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Destination Australia

Questions and Answers

1. What is the closing time and date for applications?

The application form must be submitted by **11.00pm AEST on Thursday, 12 September 2019**. It is recommended that you submit your application **well before the closing time and date**.

2. If I am not able to submit my application by the due time and date, can I be granted an extension?

No, extensions will not be given.

If an application is late or the Community Grants Hub is requested to approve a lodgement after the closing date, the [late application policy](#) available on the Community Grants Hub website will apply.

3. What is the aim of the Destination Australia Program?

The aim of the Destination Australia Program is to attract and support international and domestic students to study in regional Australia, to grow and develop regional Australian tertiary education providers and offer students a high quality learning experience.

4. Who can apply for the Destination Australia grant opportunity?

To be eligible for this grant opportunity, you must be an Australian tertiary education provider with an active registration who meets the following criteria:

If applying for scholarships for domestic students you must be:

- A Registered Training Organisation (RTO) registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA), or the Western Australian Training Accreditation Council (WA TAC).

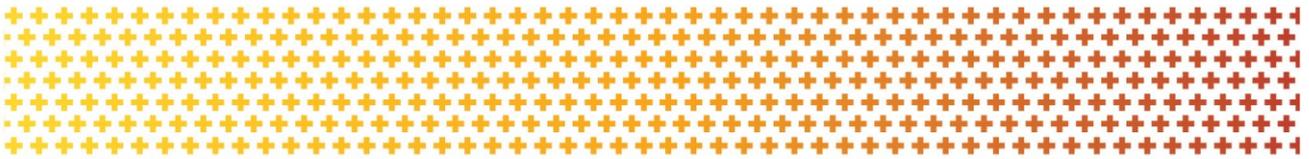
You must have a registration status of Current or Current (Re-registration pending) at the time the grant opportunity opens.

AND/OR

- A higher education provider registered with the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA).

You must have a registration status of Registered or Ongoing pending renewal at the time the grant opportunity opens.

If applying for scholarships for international students, in addition to the eligibility listed above, you must be:



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- A tertiary provider registered under the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

You must have a registration status of Registered at the time the grant opportunity opens.

All applicants must also meet the eligibility requirements listed below:

Tertiary education providers must have a campus location in a regional area as defined by the *Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure* from the Australian Bureau of Statistics which is defined as:

- inner regional
- outer regional
- remote
- very remote.

Tertiary education providers must only offer and administer scholarships through the Destination Australia Program to students studying at a regional campus and living in a regional or remote area.

5. How do I confirm my legal entity type?

As part of entering into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia, an organisation may be asked to verify its legal entity status to make sure it has the legal capacity to enter into a legally binding agreement. This may involve a request for documentation, including proof of any name changes.

Information on the documentation which can confirm your legal entity status can be found at the [Community Grants Hub - Information for applicants](#).

6. How do I verify if my campus is located in a regional area?

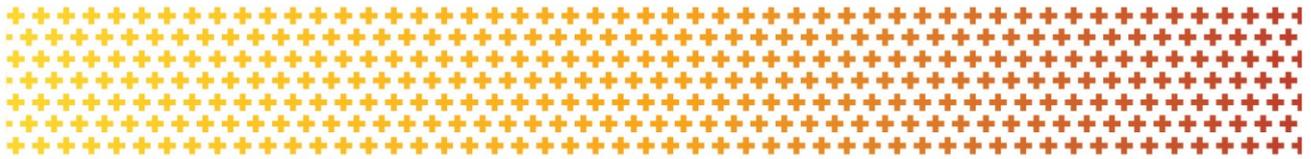
The term 'regional' and 'regional or remote' encompasses all areas outside Australia's Major cities. Using the *Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure*, these areas are classified as *Inner regional*, *Outer regional*, *Remote* or *Very remote*. For further information, please see the [Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure](#) on the [Australian Bureau of Statistics website](#).

You can also search for your geography classification at the following websites:

- [NationalMap](#) You will need to click on *Add Data*, then *Statistical Boundaries*, then *Remoteness Area*, then *Add to the map*, before searching for your location.
- The Department of Health's [Health Workforce Locator](#) also provides an online tool to search for geography classifications.

7. Can I apply in a joint (consortia) arrangement?

No, applications from consortia are not permitted.



8. What are the eligible qualification levels that students must be studying to qualify for scholarships?

Tertiary education providers must award scholarships to students who are studying one of the following qualification levels on a full-time basis for the duration of the scholarship:

- Certificate IV
- Accredited Diploma
- Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree
- Bachelor Degree
- Bachelors Honours Degree
- Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma
- Masters or Doctoral degrees.

9. How many campus locations can I apply for?

Tertiary education providers can include up to ten (10) eligible campus locations in their application.

