses on enhancing human development by improving the quality of education; promoting peace and stability; addressing the needs of conflict and disaster affected people, and promoting inclusive economic growth and government management.

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

Applicants will be assessed for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to have an impact on development challenges in Myanmar.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability, people from ethnic minority groups and people who have not previously received a long-term International scholarship.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Myanmar are:

Human development with an emphasis on quality education including, but not limited to:

- Education and Training, Education Management, Human Resource Development

Peace, governance and humanitarian assistance including, but not limited to:

- Humanitarian Support, Disaster Management, Development Studies, Public Policy, and International Relations

Inclusive economic growth, private sector development and government management including, but not limited to:

- Economics, Business, Agriculture, Governance and Natural Resource Management, including Mining.

Cross-cutting themes will also be considered. These could include disability, gender equity, and climate change.

Study in other areas that are important for the development of Myanmar, following Myanmar's reform priorities and DFAT's Aid Investment Plan will also be considered.

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Myanmar with the opportunity to obtain postgraduate qualifications at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be provided at the Masters Level.

Benefits of the Scholarship

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 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
- supplementary academic support and
- fieldwork allowance (for research students only).

Australia Global Alumni

When Australia Award Scholars return to Myanmar at the completion of their study, they have the opportunity to join the Alumni network to build and mobilise professional networks and stay connected with friends.

The Australian Embassy in Myanmar supports professional development opportunities and hosts regular networking events for Alumni.

English language requirements

Proof of English proficiency (IELTS or TOEFL) is not required to apply for a scholarship. Australian universities, however, require a high level of English language proficiency for admission. Applicants shortlisted for interview who do not have a current English proficiency score will need to undertake IELTS testing, funded by DFAT, to assess their potential for admission.

Successful candidates are offered assistance for up to 12 months of English language training if necessary.

Eligibility criteria

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

- www.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx

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

- be a Myanmar citizen currently residing in Myanmar
- be at least 18 years of age, and

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2018

Opening date: 1 February 2017

Closing date: 30 April 2017

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

Application process

Online applications

Apply online at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

We strongly encourage applicants to apply online. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

An electronic copy of the application form can be provided by the Australian Embassy.

Please contact australiaawards.myanmar@dfat.gov.au

Hardcopy applications

Application forms can be obtained from:

The Australian Embassy
No. 88, Strand Road, Kyauktada Township
Yangon, Myanmar.

Hardcopy applications should be submitted to the same address.

Preparatory training

- All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing
- All successful applicants who do not meet English language requirements for admission to their selected Australian institution will be offered assistance for up to one year English language training in Myanmar, funded under the Australia Awards Scholarship program.

Selection Process

The Australia Awards Scholarships are highly competitive. Applications are checked against the eligibility criteria, followed by a merit-based selection process comprising application assessment; interviews; and referee and character checks. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in your home country, and
- professional and personal leadership attributes.

Following eligibility checking, (see section - eligibility criteria) candidates will be shortlisted for interview.

Short-listed Australia Awards Scholarship applicants will be invited to interview in August 2017.

Successful applicants will be notified in October and mobilised towards the end of 2017.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit with their application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook.

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

Document type	Certified*
Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate or passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licence if passport is not available.	Need to be certified
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)	Need to be certified
Academic transcripts (where they are not in English, please provide an English translation)	Need to be certified
IELTS, TOEFL, PTE Academic results (if available)	Need to be certified
Academic referee reports (with seal if available): two reports for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants. Please use provided template.	No need to be certified
Employment referee report (with seal if possible). Please use provided template.	No need to be certified
Curriculum Vitae	No need to be certified

*Document certification can be done by any public notary.

Further information on priority sectors can be found at
<http://myanmar.embassy.gov.au/rang/cooperation.html>

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

www.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards

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

www.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx

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

www.australiaawards.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au

www.facebook.com/AustralianEmbassyMyanmar

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

<https://globalalumni.gov.au>

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