



Australia Awards

Myanmar

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Myanmar

Australia's international development assistance in Myanmar helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders in developing countries. 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 competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in eligible countries.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with a disability and other marginalised groups.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Myanmar for commencement in 2025 are:

- **Education** (e.g. education policy, quality assurance and statistics, student learning assessment, education economics, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and curriculum studies)
- **Public Health** (e.g. epidemiology, public health, health security, health economics, disease control and biosecurity)
- **Human Rights and Democratic Governance** (e.g. rule of law, political science and transnational crime, countering trafficking, peace and security)
- **Gender Equality and Social Inclusion** (e.g. gender, disability, intersectionality, development, international human rights law, peace/conflict, humanitarian leadership, anthropology and research)
- **Environment and Natural Resources** (e.g. natural resource management, water resources, climate change, disaster risk management, environment, conservation, food security and livelihoods support)
- **Private Sector Development** (e.g. economics, financial analysis, international business, infrastructure, trade policy, public policy, tax, energy engineering).

The Australian Government regularly reviews areas of study and adjusts the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at:

www.australiaawardsmyanmar.org

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 Master's level study only.



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

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

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Myanmar must also meet the following conditions:

- be a Myanmar citizen currently residing in Myanmar
- completed a Bachelor's degree
- have at least two years of work experience
- applicants are required to declare all previous study/and or any current, incomplete study. Declarations must include all study regardless of whether it was undertaken in Myanmar or another country. Please note that preference may be given to applicants who do not already have a Master's degree, particularly if the degree was completed outside Myanmar
- don't already have a Master's degree or equivalent qualification in the same field the applicant is applying for
- a valid passport or the ability to apply for a passport should the applicant receive a scholarship offer
- satisfy all requirements of the Australian Department of Home Affairs to hold a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade supported student visa. More information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website. immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500
- able to safely and legally depart to study in Australia and return to Myanmar.

Applicants require a valid passport to apply for visa applications and depart Myanmar. Applicants must assess their own situation and consider whether they are confident they could safely and legally depart and return to Myanmar. All offers are conditional pending the granting of a visa through the Department of Home Affairs. Visa processing timeframes can range from weeks to months. Given the amount of time required to attain a Myanmar passport, applicants may want to think about having a current valid passport ready to apply for a student visa as soon as they are awarded a scholarship, if successful.

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their chosen course of study builds on their work experience, and how their study will be applied on return to Myanmar. 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

It is preferable that applicants submit a valid IELTS or TOEFL score with their application, but it is not required when applying. Applicants who do have an IELTS or TOEFL score are still required to sit for an IELTS test if they are shortlisted for an interview. Applicants must achieve 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.

DFAT will offer support for English language training to applicants who do not have required English Language scores for university admission. Those eligible to receive support will be notified after the selection interview. DFAT will also cover the cost of one IELTS for candidates who progress to the interview stage.

The offer of an Australia Awards Scholarship 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 dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2025:

Opening date: 1 February 2024

Closing date: 30 April 2024 (11:59PM AEST)

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 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. An electronic copy of the application form can be accessed on the Australia Awards Myanmar website at www.australiaawardsmyanmar.org

Australia Awards Scholarships are administered by DFAT which has zero tolerance of fraudulent activity or behaviour. DFAT defines fraud as dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means. For example, providing false or misleading information or not providing relevant information could be considered as fraud. This may include **failing to declare previous study undertaken, irrespective of whether it is complete, incomplete, or ongoing**. Where fraud is detected, the application will be deemed ineligible, and the applicant may be barred from applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship in future rounds.

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 Myanmar:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
National Registration Certificate (NRC) or passport. Passports are preferred and will be required by mobilisation.	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelor and Master's level if applicable)	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcripts (grades from previous study)	Academic transcript	Yes
IELTS, TOEFL, PTE Academic results (if available) These results are not mandatory to submit an application but are preferred.	Proof of English language proficiency	Yes
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). Please use provided template (from the Australia Awards Myanmar website).	Referee Report	No
Curriculum Vitae Please use provided template (from the Australia Awards Myanmar website).	Other document	No
Development Impact Plan Optional at time of application but mandatory if selected for interview. Please use provided template (from the Australia Awards Myanmar website).	Other document	No
Research proposal and evidence of communication with potential supervisor providing in-principle support for research proposal (only for applicants selecting Master by research)	Other document	No

Document certification can be completed by any public notary.

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
- 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 Myanmar
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2024.
- Awardee travel is subject to meeting the requirements of the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards Myanmar can be found at <https://www.australiaawardsmyanmar.org>

More general information about Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/>
- dfat.gov.au/countries/myanmar/myanmar-development-cooperation-factsheet

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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