10. Do I need to be a registered tertiary education provider to apply?

Yes, you must have one of the following registration statuses at the time the grant opportunity opens:

If applying for scholarships for domestic students you must be:

- A Registered Training Organisation registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA), or the Western Australian Training Accreditation Council (WA TAC) with a registration status of Current or Current (Re-registration pending).

AND/OR

- A higher education provider registered with the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) with a registration status of Registered or Ongoing pending renewal.

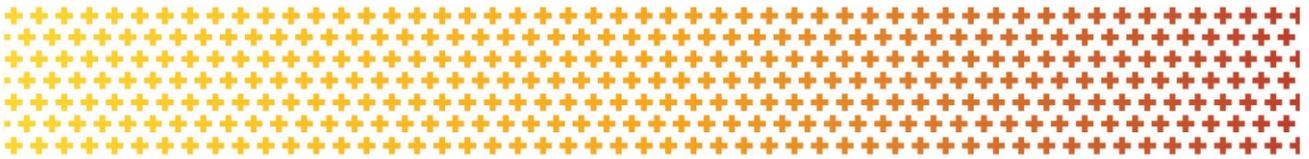
If applying for scholarships for international students, in addition to the eligibility listed above, you must be:

- A tertiary provider registered under the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) with a registration status of Registered.

11. Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you do not meet the eligibility criteria described under section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Students are not able to directly apply for scholarships through the Community Grants Hub.



12. How do students apply for a scholarship?

Once the outcomes of this grant round are known, students may apply for a scholarship directly with a successful tertiary education provider.

13. What can I use the Destination Australia grant for?

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred between the start date and end or completion date of eligible grant activities.

Eligible expenditure items are:

- marketing, promotional, and administration costs - \$1,500 per scholarship, per year
- scholarships - \$15,000 per year to be allocated to eligible new students as selected by you.

Funding provided for promotional activities must only be used for *building Destination Australia Program understanding and awareness* and *promoting the benefits of student experience in regional Australia*.

When promoting the *benefits of student experience in regional Australia*, these promotional activities must only be distributed through the following distribution channels:

- television
- radio
- internet
- telephone services.

Activities to promote the *Destination Australia Program for the purposes of building program understanding and awareness* are not restricted to the above distribution channels.

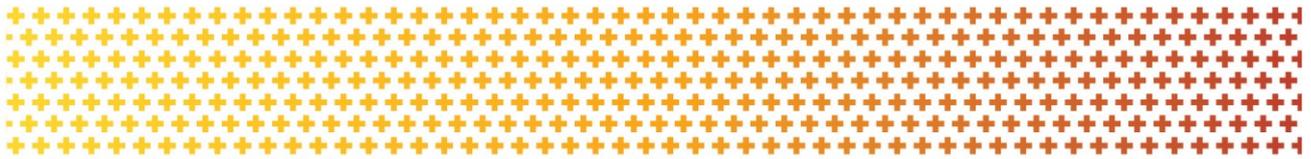
14. What is a new student?

The Destination Australia Program is designed to encourage new students to regional tertiary education providers. For the purposes of the Destination Australia Program, new student encompasses all students who *commence* their studies at a regional tertiary education provider, including those students who commenced study at another provider and transferred.

15. What can I not use the Destination Australia grant for?

You cannot use the grant for the following activities:

- to support students studying more than one third of the units (or equivalent) of a higher education or VET course by online or distance learning
 - purchase of land
 - major capital expenditure
 - the covering of retrospective costs
 - costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
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- subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent
 - major construction/capital works
 - overseas travel
 - activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.

16. How much funding is available for this program?

The Australia Government has announced a total \$93.7 million (GST exclusive) over four years for the Destination Australia Program.

Under the 2020 Grant Opportunity, there is approximately:

- \$19.5 million in funding available during 2019-20
- \$19.5 million in funding available during 2020-21
- \$19.5 million in funding available during 2021-22
- \$19.5 million in funding available during 2022-23.

Funding of \$15,000 per scholarship, per year, and \$1,500 in promotional and administration assistance per scholarship, per year, will be awarded to successful providers who will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students.

17. How much funding can I apply for and for what period of time?

There is no minimum or maximum grant amount for a tertiary provider, but grants cannot exceed the amount of available funds.

The maximum grant period is four years.

Grants available in this grant opportunity are for scholarships commencing from Semester 1, January 2020 onwards.

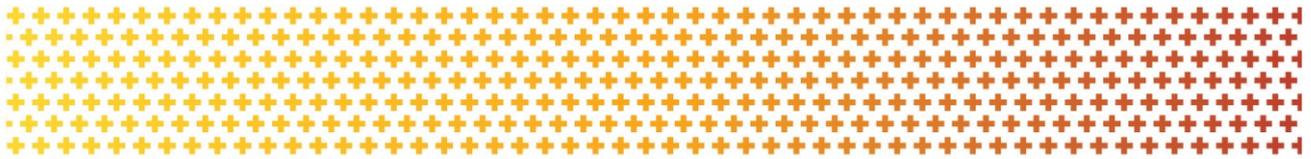
18. Can I apply for funding for multiple years?

