

Dependant Schooling in Western Australia

In Western Australia, the children of international students must be enrolled in either approved government (public) or non-government (private) schools, registered by the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Both public and private schools require the payment of fees. Fees and access to the schooling system vary, depending on your level of study (undergraduate, postgraduate) and visa class. There are also arrangements for some scholarship students.

TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA) is responsible for issuing an Authority to Enrol in public schools in Western Australia (WA).

It's important you read through the information below and on the [TIWA Study at School](#) web page so you're informed about the requirements for schooling in WA.

Please note that Kindergarten is not compulsory in WA, and therefore these placements are limited and not guaranteed.

IMPORTANT: Please check the costs BEFORE your dependants arrive in Australia. It's also essential to bring your dependants' immunisation records, birth certificates, original school reports and copies translated into English by a professional translator.

General information about placements

There is a high demand for places in public schools in WA and it may not be possible to enrol your dependants in schools closest to your home.

It's important to consider your travel to university and your child's travel to school. Your child may need to travel on public transport to attend school if you do not have independent transportation.

A change of school will only be considered in exceptional circumstances or for change of residential address.

Students with a disability may require specialist disability provision or support to participate in education. Their need for support is determined on a case-by-case basis by the Department of Education, prior to placement.

Intensive English instruction will be arranged by TIWA if your child requires it. Additional [tuition fees will apply](#).

Postgraduate students

If you're an international student visa holder studying a Masters or PhD course, and you're on a subclass 500, you may be eligible for a tuition fee waiver. This would entitle you to pay local Australian contribution costs for your dependants' schooling.

You need to be enrolled in your course for the tuition fee waiver to apply. If you discontinue, withdraw, or your enrolment in your course is cancelled, ECU will

notify TIWA and you will become liable for mainstream tuition fees for your dependants' enrolment.

Application process – before you arrive

To secure your child's dependent visa, you'll require a Confirmation of Placement from TIWA.

To receive a copy of your Confirmation of Placement you'll need to apply directly to TIWA. For information on the process and the required documentation, visit

[Application process – Before you arrive](#).

NOTE: This Confirmation of Placement does not guarantee you an enrolment in a public primary or secondary school.

Application process – after you arrive

To apply for a placement for your child you must complete a **Public School Placement (PSP) Form** – contact [Current Student Enquiries](#) to find out how to start the application.

You will be provided with a digital copy of the PSP Form. ECU will complete the relevant section once we have confirmed your dependants are onshore. You will then approach a local public school to discuss enrolment. If the school accepts enrolment, they will complete Section B of the PSP Form. You will then submit the completed PSP Form with supporting documents to the link provided by Student Success. TIWA will issue an **Authority to Enrol**. Your child can commence schooling once you have received Authority to Enrol from TIWA.

Enrolment is at the discretion of the principal. The timeframe for an outcome on your child's placement varies, depending on the time of year.

Scholarship holders

[Certain scholarship holders](#) are eligible for the same enrolment entitlement as local children. If you're in receipt of one of these scholarships, please email studentsuccess@ecu.edu.au

Undergraduate students

If you're an international student on a subclass 500 (Non-Masters) visa, your children need to be enrolled as full-fee paying overseas students for the duration of your visa.

You'll need to liaise directly with TIWA to organise your child/children's school placement. For further information on the process, fees and required documentation, please visit [TIWA's website](#).