

# University Factsheet

- Australian Universities enjoy a worldwide reputation for academic excellence, offering internationally recognised qualifications with immediate employment and career development opportunities. The decision of international students to study in Australia is also motivated by the opportunity to experience the Australian lifestyle.
- Of the total number of 40 Australian universities, seven are in the QS World University Ranking. One of them is the public University of Sydney which is the oldest university in Australia and Oceania, founded in 1850. For many, studying in Australia is regarded as a stepping-stone to a fast-paced international career.
- In the year 2000, there were 180,000 international students studying on a student visa in Australia. This number rose to more than 400,000 international students from 190 different countries in the following decade. International students account for 28% of total enrolments which represent 1.2 million higher education students (as of 2010). Australia is the third most popular choice globally for education and training. Its global market share of international students is approximately 7%, only outperformed by the USA (18%) and Great Britain (10%). Students from China contributed 29.5 per cent of all international students in 2012, the highest of any nationality. India and the Republic of South Korea were the next highest, contributing 10% and 5% respectively. The largest proportion of international students is aged between 20 and 24 years. In 2012, 52% of international students were males and 48% were females.
- 38 of the total of 40 Australian universities are publicly-financed. All international students have to pay tuition fees when studying at an Australian university. Annual tuition fees range from a minimum of A\$12,000 for social sciences up to A\$24,000 for medicine.
- The official government website [www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au) assists interested students from overseas in their search for courses or institutions and provides other important information related to visa requirements, costs of living and studying in Australia as well as application procedures.
- 66% of all Australians hold a degree from a tertiary institution – a level significantly above the average of all OECD countries which corresponds to 50%. In Germany, only 28% of the population have completed a higher level of qualification.