Yes. Funding for this round of the Destination Australia Program is available over four years, from 2019-20 until 2022-23.

You can apply for funding to support each year of a student's qualification, should they remain eligible, for up to four years.

19. Are students eligible if they are studying by online or distance learning and living in a regional area?

Students studying more than one third of the units (or equivalent) of a higher education or VET course by online or distance learning are not eligible under the Destination Australia Program.



20. What is the definition of online learning?

Online learning is study where the teacher and student primarily communicate through digital media, technology-based tools and IT networks and does not require the student to attend scheduled classes or maintain contact hours. For the purposes of Destination Australia, online learning does not include the provision of online lectures, tuition or other resources that supplement scheduled classes or contact hours.

21. What is the definition of distance learning?

Distance learning is any learning that a student undertakes off campus and does not require the student to physically attend regular tuition for the course.

22. If I receive funding under the New Colombo Plan, am I eligible to apply?

Yes. The Destination Australia Program will not limit providers' ability to apply for and receive other Australian Government funding, such as the New Colombo Plan.

Students who are in receipt of a Destination Australia Program scholarship are also eligible to receive funding from other Australia Government programs such as the New Colombo Plan however, providers will need to ensure student eligibility is maintained for the duration of their scholarship.

23. Can scholarships be reallocated to another student if the existing student is no longer eligible?

If a scholarship student loses eligibility during the course of the scholarship period, no additional scholarship funding should be paid to the student. In this case, tertiary education providers can reallocate any future year funding associated with that student to a different student who meets the eligibility criteria.

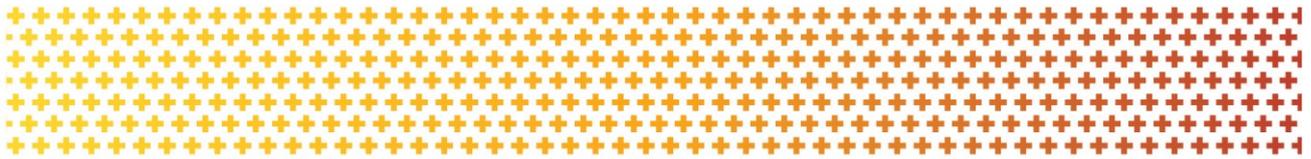
24. Who will be approving Destination Australia grants?

The Minister for Education (the decision maker) decides which grants to approve taking into account the recommendations made by the Selection Advisory Panel and the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant program.

In making grant decisions, the decision maker may also take into account considerations such as eligibility and ensuring a reasonable allocation of scholarships between international and domestic students.

In addition, the decision maker may consider an allocation of grants to ensure a reasonable allocation between:

- states and territories
 - higher education and vocational education and training providers
 - number of scholarships sought per provider.
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25. When will I know the outcome of my application?

You will be notified of the outcome of your application at the end of the selection process. For probity reasons, and to treat all applicants fairly and equally, it is not possible to give you information about the status of individual applications during the assessment process.

Timeframes are indicated in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, although in some instances due to volume and complexity of applications, timeframes may be modified.

26. Can I appeal the decision in relation to the outcome of a selection process?

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant. The decision maker's decision is final in all matters, including the approval of the grant, funding amount to be awarded and terms and conditions of the grant.

27. What feedback will be available for this funding round?

A Feedback Summary will be published on the Community Grants Hub website to provide all organisations with easy access to information about the grant selection process and the main strengths and areas for improving applications.

Individual feedback will not be provided for this grant opportunity.

28. How can I submit the application form?

The form is an online application form that you must submit electronically. The Community Grants Hub will not provide application forms or accept application forms for this grant opportunity by fax, email or through Australia Post unless otherwise stated in the Grant Opportunity Documents.

29. Can someone from the Department of Education or the Community Grants Hub help me with my application?

To maintain the fairness and integrity of the application process, the Community Grants Hub and the Department of Education cannot directly assist with the writing of any application. However, to support services applying under this grant opportunity, the Community Grants Hub has published [a guide to supporting your grant application](#).

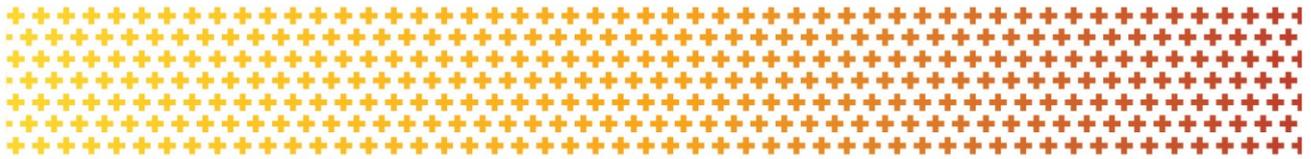
If you're having trouble using or submitting an application form on the Community Grants Hub website, please contact the Grants Hotline on 1800 020 283 or TTY 1800 555 677.

