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# Destination Australia 2022 (Round 3)

## Questions and Answers

### 1. 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 to offer students a high-quality learning experience.

## Application process

### 2. How can I apply for Destination Australia funding?

You must complete and submit the online application form. The Community Grants Hub will not provide application forms or accept application forms for this grant opportunity by fax, email or through Australia Post.

### 3. What is the closing time and date for applications?

The application form must be submitted by 9:00 PM AEST on Tuesday 15 June 2021.

### 4. If I cannot 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.

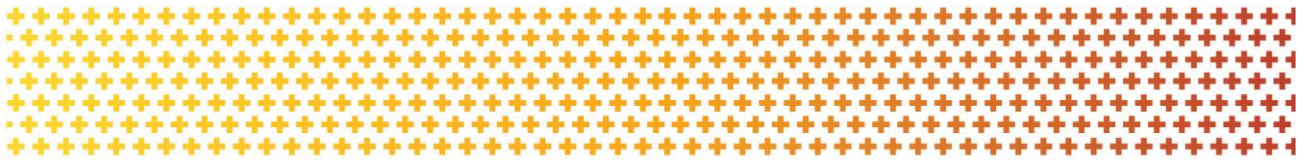
### 5. How do I confirm my legal entity type?

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 website](#).

### 6. Can I have a list of eligible regional tertiary education providers?

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment does not maintain a list of tertiary education providers located in regional Australia. Applicants are responsible for ensuring they are [eligible](#) to apply for this grant opportunity.



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**7. If the online application cannot validate my address, will the address be accepted?**

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

**8. How many campus locations can I apply for?**

You can apply for up to 20 eligible campus locations per provider or consortium arrangement (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 4.1). If you are applying for scholarships for more than 10 campuses, 2 application forms must be used to submit information for all campuses as the online form can only accommodate 10 campuses maximum.

**9. How do I submit a second application if I am applying for more than 10 campuses?**

To complete a second application for additional campuses (over 10), please follow the steps outlined below.

1. You will need to submit your first application, making note of your submission reference.
2. Immediately after submitting the first application, select 'Start new form prefilled with the same data'. A new form will load, completed with all the information provided in your first application.
3. Navigate to the campus information tab.
4. Your response to '*If applying for more than 10 Campuses, is this your first application submission?*' should now be changed to 'No'.
5. Provide the submission reference from your first application in the text box that is now available to complete.
6. Continue to Campus Details Page 1 and clear all campus information.
7. Input new campus information.
8. Review the Consolidated Campus Funding table to ensure all new information has been captured.

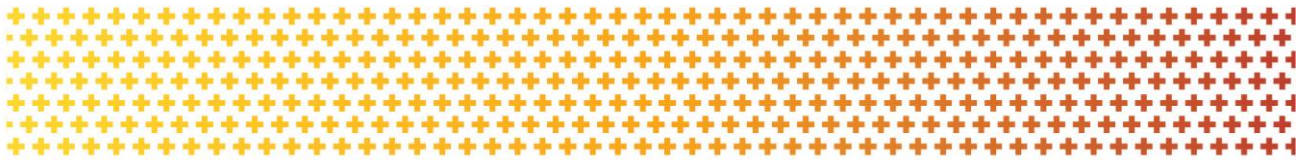
Please note, you should not change any information, other than campus details, in your second application form. Only responses provided in your first application will be considered.

**10. What attachments do I need to include with my application if I am submitting a consortium application?**

If applying as a consortium (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 7.2), you will need to complete and attach the mandatory template provided with the grant opportunity documents.

**11. Do I need to specify the number of scholarships I propose to allocate to international students and domestic students at the point of application?**

Yes. The application form requires you to nominate the number of scholarships you will award to domestic and international students.



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## 12. How many scholarships can I apply for?

There is no restriction on how many scholarships providers can include in their application. However, providers should be mindful of the number of scholarships they can successfully deliver and the number of scholarships available.

## 13. Do I submit one application per student or one application per campus?

Submit one application for all scholarships you propose to offer at all campuses. The application form includes space to apply for up to 10 campuses. If applying for more than 10 campuses, please complete a second application form to provide the additional campus information.

## 14. If I have multiple campuses, am I disqualified if I submit an application for each campus?

Only one application per tertiary education provider will be assessed, whether submitted as an application from an individual provider or as a member of a consortium.

