Congratulations on accepting your offer of a place at the University of Adelaide. Here are your next steps:

1. Contact your nearest Australian Embassy, Consulate, High Commission or Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) to apply for your Australian Student Visa. DIBP may require additional information to verify your financial capacity and your reasons for wishing to enter Australia.

2. Plan for your arrival in Australia and time at the University of Adelaide. It is important that you arrive in time to attend the International Student Orientation Program.

Not everyone who corresponds with you from the University will know you are an international student and will therefore not necessarily mention the International Student Orientation. You should attend it.

Section 1 – Essential, must-read information

1.1 Accommodation

Consider your accommodation requirements carefully. There are a variety of accommodation options you can secure before leaving home, including The Village, Residential colleges and the Floor of Residence at Urbanest.


If you wish to find your own private rental accommodation, then we strongly recommend you seek assistance from the Accommodation Service once you have arrived and enrolled in your courses. Taking up the option of one week’s temporary accommodation offered by the accommodation service gives you the time to search for a private rental without the expense of a hotel. The Accommodation Service also offers a free airport meet and greet service. To access the meet and greet and/or the temporary accommodation service you MUST register at the Accommodation Service Portal and fill in an online arrival services form:


Never transfer money from your home country to book accommodation unless it’s for a place in University-managed accommodation or affiliated colleges and commercial partners in accordance with the advice on our Accommodation Services website.
1.2 The International Student Centre (ISC) – North Terrace Campus
The ISC is your go-to place after your arrival for any issues or problems that you cannot resolve, or for anything that you are unfamiliar with. The ISC provides support and information, and also organises numerous social activities and programs that will help you meet new friends and settle in more quickly to your new home. Your emergency contact during office hours (Monday to Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm) will be the ISC (+61 8313 4828). Outside of office hours your contact in emergency situations will be staff in the University Security Office (+61 8313 5990), who will contact the relevant person on your behalf.

- www.international.adelaide.edu.au/life/

1.3 Customs **/ Quarantine
Australia’s quarantine laws are very strict and many food items, plants, animal products and some medicines cannot be brought into Australia. These items can carry pests and diseases harmful to our unique environment and agricultural industries.

Currency amounts of AUD$10,000 or more, or equivalent in foreign currency (notes and coins of legal tender), must be declared on departure from and arrival into Australia. Penalties apply for the failure to declare.

** Remember: Only Customs Officers can give you accurate information about customs matters.


1.4 Tuition Fees
Unless you are an Exchange or Study Abroad Student, all full-fee paying students will have paid an AUD$9000 deposit upon acceptance of their Offer of Admission. This payment goes towards tuition fees in the first study period of enrolment; it is a deposit only and is not the full amount due for your study fees.

An invoice for the remaining fees due is sent before the first day of teaching. Invoices are issued through Access Adelaide – a special website you will learn about during orientation. The consequences of late or non-payment of fees can be significant and non-payment is considered a breach of your student visa conditions. There are several methods available for paying your fees, including but not limited to Credit Cards (MasterCard, VISA, and American Express) and BPAY.

1.5 Weather
The climate in South Australia is described as temperate, having an average maximum temperature of 29 degrees in the summer months (Dec – Feb) and an average minimum temperature in the winter months (Jun – Aug) of 8 degrees. Remember these are average temperatures. Temperatures of above 40 degrees occur quite often during the summer months, and you should pack and prepare accordingly. It does rain in Adelaide, with the wettest months usually being June, July, and August.

1.6 What to Bring
Check out the “What to bring” section on our website for our recommendations on what you need to bring with you to Adelaide.

1.7 Finance / Banking / Money Matters

- Bring a minimum of A$100 cash for on-arrival expenses (more if you need to book and pay for temporary accommodation after arriving)
- At Adelaide airport, Travelex Currency Exchange stores are open 365 days a year
- Open a bank account as soon as you can after arrival - information will be available during orientation.
- Photographic identification is required to open a bank account.
- Most shops take credit and debit cards as well as cash.

### Average Weekly Living Expenses in Adelaide

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Source: [www.studyadelaide.com](http://www.studyadelaide.com)

1.8 Enrolling

**Coursework students:** Enrolment is done online, through the University’s Access Adelaide system. In order to enrol, you will first need to have received your username (student ID number) and password. If you have not been sent your username and password, these can be collected from the International Student Centre. In order to determine which courses you need to enrol in, please consult:


**Pre Enrolment English Program (PEP) students:** You will be enrolled as part of your Orientation session, after arrival in Adelaide. All questions regarding enrolment should be directed to the English Language Centre:


**PhD and Masters by research students:** Upon arrival in Adelaide, visit the International Student Centre in order to receive your enrolment pack. Inside of this pack is a yellow enrolment form that you will need to complete with your supervisor’s assistance. Once the form is complete, please return it to the Adelaide Graduate Centre:


**Study abroad and exchange students:** You will be selecting courses based on your home degree and the approvals that have been given by both your home course adviser and, if required, the School or Faculty where those courses are taught at the University of Adelaide. Information about the courses available to Study Abroad and Exchange students can be found at:


1.9 Your Studies in Adelaide

There will be many unfamiliar terms or words used at the University. The Glossary of Terms on our website will help you understand the relevant terminology:


Check out the ‘Your Study’ section of our website to get a better understanding of what to expect from your studies at the University of Adelaide:

Section 2 – Other information

Research students should read information about the Integrated Bridging Program and Induction:


Further detailed pre-departure and arrival information is available from the International Student Centre:


The Government of South Australia’s website Study Adelaide contains information designed specifically for international students studying in Adelaide:

- [www.studyadelaide.com](http://www.studyadelaide.com)

The South Australian Tourism Commission provides lots of information about Adelaide and South Australia - great for planning day trips and activities.


2.1 Mobile phones/Internet

There are numerous mobile phone and internet service providers in Australia. Please check out the Communications section of our website to find out more:


2.2 Travelling around Adelaide

You can travel easily around Adelaide, with train, tram, bus, and cycle routes being available to service the city and its suburbs. It is worth looking in advance to see public transportation routes before deciding where you wish to live. As a full-time tertiary student, you are entitled to buy a ‘Concession’ card for cheaper fares.


There are many bicycle shops in Adelaide, and you can also purchase relatively cheap second hand bicycles from discount stores. Bicycle helmets are compulsory (required by law) in South Australia.

2.3 Your arrival

If for some reason you are not able to arrive until after the New International Student orientation, individual arrangements will have to be made to assist you through the administration processes; you will also have missed some very important presentations, which will not be repeated for individuals.

We hope you have found this information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the International Student Centre on +61 8 8313 4828 or at isc@adelaide.edu.au should you have any questions queries relating to the information in this document, or for any other matter relating to your study at the University of Adelaide.

*We look forward to welcoming you to the University!*