

WORKING IN AUSTRALIA



Like many international students you may need to get a part-time or casual job to help pay your living expenses while you study. Australian student visa holders are normally eligible to work up to 20 hours a week during semester, and full time during holidays.

[Find out more about working in Australia.](#)

If you have a scholarship, you should check the conditions of the scholarship to make sure you are allowed to work. You cannot commence working until you have started your course. Any work you have to undertake as work experience as part of your course is not included in the 20 hrs.

For more information about your rights in the workplace and your responsibility towards your employer go to [the workplace ombudsman's website](#) or phone **131 394**.

Tax File Number

Before you begin work, you will need to apply for a Tax File Number (TFN). [You can do this online](#). When you start work, your employer will ask you to complete a Tax file number declaration form which allows you to quote your tax file number (TFN) and provide other information to help your employer work out the amount of tax you need to pay.

Superannuation

You may be entitled to superannuation depending on your total monthly income. Your employer is required by law to pay money into a superannuation fund for you if you meet the criteria.

When you leave Australia permanently you will be eligible to receive the money in a lump sum. This is called the Departing Australia Superannuation Payment (DASP). You will need to apply online for the refund at the [Australian Taxation Office website](#).