You can apply for up to 20 campuses in one application.

## 15. Do word limits apply to selection criteria?

Yes, there is a word limit of approximately 500 words (up to 3,000 characters) per selection criterion.

## 16. I have already submitted an application, but I want to revise it. What should I do?

An application cannot be revised once it is submitted, but you can submit a new application before the closing date and time. Where more than one application is submitted, the latest accepted application form will progress for applications with 10 campuses or less.

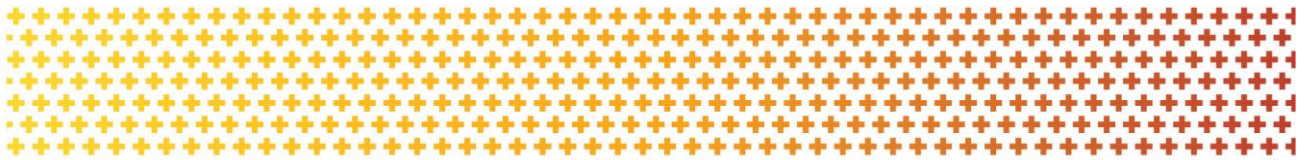
Applications for more than 10 campuses that require a second form will have both application forms progressed for the purpose of receiving all required campus information.

## Regional campuses

### 17. What does 'regional' mean?

The *Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure (2016)* (ASGS) classifies all parts of Australia as one of the following Remoteness Areas:

- Major Cities of Australia
- Inner Regional Australia
- Outer Regional Australia
- Remote Australia
- Very Remote Australia.



For the purposes of Destination Australia, a campus is located in a regional area if it is entirely or in part in an area classified as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote, or Very Remote (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 4.1).

**18. How do I verify if my campus is located entirely or in part in a regional area?**

Visit the [Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure](#) on the [Australian Bureau of Statistics website](#).

You can also search for the Remoteness Area of your campus on the following websites:

- [National Map](#) – 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](#).

**19. The Grant Opportunity Guidelines say a campus must be “entirely or in part in a regional area”, but the application form says “in a regional area”. Which is correct?**

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines are correct. The application of the regional definition has been changed slightly from the Destination Australia 2021 round with a view to not excluding campuses with a postcode that may not cleanly accord with the ASGS Remoteness Area classifications.

## Assistance with the application process

**20. Can someone from the Department of Education, Skills and Employment 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, Skills and Employment cannot directly assist with the writing of any application. However, to support education providers applying under this grant opportunity, the Community Grants Hub has published [a guide to supporting your grant application](#).

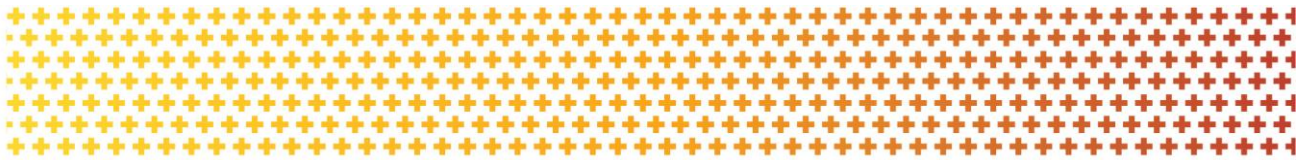
If you’re having trouble using or submitting an application form on the Community Grants Hub website, please contact the Grants Hotline on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or TTY 1800 555 677.

**21. 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 (option 1) or email [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au).

**22. Where should I go for further information?**

Please email your enquiries to [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au).



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## Grant funding decisions

### **23. 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 your application during the selection process.

Timing for this grant opportunity is given in section 7.3 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, although in some instances due to volume and complexity of applications, this timing may be modified.

### **24. Who will approve Destination Australia Program grants?**

The Minister for Education and Youth (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. For more information, see section 8.3 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

### **25. What feedback will I receive on my application?**

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 (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 9.1).

### **26. Can I appeal the outcomes of the 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 the terms and conditions of the grant (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 8.3).