30. Who do I contact if I'm having trouble using or submitting an application form?

Please contact the Community Grants Hub immediately on 1800 020 283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

31. What attachments do I need to include in my application?

No attachments are required to be included in your application.



32. I have already submitted an application but wish to revise it, what should I do?

While an application cannot be revised once it is submitted, you can complete a new application. Where more than one application is submitted, only the latest accepted application form will progress.

33. Do word limits apply to selection criteria?

Yes, there is a word limit of approximately 500 words (up to 3000 characters) per selection criterion.

34. Where should I go for further information?

Please email your enquiries to support@communitygrants.gov.au

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35. I am a student interested in studying in a regional or remote area, can I apply?

No. Students are not able to directly apply for scholarships through the Community Grants Hub or the Department of Education. The grant opportunity is open to applications from eligible Australian tertiary education providers only.

Students will only be able to apply for a scholarship directly with a successful tertiary education provider once the outcomes of the 2020 funding round are known later in 2019. A list of the successful tertiary education providers will be published on the Department of Education website at that time.

36. What is regional?

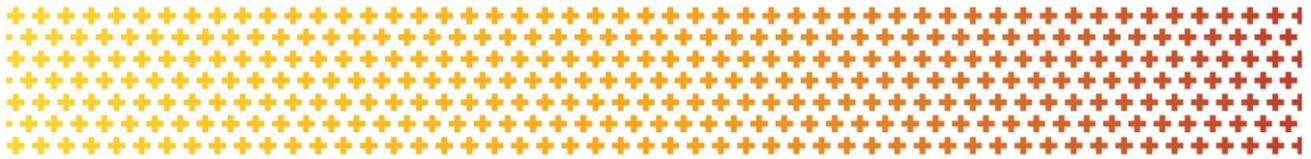
For the purposes of the Destination Australia Program, regional is defined using the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and includes inner regional, outer regional, remote and very remote areas of Australia. You can check an area's remoteness by searching by [Remoteness Area Statistical Boundaries](#).

37. Can I have a list of the eligible institutions?

The Department of Education does not maintain a list of institutions who are located in regional Australia. Applicants will need to ensure they are eligible, and eligibility will also be checked as a part of the application process.

38. Is there a matrix for institutions to follow when awarding scholarships to students?

No. Successful providers will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships



to students (noting students must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 4 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines).

39. What is a campus?

A campus is the physical location from where an eligible course of study is being delivered.

40. What is tertiary study?

Tertiary study is an education level beyond high school, and include vocational education and training (such as certificates and diplomas), undergraduate study (such as bachelor degrees), and postgraduate study (such as graduate certificates and masters degrees).

41. Do you need to submit one application per student?

No. Institutions are only required to submit one grant application on behalf of the institution. Where more than one application is submitted per provider, only the latest application form will progress.

42. What qualifications are eligible?

The Destination Australia Program will support international and domestic students who are enrolled at a registered tertiary provider with a regional campus studying the following qualification levels:

- Certificate IV
- Accredited Diploma
- Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree
- Bachelor Degree
- Bachelors Honours Degree
- Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma
- Masters or Doctoral degrees

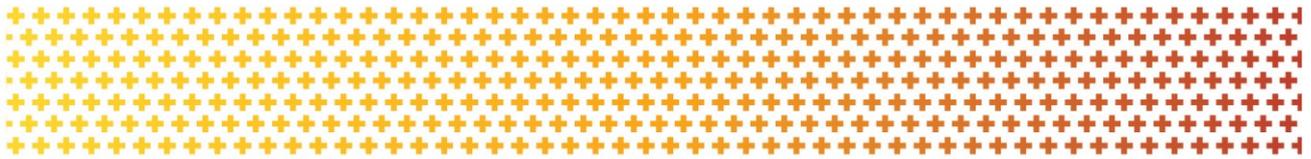
43. What study mode is eligible (e.g. both coursework & research)?

Successful providers who will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students in line with the eligibility criteria outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines

44. Are there priority fields of study for the Destination Australia Program?

There are no priority fields of study under the Destination Australia Program.

45. Does the tertiary education provider nominate students for the grant once the student is here in Australia? if so – at what stage? OR can they nominate before student arrives in Australia (if they have accepted their offer)?



The program will provide grants to successful Australian tertiary education providers to allocate, administer and promote scholarships for international and domestic students studying in regional Australia. Successful providers will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students.

46. Can students, nominated by the successful provider, only be awarded the grant once?

Funding will be made available for each year of a student's qualification, should they remain eligible, for up to four years.

47. What are the grant nomination open and close dates per annum?

Opening dates for any future grant rounds of the Destination Australia Program are not yet known.

The Destination Australia 2020 round closes on Thursday 12 September at 11:00pm AEST.

When the outcomes of the 2020 Destination Australia round are known, successful providers will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students.

