



Australian Embassy Manila

Australia— A Top Destination for Education

The Institute of International Education's (2009) international student mobility study ranks Australia sixth globally in terms of number of international students and as the third most popular English speaking destination behind the US and the UK. Australia's education system has a worldwide reputation for excellence in all areas of learning and diversity of opportunity.

Australian education and training providers have the expertise and experience to provide world class educational outcomes in academic fields such as medicine, science and the humanities; professional skills such as accounting, tourism, and hospitality; or trade skills such as plumbing and carpentry. Our institutions are renowned for their quality, value for money and career-oriented training in an innovative and research-intensive education culture.

In 2010, there were over 617,000 international student enrolments in Australia.

- Asia remains Australia's major source of international students, representing more than four out of every five overseas students in Australia.
- The greatest number of international student enrolments came from the following countries: China (156,596); India (100,236); Republic of Korea (33,807); Thailand (24,720); Vietnam (25,750).

In recent years, more and more Filipinos have chosen to study in Australia.

- In 2010 over 4,800 Filipinos were enrolled to study in Australia, an increase of over 20 per cent over 2009.
- Enrolments in the higher education/university sector are an increasingly important source of growth, growing by 38 per cent to reach over 1,340 enrolments in 2010.

Friends and family: Australia is a home away from home for Filipinos. There are over 200,000 Filipinos living in Australia - Australia is also nearby and located in a similar timezone. The Philippines-Australia Alumni Association (PA3i) also offers an opportunity for networking when students return from Australia. For more information, visit www.pa3i.org.ph.

Quality: Australian universities are consistently ranked among the top educational institutions in the world for teaching and research, offering a complete range of programs and courses that lead to highly regarded and internationally-recognised qualifications.

- Eight Australian Universities were included in the 2010 [QS Top 100 Universities](#), seven of which are in the top 50. The Australian National University, at 20th place, was the highest ranked Australian institution.
- Ten Australians have been awarded a Nobel prize, nine in science and medicine and one in literature.

Good living and study experience: International students are positive about their living and studying experiences in Australia, according to the 2009-10 National Survey of International Students Studying in Australia, which found:

- 84 per cent of international students were very satisfied or satisfied with their study experience; and
- 86 per cent were very satisfied or satisfied with their living experience.

The survey also showed that the top four factors influencing tertiary students' decision to study in Australia were:

- Quality of teaching (94 per cent)
- Reputation of the qualification (93 per cent)
- Personal safety (92 per cent)
- Reputation of the institution (91 per cent)³

Employment prospects: An Australian education enhances employment prospects, including by offering good opportunities to build business and professional networks both in Australia and throughout Asia.

- Over 90 per cent of Australian university graduates are generally employed within four months of completing their degree, mostly in full-time employment.

Australia-Philippines Education Cooperation

Australia and the Philippines also enjoy a close education cooperation relationship. Australia's development cooperation program in the Philippines, which has basic education as a key pillar, is one of Australia's largest globally. Basic education assistance equates to approximately AUD30-50 million (Php1.2 to Php2 billion) annually. This assistance makes Australia the largest bilateral grant donor in basic education in the Philippines.

Scholarships: Since the late 1940s Australia has provided scholarships to over 2000 Filipinos to study at universities in Australia. Over the last 5 years, around 500 high-achieving Filipinos have received scholarships to study in Australian universities, returning to the Philippines to help meet the country's development challenges.

The Philippines will continue to be a major recipient of Australia Awards scholarships including Australian Development Scholarships, Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships and Fellowships and Endeavour Awards. For more information on Australian scholarships, visit: www.australiaawards.gov.au/

Institutional Linkages and Offshore Programmes

A number of institutions offer Australian qualifications in the Philippines. Partnering with local colleges and universities, Australian education providers offer programmes delivered in-country:

- Clark Education City in Pampanga is a \$60 million investment to build and operate a large-scale Vocational Education and Training (VET) campus for Filipino and international students. The campus is managed by Australian International Training and Management Group (AITMG) and delivers programmes in Hospitality, Health, IT and Electro-mechanical fields.
- The Philippines Australia Studies Centre was established in 2003 at La Trobe University in partnership with the Ateneo de Manila University.
- The University of Newcastle has a Memorandum of Understanding with Mindanao State University to enhance teacher training programs at MSU (supported by the Australian Agency for International Development or AusAID).
- TAFE New South Wales has partnerships with St. Dominic College of Asia and Jojie Ilagan Career Center Foundation for the delivery of its commercial cookery programmes
- Arellano University has partnerships with Edith Cowan University to deliver 2+2 Bachelors of Nursing Courses and University of Ballarat to deliver 2 + 2 Bachelors Courses in Information Technology.
- The International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) in Adelaide has an articulation agreement with Southville Foreign University for their Hotel and Restaurant Management programmes.
- The Esteban School has created the "Australian International School Manila" which will offer WACE/WA year 12 qualifications (accredited by the Curriculum Council of Western Australia).

¹Australian Education International (AEI), www.aei.gov.au. Data is year to date (from January to November 2010).

²Quaqarelli Symonds (QS) World Universities Rankings 2010, www.topuniversities.com

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⁴Australian Graduate Survey

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