



Australia Awards

Myanmar

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Myanmar

Australia's international development assistance in Myanmar helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders in developing countries. Through study and research, recipients gain the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to make an impact on development challenges in Myanmar.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Myanmar are:

- **Education** (for e.g. education policy, quality assurance and statistics, student learning assessment, education economics, technical and vocational education and training (TVET), curriculum studies)
- **Public Health** (for e.g. epidemiology, public health, health security, health economics, disease control, bio security)
- **Human resource development** (for e.g. public administration, human resource management, labour market economics, information management)
- **Gender equality, Social inclusion and human rights** (for e.g. gender, disability, intersectionality, development, international human rights law, peace/conflict, humanitarian leadership)
- **Rule of Law and Governance** (for e.g. law, political science, human rights, transnational crime)
- **Environment and natural resources** (for e.g. natural resource management, water resources, climate change, disaster risk management, environment, conservation)
- **Trade and private sector development** (for e.g. economics, financial analysis, international business, infrastructure, trade policy, public policy, tax, energy engineering, mining)

The government of Australia regularly reviews these areas of study and adjusts the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: www.australiaawardsmyanmar.org

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Myanmar with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2024 within the following allocations:

- In Myanmar, Australia Award Scholarships are available for Masters level study only.

Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support,
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

As per the Handbook, current serving military personnel are not eligible to apply for Australia Awards.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Myanmar must also meet the following conditions:

- be a Myanmar citizen currently residing in Myanmar
- completed Bachelor's degree
- be at least 25 years old at 1 May 2023
- have at least two (2) years of work experience

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their chosen course of study builds on their work experience.

Any application which shows evidence of plagiarism (copying from other applicants) will be deemed ineligible. This constitutes fraud which is contrary to Australian values and will not be tolerated.

English language requirements

An IELTS or TOEFL score is not required at the time of application. Applicants, who do have an IELTS or TOEFL score if shortlisted for the interview, are required to sit for an IELTS test prior to the interview.

Applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score prior to mobilisation.

DFAT will offer support for English language training to applicants offered a provisional award. Those eligible to receive the support will be notified after the selection interview.

The offer of an Australia Award is conditional upon IELTS requirements being satisfied. If an applicant fails to achieve the required IELTS within the designated time period the applicant's Australia Awards Scholarship offer may be withdrawn.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 1 February 2023

Closing date: 1 May 2023 (11:59PM AEST)

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

We strongly encourage applicants to apply online and complete their application as early as possible.

Please note the online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

An electronic copy of the application form can be accessed on the Australia Awards Myanmar website at www.australiaawardsmyanmar.org

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Myanmar:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
National Registration Certificate (NRC) or passport.	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcripts (grades from previous study)	Academic transcript	Yes
IELTS, TOEFL, PTE Academic results (if available) <i>Note that these results are not required to submit an application.</i>	Proof of English language proficiency	Yes
Referee reports (with official stamp if available): <ul style="list-style-type: none">One Academic referee report (if available).One Employment referee report (or two if no academic referee report is available) <i>Please use provided template (from the Australia Awards Myanmar website).</i>	Referee Report	No
Curriculum Vitae <i>Please use provided template (from the Australia Awards Myanmar website).</i>	Other document	No
Development Impact Plan <i>Please use provided template (from the Australia Awards Myanmar website).</i>	Other document	No
Research proposal and evidence of communication with potential supervisor providing in-principle support for research proposal (for applicants selecting Master's by research only)	Other document	No

Document certification can be completed by any public notary.

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Myanmar
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2023.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards – Myanmar can be found at <https://www.australiaawardsmyanmar.org>

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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