Fiji

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

**Australia Awards in Fiji**

Australia is committed to promoting prosperity and reducing poverty in Fiji by working in areas of mutual interest including through business, trade, security and between government and non-government organisations. As the major transport and educational hub for the Pacific, Fiji is also an important partner for Australia in progressing regional development.

Australia Awards are aligned with Australia’s development cooperation in Fiji, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors. They aim to provide awardees with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence economic and social development.

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

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**

Australia Awards Scholarships and Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships will be offered to individuals with the greatest potential to drive development in the following range of sectors:

- **Climate Change** (including Green Growth, Disaster Risk reduction, Mitigation & Vulnerabilities, Climate Economics)
- **Economic growth** (including Economics, Finance, Business, Project Management, Industrial Relations)
- **Education** (including Special & Inclusive Education, Early Childhood, Counselling, Monitoring and Evaluation)
- **Health** (including Medicine, Midwifery, Anaesthesia, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Surgery, Pathology)
- **Infrastructure** (including Plumbing, Carpentry, Joinery and Civil, Mechanical, Energy Engineering)

Other priority sectors include Child Welfare/Protection, Environment, Governance, Disabilities and Gender Equality.

**Level of Study**

The Australia Awards include:

**Australia Awards Scholarships**

These scholarships provide citizens of Fiji with the opportunity to obtain an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution for programs unavailable in Fiji.

**Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships**

These scholarships provide opportunities to Fiji citizens to study at a tertiary institution in the Pacific for the benefit of development in their home countries for programs available in Fiji.

**Australia Awards Benefits**

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

Scholarship recipients will generally receive the following:

- return air travel (for Australia Awards Scholarship awardees)
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- initial visa expenses (for Australia Awards Scholarship awardees)
- initial medical expenses (for Australia Awards Scholarship awardees)
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- Overseas Student Health Cover or basic medical costs for the duration of the Scholarship
- supplementary academic support, and
- fieldwork allowance—for research students and masters by course work which has a compulsory fieldwork component.
Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook or the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, depending on which scholarship they apply for.

Applicants must also meet the following specific requirements for Fiji:

Technical/Vocational:
- applicants must have an FSLC minimum aggregate mark of 250 out of 400 or its equivalent (for English and 3 best subjects)
- mature age applicants should have at least 3 years relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at least either Form 6 or Form 7 level or equivalent or through some form of continuing education or work related training
- applicants should not hold an undergraduate degree
- as of 1 January 2017, applicants should be at least 18 years of age.

Undergraduate:
- applicants must have an FSFE minimum aggregate mark of 300 out of 400 or its equivalent (for English and three best subjects)
- mature age applicants should have at least 5 years relevant work experience, achieved pass grades at least either the Form 6 or Form 7 or equivalent results and/or have successfully undertaken some form of relevant tertiary studies either through tertiary institutions or work related training
- applicants should not hold an undergraduate or postgraduate degree
- as of 1 January 2017, applicants should be at least 18 years of age.

Postgraduate:
- applicants should have achieved above average results in their undergraduate degree(s) and have at least 3 years relevant work experience
- mature age applicants should have at least 10 years relevant work experience, have achieved a pass grade at either the Form 6 or Form 7 or equivalent level, and/or have successfully undertaken relevant tertiary studies or some form of continuing education
- no age limit, although a scholar’s potential outputs on return from study will be assessed during selection.

Application dates for Australia Awards Scholarships & Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships

Opening date: 1 February 2016
Closing date: 30 April 2016

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

The application process

Online applications

Apply online at: OASIS for Australia Awards Scholarships and for Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships.

We advise applicants submitting online to do so well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Hardcopy applications

Hardcopy applications for relevant Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships will be available from 1 February 2016 at http://fiji.embassy.gov.au/suva/study.html

Applicants are strongly advised to use the online application form for Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships. In some cases, we will accept hard copy Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships applications.

Supporting documents

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

Applicants submitting a hardcopy application must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Fiji:

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### The selection process

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

- Academic competence
- Potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in your home country
- Professional and personal leadership attributes

### Preparatory training

- Successful Australia Awards Scholarships applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing
- Successful Australia Awards Scholarships applicants may be required to complete the following preparatory training and or testing:
  - IELTS-International English Language Testing System to assess English language competence
- Successful Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships applicants will attend an Orientation workshop upon commencement of their study.

### Outcomes

Successful applicants will receive notification to attend an interview around late July. If you do not receive notification then your application has not been successful.

### Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:


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

www.australiaawards.gov.au
www.dfat.gov.au
www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

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