



Myanmar

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Award scholarships in Myanmar

Australia's international development assistance in Myanmar aims to support Myanmar's process of political, social and economic reform. The priorities of the Australian aid program in Myanmar are outlined in the Aid Investment Plan (AIP) (2015-2020). The objectives of the AIP are to: enhance human development by improving the quality of education; promote peace and stability; address the needs of conflict and disaster affected people; and promote 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 are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic readiness and, most importantly, their potential to assume leadership roles upon their return to Myanmar and make significant impact on development challenges.

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

Priority fields of study

Priority areas of study for Myanmar are linked to the priorities of the Australian aid program and those of the Government of Myanmar.

The government of Australia regularly reviews these areas of study and adjust the emphasis of Australia Awards.

Selection of the 2021 intake will give preference to candidates that are pursuing studies in the following fields:

- **Education** (education policy, quality assurance and statistics, student learning assessment, education economics, technical and vocational education and training (TVET), curriculum studies)

- **Human resource development** (public administration, human resource management, labour market economics, information management)
- **Trade and private sector development** (economics, financial analysis, international business, infrastructure, trade policy, public policy, tax, energy engineering, mining)
- **Social inclusion and human rights** (gender, disability, development, international human rights law, peace/conflict)
- **Regional stability** (international relations, diplomacy, transnational crime)
- **Environment and natural resources** (natural resource management, water resources, climate change, disaster risk management, environment, conservation)

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Myanmar with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

In Myanmar, Australia Award Scholarships are available for Masters level study only.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2021:

Opening date: 1 February 2020
Closing date: 30 April 2020 (11.59pm AEST)

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

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*.

This is available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx.

As per the Handbook, serving military personnel are not eligible to apply for Australia Awards.

English language proficiency

Applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score prior to mobilisation.

Australian universities require a high level of English language proficiency for admission. Successful applicants must obtain the minimum IELTS score (or equivalent) required for their respective institution / course, prior to mobilisation. This may be higher than 6.5 depending on the course of study selected.

Commencement of study

All scholarships should be taken up in the year for which they are awarded. Should an awardee not be able to commence their study in the year of the award, the provisional offer of a scholarship may be withdrawn.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements outlined in the Policy Handbook, applicants from Myanmar must meet the following conditions:

- be a Myanmar citizen currently residing in Myanmar
- be at least 25 years of age at 30 April 2020
- have at least two (2) years of work experience

Candidates who are pursuing study that builds on work experience are of high interest.

Any application which shows evidence of plagiarism (copying from other applicants) will be deemed ineligible. This constitutes fraud which is contrary to Australian values and will not be tolerated.

English Language Requirements

At the time of application an IELTS or TOEFL score is not required

However, if you do not have an IELTS score and are invited to interview, you will be required to sit an IELTS test in June/July prior to the interview.

DFAT will offer support for English language training to applicants offered a provisional award on a case by case basis. Those eligible to receive the support will be notified post-interview.

The offer of an Australia Award is conditional upon IELTS requirements being satisfied. If an applicant fails to achieve the required IELTS within the designated time period the applicant's Australia Awards Scholarship offer may be withdrawn.

Application Process

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

We strongly encourage applicants to apply online and complete their application as early as possible.

Please note the online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Please see the back page for document requirements. Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents with their application.

An electronic copy of the application form can be accessed on the Australian Embassy website

<http://myanmar.embassy.gov.au/>

Or by emailing australiaawards.myanmar@dfat.gov.au

Hard copy applications may be accepted in circumstances where an applicant faces significant difficulty applying electronically. Submit hard copy applications by 30 April 2020 during office hours (8am – 4pm) directly to:

Australian Embassy, 623 Pyay Road (Vantage Tower), Kamaryut, Yangon.

People with a disability requiring support for the application process should contact the Scholarships team directly.

Applicants are expected to undertake research on the Australian institutions that may provide the most appropriate course of study that meets their needs.

Sources of information include the Australian Government website www.studyinaustralia.gov.au.

Applicants must include their course and institution preferences when submitting their application for a Scholarship.

Please do not submit more than one application.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit the supporting documents listed in the table below.

Supporting Documents Required	Need to be Certified?
Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate or National Registration Certificate (NRC) or passport.	Need to be certified
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)	Need to be certified
Academic transcripts (grades from previous study)	Need to be certified
IELTS, TOEFL, PTE Academic results (if available) <i>Note that these results are not necessary to submit application.</i>	Need to be certified
Referee reports (with official stamp if available): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Academic referee report (if available).• One Employment referee report (or two if no academic referee report is available) <i>Please use provided template (from the Embassy website and Facebook page).</i>	No need to be certified
Curriculum Vitae <i>Please use any CV format.</i>	No need to be certified

Document certification can be completed by any public notary. Please note a **police clearance certificate** will be required prior to your mobilisation to Australia.

The selection process

The Australia Awards Scholarships are highly competitive. Applicants will be informed at each stage in the selection process if their application is proceeding to the next stage.

Applicants will be assessed throughout the selection process against the following criteria:

- academic readiness (can demonstrate an ability to undertake critical thinking and student-led learning)
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- realistic plans for return to Myanmar that articulate what contribution the applicant will make to development outcomes

Applications are first checked against the eligibility criteria. Following an eligibility check and assessment of written application, applicants may be shortlisted for interview.

If you are shortlisted for interview and do not have an IELTS score (or equivalent) you will be required to undertake an IELTS test prior to interview. The Embassy will cover costs for this testing process.

Interviews will take place in July 2020 and successful applicants will be notified of their provisional award by August 2020.

Outcomes

Please note that the offer of an Australia Awards Scholarships is provisional until the following requirements are met:

- applicant meets the minimum Australia Awards scholarships English proficiency requirements and the minimum IELTS requirements of their selected institution / course,
- applicant is admitted to an eligible course at an Australian university, and
- applicant is issued with the relevant visa by the Australia Department of Home Affairs.

Preparatory training

All successful applicants will be required to attend a mandatory pre-departure briefing in Yangon.

All Australia Award Scholarships students are required to attend an Introductory Academic Program on arrival in Australia. This is also mandatory.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards in Myanmar and Australia's Aid Program in Myanmar:

- myanmar.embassy.gov.au
- www.facebook.com/AusEmbMyr/

General information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and study in Australia:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- www.dfat.gov.au
- www.studyinaustralia.gov.au
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Scholarships Policy Handbook:

- dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook

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