## Grant funding

### **27. How much funding is available for this grant opportunity?**

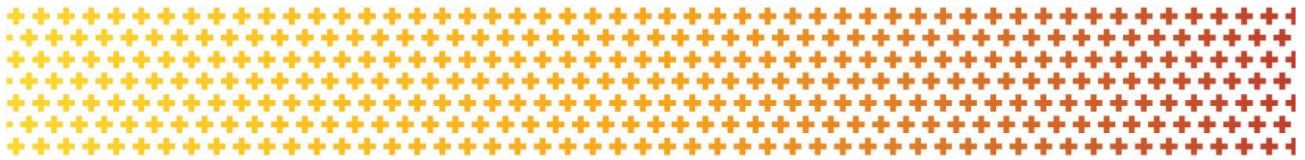
Approximately \$25.32 million (GST exclusive) is available over 4 years for Destination Australia 2022 (Round 3) (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 3.1).

This equates to approximately 380 scholarships.

### **28. How much funding can I apply for and for what period of time?**

There is no minimum or maximum amount of grant funding you may apply for, but grants cannot exceed the amount of available funding.

The maximum grant period is 4 years. The grant funding available must support scholarships for students commencing in 2022.



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**29. Can I apply for funding for multiple years?**

Yes. Grant funding is available over 4 years, from 2021–22 until 2024–25.

Multi-year scholarships will support eligible students while they are enrolled in an eligible qualification of up to 4 years in duration.

**30. If the amount I request is too high, will my application still be considered?**

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

**31. What can I use Destination Australia grant funding for?**

Destination Australia funding must be used for scholarships for eligible students and the administration and promotion of scholarships.

Eligible expenditure items are listed in section 5.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Providers can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure incurred between the commencement date and completion date of their grant agreements.

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

You cannot spend the grant on the items and activities listed in section 5.4 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

**33. If I receive funding under the New Colombo Plan, can I still apply for Destination Australia funding?**

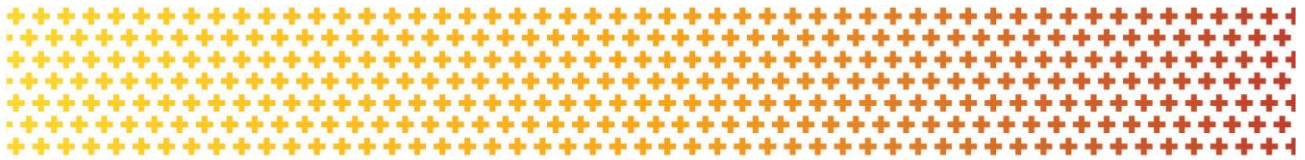
Yes. The Destination Australia Program does not limit providers' ability to apply for and receive other Australian Government funding, such as the New Colombo Plan.

**34. Can I apply for other state-based funding in addition to Destination Australia funding?**

Providers cannot use Destination Australia funding for activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility, or for which they have received funding from another government source (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 5.4).

**35. What happens if a scholarship student cancels their study prior to finishing their course? Can we recover the scholarship funding paid to them?**

Providers must pay the scholarship student the first instalment of scholarship funds within one week of the student census date or within 6 weeks of the student commencing their study program, whichever is sooner. Providers are not permitted to recover scholarship funding from a scholarship student who has withdrawn from the course, regardless of the reasons for the student's withdrawal (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 5.3).



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## Eligible providers

### **36. Who is eligible to apply for this Destination Australia grant opportunity?**

You are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity if you can demonstrate you meet all of the criteria in section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

### **37. Who is not eligible to apply for this Destination Australia grant opportunity?**

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

Students cannot directly apply for scholarships through the Community Grants Hub.

### **38. Can I apply in a joint (consortia) arrangement?**

Yes, you may apply as a consortium. A consortium application must identify a lead organisation. The lead organisation must submit the application form and, if successful, enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The lead organisation and all consortium members must meet the eligibility criteria described in section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

If you apply as part of a consortium, either as the lead organisation or as a member of the consortium, you cannot also apply as an applicant in your own right.

For further information on consortium applications, see section 7.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

### **39. If I want to offer scholarships to domestic students only, do I need to have CRICOS registration to be eligible to apply?**

No. You must meet the eligibility criteria in section 4.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. You must have current CRICOS registration only if you intend to offer scholarships to international students.

