



# PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Before you jump on the plane, use this checklist to make sure you're fully prepared for your journey to Adelaide.

- Organise your visa  
For information about student visas, see our Immigration and Visas [information page](#).
- Book your plane ticket  
Make sure you're arriving in time for your compulsory Orientation and International Student Welcome program. For Orientation dates, see the [Orientation website](#).
- Have any necessary medical, optical, and dental check-ups  
Most [Overseas Student Health Cover](#) (OSHC) policies do not include dental or optical services. As such, these services in Australia can be quite expensive, and so it's a good idea to get yourself checked before coming to Adelaide.
- Arrange any prescription medication  
If you will continue needing prescription medication in Australia, you should also obtain a doctor's note in English detailing your medical history and any prescriptions you require.
- Enrol in your classes  
Did you know that you can enrol in your classes before you arrive in Adelaide? For more information, and to get started, see the [Enrolment website](#). If you have any troubles setting up your account or enrolling, you can contact the team at [Ask Adelaide](#) for help.
- Check Australian Customs and Quarantine information  
Australian biosecurity laws prohibit certain food and animal products from entering the country. To avoid fines or visa issues, it's important you check [what you're allowed and not allowed to bring into Australia](#).  
Check out the [Studying in Australia – Biosecurity](#) guide from the Australian Government for more information about what you can bring (and send) to Australia.

Consider your accommodation options

[Accommodation](#) includes University-managed properties, other student accommodation, and private rental properties. If you do plan in staying in private rental accommodation, we strongly advise against signing rental contracts before you arrive in Adelaide. It's always best to inspect a private rental property in person, and seek advice from the University's [Accommodation Service](#) if you encounter any issues.

Have at least \$500 in cash

Cash will be important to pay taxi fares and buy food and other essentials when you first arrive, before you are able to set up a bank account. Please note that if you are carrying more than \$10,000 in cash into Australia, you must declare this to [Customs](#) (though we do not recommend you carry this much cash with you).

Pack your suitcase

Make sure you pack clothes for the time of year you're arriving. [Adelaide winters](#) are wet and cold (average daily maximum 16° Celsius, minimum 8° Celsius), while the [summers](#) are hot and dry (average daily maximum 28° Celsius, minimum 16° Celsius).

At Australian universities, there is no dress code. Most students wear casual clothes on campus; for example, jeans, t-shirts, shirts, sweaters, blouses, and sneakers. However, you may also want to pack some more formal clothes, as well as any traditional cultural clothing, for special events.

Pack your electronics

If you're bringing your laptop and phone, make sure you don't forget your chargers! You should also bring any necessary travel adaptors and voltage converters for your electronics. [Australian power plugs](#) are likely different than your home country, and the voltage also may be higher. In Australia, the standard voltage is 230V and the frequency is 50Hz.

Pack your documents

Make copies of your personal documents to bring along with you, in case you lose the originals. Important documents include your passport, letter of offer from the University, Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), academic transcripts from previous study, important contact numbers, and medical records.

Familiarise yourself with Adelaide

Before you get here, take some time to [read about Adelaide city](#): where things are, and how to get around. It's also a good idea to look at a map of Adelaide and the University so you get an idea of the layout of the city.

Say goodbye to everyone

Make sure you take the time to say goodbye to everyone important to you!