



Australia Awards – Vanuatu

Frequently Asked Questions – Families

1. Am I able to bring my family on scholarship?

Awardees dependents (spouse and children) are welcome to join them while studying in Australia. It is encouraged that families allow six months for the Awardee to settle into life and study in Australia before they join them.

2. Can my children get an education in Australia?

Yes. Australia is well known for its quality education system and offers a range of different education options. For more information on Australia's education system visit www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

3. Can I access childcare for my children (even if they have limited or no understanding of English)?

Yes. A range of childcare options are available in Australia, depending on availability of spaces and your ability to pay fees. Formal facilities such as childcare centres are one option, however there are also less formal services such as babysitters and nannies. It is the responsibility of the parent to organise appropriate childcare support for their accompanying children.

4. Is there an age limit for women applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship?

There are no formal age limits, however Australia Awards aim to identify individuals that upon completion of their scholarship will return to Vanuatu and contribute to its development (both professionally and within the community).

5. If I receive a scholarship and fall pregnant will my scholarship be terminated?

Pregnant applicants are encouraged to share this information with Australia Awards Office at their earliest opportunity. Awardees will be assessed equally. Such applicants will not be disadvantaged.

6. Does the Australia Awards office assist with obtaining visas for applicants and, if necessary, dependents?

It is the responsibility of the Awardee to prepare and submit their own visa application. Australia Awards is however available to answer questions. It is also the responsibility of the applicant to manage their dependents visa application/s.

7. Can we celebrate our religious, cultural and national festivals?

Yes. Being an immigrant society many Australian cities have Pacific Islander populations, who have formed community centres to meet and celebrate religious, cultural and/or national events and festivals.

11. Can I work part-time while studying in Australia?

Yes. Australia Awards recipients are allowed to work part-time (up to 20 hours a week) under the subclass 500 student visa. It is however important you inform your Student Contact Officer to ensure it does not affect your academic progress.

12. Can my spouse work while accompanying me on my scholarship?

Yes. Your spouse may work full-time while accompanying you on your scholarship. For further information please refer to the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection