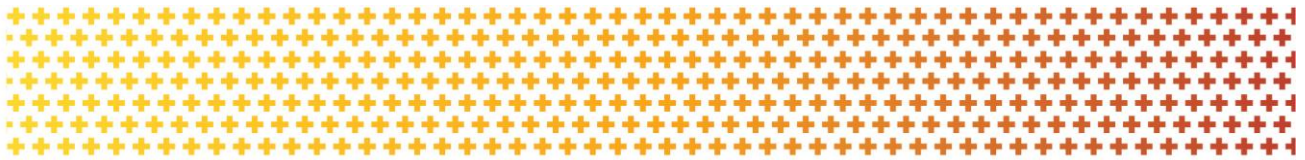
### **40. Are Regional Study Hubs eligible for the Destination Australia Program?**

No. Destination Australia funding cannot be used to support students studying more than one third of the units (or equivalent) of a higher education or VET course online or by distance education (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 5.4).

## Eligible students

### **41. Who is an eligible scholarship student?**

A student is an eligible scholarship student if they meet the criteria in section 5.1.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. The student must meet all criteria for the duration of their scholarship. The student's program must be a minimum of one year in duration.



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#### **42. What is a new course of study?**

A student has commenced a new course of study if they have:

- enrolled in a course at the provider for the first time
- transferred into a course at the provider after commencing study at a different provider
- commenced a higher-level course at a provider after previously completing a course at the provider.

#### **43. What if I want to offer a scholarship for a 4-year degree, but only the first 2 years are offered at a regional campus?**

Students are only eligible for a scholarship if they are studying full-time in a course that can be delivered in full at a regional campus (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 5.1.1).

#### **44. Can I offer scholarships to students who currently reside in major cities and to students who reside outside our regional area?**

Yes. From commencement of the scholarship, students must maintain ongoing residence in a regional area of Australia to remain eligible for the scholarship. The student's place of residence prior to commencing the scholarship does not affect their eligibility.

#### **45. Are students eligible for a scholarship 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 for a Destination Australia scholarship (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 5.4).

#### **46. 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 with no requirement for 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 face-to-face classes or contact hours.

#### **47. What is the definition of distance learning?**

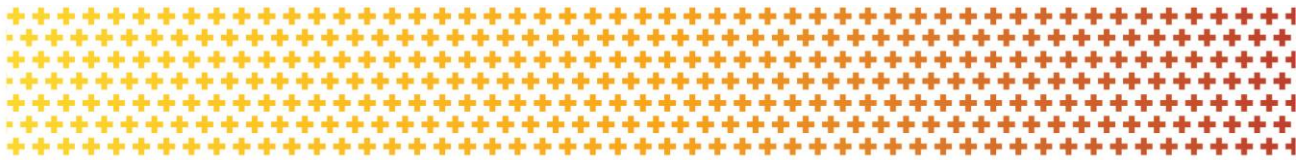
Distance learning is any learning that a student undertakes off-campus with no requirement for the student to physically attend regular tuition for the course.

#### **48. How do students apply for a Destination Australia scholarship?**

Once the outcomes of Destination Australia 2022 (Round 3) are known, students must contact a successful tertiary education provider for advice on applying for a scholarship.

Students cannot directly apply for scholarships through the Community Grants Hub.





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

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

**50. Is there a matrix for me to follow when awarding scholarships to students?**

No. Successful providers will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students who meet the eligibility criteria in section 5.1.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

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

Successful tertiary education providers will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students who meet the eligibility criteria in section 5.1.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

**52. What can a scholarship student use their Destination Australia scholarship for?**

The scholarship funds are to be used at the scholarship student's discretion to support completion of their course of study in regional Australia.

Successful providers are not permitted to keep scholarship funds themselves to offset tuition costs and they are not permitted to offer scholarships subject to any type of payment by scholarship students of scholarship funds back to their provider (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 5.3).

**53. Can a scholarship holder be employed while studying full-time?**

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines require that scholarship students meet the eligibility requirements in section 5.1.1. They do not place restrictions on the employment status of the scholarship students.

International scholarship students must comply with their student visa conditions with respect to the number of hours they work per week.

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

If at any time a scholarship student is found to no longer meet the criteria in section 5.1.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, payments of scholarship funds to the student must cease. Providers can reallocate any future year funding associated with that student to a different scholarship student who meets the eligibility criteria (Grant Opportunity Guidelines, section 5.3.1).

**55. Can students only receive a Destination Australia scholarship once?**

Successful providers will run their own processes for allocating and awarding scholarships to students who meet the eligibility criteria in section 5.1.1 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. The criteria require that the student commence a new course of study to be eligible for a scholarship.