48. Does the scholarship cover both the scholar's course fees and accommodation? Or does the student pay for their accommodation and the course fees?

Successful scholars will receive \$15,000 per year of their qualification from their tertiary education provider. The scholarships, in turn, will support the living and studying costs associated with studying in regional Australia.

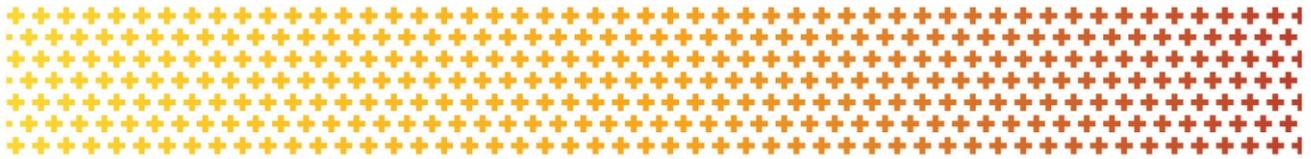
Successful tertiary education providers will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students.

For the removal of doubt, successful tertiary education providers must pay the \$15,000 scholarship directly to the scholar. It is up to the scholar to determine how they use their scholarship funding.

49. What are the duration requirements for the scholarship?

As outlined in section 5.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, it is intended that scholarships are available to support students for the duration of their qualification. The tertiary education providers can apply for funding to support each year of the student's qualification, should they remain eligible, for up to four years.

50. Are students who are living and working in a regional location classified as full time students or do students need to be unemployed?



As per section 5.1 of the GOGs, students must be studying full-time for the duration of the scholarship, eligibility is not subject to employment status.

51. Can the program of study include a structured program of interspersed residential workshops, online F2F teaching webinars and coaching; independent reading, learning and assessment; and, workplace assessment that is equivalent to the minimum number of hours classed as full time for a vocational qualification?

As outlined the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, scholars studying more than one third of the units (or equivalent) of a higher education or VET course by online or distance learning are not eligible under the Destination Australia Program.

Online learning is study where the teacher and student primarily communicate through digital media, technology-based tools and IT networks and does not require the student to attend scheduled classes or maintain contact hours. For the purposes of Destination Australia, online learning does not include the provision of online lectures, tuition or other resources that supplement scheduled classes or contact hours.

52. Are Regional Study Hubs eligible for the Destination Australia Program?

No. As outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, scholars studying more than one third of the units (or equivalent) of a higher education or VET course by online or distance learning are not eligible under the Destination Australia Program.

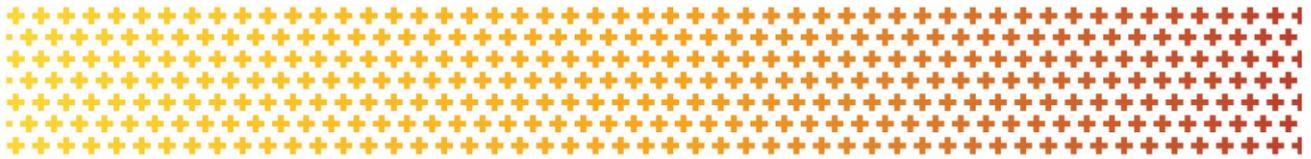
Questions 53 – 54 added 09/09/2019

53. When completing the table and selecting “Type of Qualification” the “Qualification Durations (years)” auto populates with available selections. We have a number of qualification that length does not match the options ie Certificate IV 0.5 and 1.5 (as well as 1 & 2 that are available to select) How can we include these scholarships?

Where a qualification’s duration includes part years, the successful tertiary education provider will receive scholarship funding (to be paid to the scholar) at the full year amount (e.g. a student undertaking a qualification for 0.5 years would be eligible to receive \$15,000, subject to meeting eligibility criteria).

54. When funding is considered for approval if the requested amount is too high will the application still be considered with the approved amount amended? Or will the application be disregarded?

Applicants will not be disregarded solely on the basis of the amount requested. The Minister for Education will decide which grants to approve and the amount to be awarded, based on the application assessment and the availability of grant funds.



In addition, the Minister for Education may consider an allocation of grants to ensure a reasonable allocation between:

- international and domestic students,
- states and territories
- higher education and vocational education and training providers
- number of scholarships sought per provider.

Questions from webinar held on 02 September 2019

Answers 55 – 95 added 09/09/2019

55. There is a requirement for scholarships to be 'new to the provider'. Does this exclude graduates of a bachelor degree from the same Higher Education Provider who may wish to apply for a scholarship to support their postgraduate research degree? I.e. they are new to the program but not new to the provider.

A student who commences a new course of study would be eligible for the Destination Australia program (subject to meeting other eligibility criteria).

56. How many applications need to be submitted, is it one per student or one per campus?

Only one application per institution will be accepted. The Community Grants Hub will only assess the latest submitted application.

Tertiary education providers do not need to submit an application per student nor per campus. The application form includes space to apply for up to ten (10) campuses. Individual student details are not required to be included in the application

57. How many scholarships can each institution apply for?

It is at the discretion of the tertiary education provider. Tertiary education providers should be mindful of the number of scholarships they can successfully deliver.

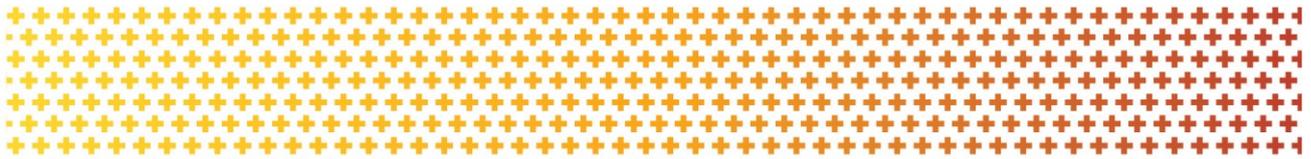
58. What is meant by tertiary education provider?

Tertiary study is an education level beyond high school, including vocational education and training, undergraduate study and postgraduate studies. So a tertiary education provider is an institution that delivers education at these levels.

More specifically, for the purposes of the Destination Australia Program, an education provider must be a Registered Training Organisation or registered higher education provider. Further details are in section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

59. In terms of an eligible address for scholarship recipients prior to moving to our inner regional location, can you confirm that we can offer scholarships to people who currently reside in major cities and to those who reside outside of our inner regional area?

Yes. From commencement of the scholarship, students must maintain ongoing residence in a regional area of Australia in order to remain eligible for the scholarship. Where the student lived prior to commencing the scholarship does not impact eligibility for the program.



60. Can you confirm that we can offer a scholarship to people to relocate to our Wodonga campus who currently reside in the neighbouring shires of Alpine, Towong, Indigo that are classed as outer regional and are approximately a 45 to 120 minutes drive away?

Yes. From commencement of the scholarship, students must maintain ongoing residence in a regional area of Australia in order to remain eligible for the scholarship. Where the student lived prior to commencing the scholarship does not impact eligibility for the program.

61. How many individual grants can each provider apply for each year?

It is at the discretion of the tertiary education provider. Tertiary education providers should be mindful of the number of scholarships they can successfully deliver.

62. Can you please confirm that it is one grant application per institution?

Yes, only one application per tertiary education provider will be assessed.

63. Can you confirm that we can only charge a fee-for-service price for tuition over subsidised tuition using Victorian Skills First Funding?

This would need to be discussed with the Victorian Government. The Destination Australia program places no restrictions on students receiving additional funding or support from other sources.

Scholarship funding does not need to exclusively cover tuition fees – it represents a contribution to a student’s study and living expenses.

64. For students studying a package of programs e.g. Certificate IV + Diploma would the scholarship cover the full program duration to the highest level in their package or just the first qualification?

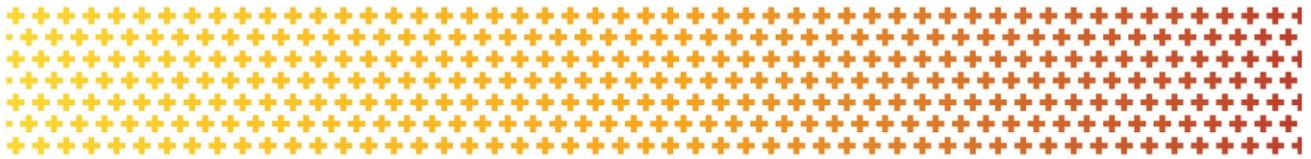
The 2020 Destination Australia grant round will only be available to students who commence their study in the 2020 academic year. If an institution would like to support a student for qualifications in future years, they will need to apply for funding in future grant rounds.

65. What is the position where there is a four-year degree but only the first two years are offered at a regional campus?

As noted in section 5.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, scholarships are only available to students who are studying full-time in a course that can be fully delivered by one of the tertiary education provider’s regional campuses.

66. Does the scholarship holder need to reside in the institution's location full time in order to be considered a full time student?

The student must maintain ongoing residence in a regional area to be eligible for a Destination Australia program.



67. If you are a provider with multiple campuses, are you disqualified if you make an application for each campus?

Tertiary education providers are able to apply for up to ten (10) campuses in their application. Only one application per provider will be assessed.

68. When applying for these grants, do we submit a number of scholarships we would like to deliver across the 4 years or just for 2020?

The 2020 Destination Australia grant round is only available to support students who commence study in 2020. While tertiary education providers are able to apply to support students for their entire qualification (up to four years), providers are not able to apply for scholarships that will commence in later years.

69. When funding is considered for approval, if the requested amount is too high will the application be disregarded or will the application still be considered however the amount approved be amended?

Applicants will not be disregarded solely on the basis of the amount requested. The Minister for Education will decide which grants to approve and amount to be awarded, based on the application assessment and the availability of grant funds.

In addition, the Minister for Education may consider an allocation of grants to ensure a reasonable allocation between:

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- states and territories
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- number of scholarships sought per provider.

70. Are there a mandated number of hours for face-to-face teaching in vocational course, given full time is equal to or greater than 720 hours?

The Destination Australia program does not mandate a definition for full time study. The definition of full time study will be determined by the course requirements.

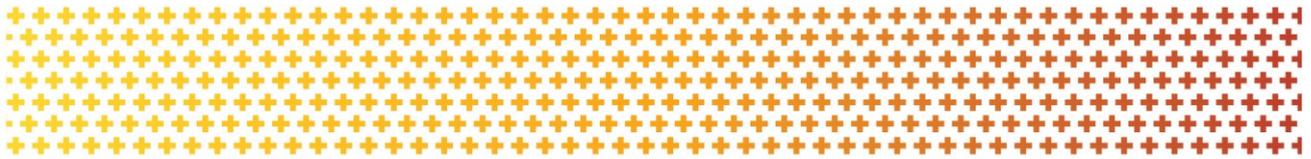
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71. Can you confirm that the scholarships are for study that begins at any time in 2020 (and not for subsequent years)? Will further rounds be held for study beginning 2021, for example?

Yes, the 2020 Destination Australia grant round is only available for students who commence their study in the 2020 academic year. Further rounds of the Destination Australia program will be held to determine scholarships available for students who commence in later years.

72. Can you please define campus? Are regional teaching location delivered entirely in a region eligible?

A campus is the physical location from where an eligible course of study is being delivered.



73. Do we need to specify the number of scholarships we wish to allocate to international students and domestic students at the point of application or do we just apply for an overall number and then allocate them as we wish?

The application form will ask tertiary education providers to list how many scholars they expect to support both by numbers of either domestic or international students, as well as by qualification level.

74. When completing the table and selecting “Type of Qualification” the “Qualification Durations (years)” auto populates with available selections. We have a number of qualifications where the duration does not match any of the drop-down options, for example a Certificate IV for a 0.5 and 1.5 year duration. How can we include these scholarships?

Where a qualification’s duration includes part years, the successful tertiary education provider will receive scholarship funding (to be paid to the scholar) at the full year amount (e.g. a student undertaking a qualification for 0.5 years would be eligible to receive \$15,000, subject to meeting eligibility criteria.).

75. When promoting the scholarships, we can only use the internet. Can you please define what you deem as internet marketing?

Activities to promote the Destination Australia Program for the purposes of building program understanding and awareness are not restricted to specific distribution channels.

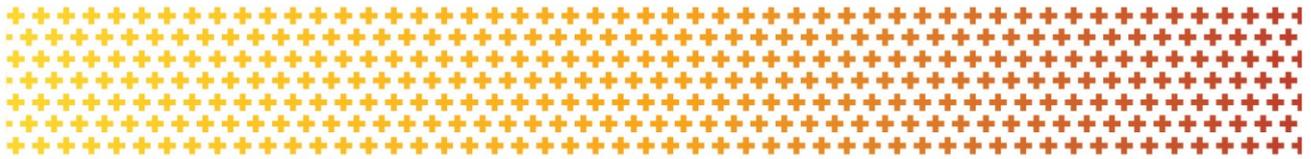
When promoting the benefits of student experience in regional Australia, these promotional activities must only be distributed through the following distribution channels:

- Television
- Radio
- Internet
- Telephone services.

Internet marketing is a way of reaching your target audience via an online platform.

76. Form does not let one progress through online application to see what required in each section, unless one first fills out a section. Makes it difficult to gather info from other parts of institution at same time. Is it possible to see all the sections in some way before filling out? e.g. currently trying to find out if our institution has or is receiving a Community Hub Grant - so cannot say yes or no, and thus not allowed to go to further sections of the form.

It is not possible to preview the form. Applicants can note draft answers in the necessary sections to progress temporarily, and go back and edit and review sections as needed prior to submission.



77. If it is anticipated there will be an even spread of international and domestic scholarships, does this mean only providers with CRICOS registration will be eligible/selected?

No. Tertiary education providers will be able to elect to support domestic students, international students, or both. Those providers who apply for international student scholarships (or both domestic and international students) must have CRICOS registration. Those providers who will only provide scholarships to domestic students do not need CRICOS registration

78. If a tertiary education provider applies and gets this scholarship then how can the students of that institution apply for these scholarships?

Successful tertiary education providers will run their own processes to administer and deliver the scholarships.

79. In terms of administering the scholarship, apart from the regional criteria, can institutions determine whether to assess students based on academic merit or financial need?

Successful tertiary education providers will run their own processes to administer and deliver the scholarships.

80. The Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure regional areas are current to 2016 and appears to be due to review mid-year 2020. How will this affect campuses where the regional status changes?

The Commonwealth Grant Agreement will ensure the regional eligibility is based on the 2016 version of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard.

81. Can a scholarship holder be employed while considered to be studying full time?

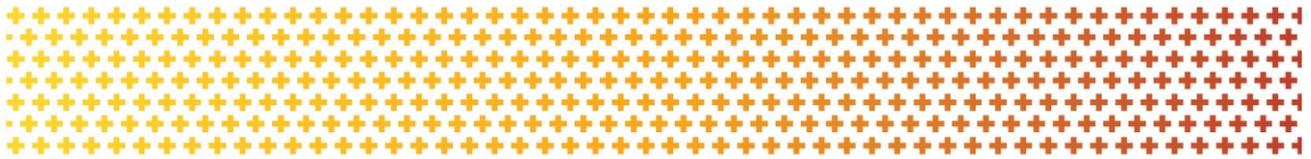
The Destination Australia Program does not place restrictions on the employment status of the scholar. Note: student visas place restrictions on the number of hours an international student can work per week. These restrictions must be complied with.

82. Are providers able to set their own guidelines on eligible scholarship recipients? (ie: promoting the scholarships as part of economic development to attract people from the metros and NOT provided to current students)

Yes. Successful tertiary education providers will run their own processes to administer and deliver the scholarship (in line with the guidelines).

83. If the online application cannot validate the provider's address (but it is approved location per ABS data) will the address be accepted?

All eligible addresses (as per ABS definitions) will be considered, even if the online application cannot validate the providers address.



84. Could you comment on students undertaking a degree that has online and face-to-face teaching in the region?

Successful tertiary education providers cannot use the grant to support students studying more than one third of the units (or equivalent) by online or distance learning.

85. How can a graduate student apply for this scholarship for further studies?

The Destination Australia Program will support international and domestic students who are enrolled at a registered tertiary provider with a regional campus and studying the qualification levels from Certificate IV up to Masters or Doctoral degrees.

When successful tertiary education providers are announced later in 2019, students will be able to apply for a scholarship directly with those providers.

86. Are students currently living in the region eligible to apply?

Yes (subject to meeting other eligibility criteria)

87. Are students who live in regional areas already eligible for a scholarship?

Yes (subject to meeting other eligibility criteria)

88. Does the ANU accept this scholarship?

Tertiary education providers have not yet been selected. Providers of Destination Australia scholarships will be announced later in 2019.

89. Do we need to specify the number of scholarships we wish to allocate to international students and domestic students separately at the point of application or do we just apply for an overall number and then allocate them as we wish?

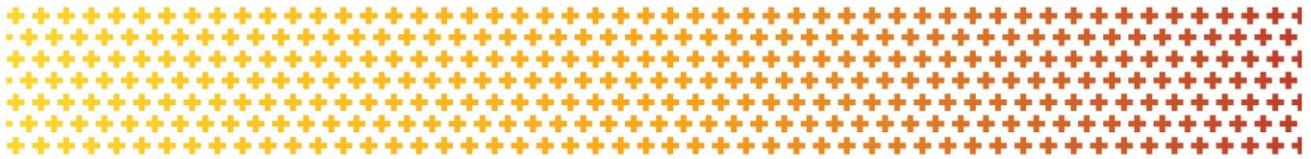
The application form will ask tertiary education providers to nominate the number of scholarships they expect to deliver to international and domestic students. The specific split between international and domestic scholarships will not form part of the Commonwealth Grant Agreement, and will instead be used during the assessment process to ensure, as much as possible, an even distribution across regional Australia.

90. Can you add an Appendix to the online application, or is the word limit final?

There is a word limit of approximately 500 words (up to 3000 characters) per selection criterion. Attachments will not be considered as part of the assessment process.

91. Can you please clarify that tertiary education providers will apply for this scholarship, and will receive funding if eligible? Then, if an international postgraduate student gets admission in a tertiary institution that has Destination Australia funding, then the student can avail the scholarship from the education provider, and not directly from the government?

Tertiary education providers can apply to deliver the Destination Australia program. The successful providers will be announced later in 2019. The successful tertiary education



providers will then run their own processes to administer and deliver the scholarships (including determining which students will receive a scholarship). The Australian Government will not directly fund scholarships to students.

92. Is this presentation going to be made available for providers that couldn't make it today?

Yes, the webinar will be available online until the 2020 Destination Australia Program round closes. It can be viewed [here](#).

93. Will this presentation and Q&A be made available?

Yes, the webinar will be available online until the 12th of September 2019. It can be viewed [here](#).

94. What is the process if all scholarships are not fully allocated in 2020?

Details of future rounds will be announced in due course.

95. Can the institution apply for other state based funding in addition to the scholarship for the applicant?

Section 5.3. states that successful tertiary education providers cannot use the Destination Australia grant funding for activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility. Tertiary education providers should also check the eligibility requirements of other funding programs.
