

Eligibility for subsidised travel under the School Student Transport Scheme for students temporarily in Australia

There are many students in NSW schools who are from other countries and who are temporarily in Australia to complete their education. These students are in Australia on a range of temporary visas. The NSW Department of Education and Training divides these students into two categories – those who are required to pay tuition for a government education and those who are eligible for a free government education – depending on the type of visa used to enter Australia.

Students who are eligible for a free government education are also eligible for subsidised transport if they meet the general eligibility requirements. Those students who are not eligible for a free government education are not eligible for subsidised transport.

If an overseas student attends a non-government school, but is entitled to a free government education, s/he is eligible for subsidised transport if the standard eligibility criteria are met.

The following table provides a listing of visas types with information about eligibility for free government education and consideration for subsidised travel under the School Student Transport Scheme for both school and TAFE students.

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SSTS TRAVEL ENTITLEMENTS BY VISA TYPE

Visa Sub-class	Visa Description	Fee payable to DET	Eligible to be considered for SSTS for travel to school	Fee payable to TAFE	Eligible to be considered for SSTS for travel to TAFE
010 - 099 Temporary: Bridging visas whilst decision is made on application for other substantive visa					
010 - 099	Bridging visas	Yes	No	Yes	No
100 - 299 Permanent Residents					
100 - 299	Permanent residents	No	Yes	No	Yes
300s Temporary: Provisionals applying for permanency					
300	Prospective marriage	Yes	No	Yes	No
302	Emergency (permanent visa applicant)	Yes	No	Yes	No
303	Emergency (temporary visa applicant)	Yes	No	Yes	No
309	Spouse provisional	No	Yes	No	Yes
310	Interdependency provisional	No	Yes	No	Yes
400s Temporary: Business/occupational/cultural/humanitarian					
410	Retirement	Yes	No	Yes	No
411	Exchange	Yes	No	Yes	No
412	Independent executive	Yes	No	Yes	No
413	Executive	Yes	No	Yes	No
414	Specialist	Yes	No	Yes	No
415	Foreign government agency	Yes	No	Yes	No
416	Special program	Yes	No	Yes	No
417	Working holiday	Yes	No	Yes	No
418	Educational (research position)	Yes	No	Yes	No
419	Visiting academic	Yes	No	Yes	No
420	Entertainment	Yes	No	Yes	No
421	Sport	Yes	No	Yes	No
422	Medical practitioner	Yes	No	Yes	No
423	Media and film staff	Yes	No	Yes	No
424	Public lecturer	Yes	No	Yes	No
425	Family relationship	Yes	No	Yes	No
426	Domestic worker (temp)	Yes	No	Yes	No

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427	Diplomatic/consular Domestic worker (temp) Executive	Yes	No	Yes	No
428	Religious worker	Yes	No	Yes	No
430	Supported dependant	Yes	No	Yes	No
432	Expatriate (temporary)	Yes	No	Yes	No
435	Sri Lankan (temporary)	Yes	No	Yes	No
442	Occupational trainee	Yes	No	Yes	No
443	Citizens of former Yugoslavia	Yes	No	Yes	No
444	Special category (NZ citizens)	No	Yes	No	Yes
445	Dependant (linked to 309, 310, 820, 826)	No	Yes	No	Yes
446	Confirmatory (linked to 303)	Yes	No	Yes	No
448	Kosovar safe haven (temporary)	No	Yes	No	Yes
449	Humanitarian stay (temporary)	No	Yes	No	Yes
450	Resolution of status - family member	No	Yes	No	Yes
456	Business short stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
457	Business long stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
459	Sponsored business visitor	N/A	N/A	Yes	No
499	Olympic - support	Yes	No	Yes	No
500s Temporary: Students and their dependants					
560	Overseas Student - Full Fee Paying	Yes	No	Yes	No
560	Dependant of Overseas Student responsible for cost of own education	Yes	No	Yes	No
560	Dependant of Overseas Student with full scholarship from Aust Govt or publicly funded higher education institution	No	Yes	No	Yes
560	Exchange Student	No	Yes	No	Yes
562	Iranian Postgraduate Student	N/A	N/A	Yes	No
563	Iranian Postgraduate Student Dependant	Yes	No	Yes	No
600s Temporary: Visitors					

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672	Business Visitor - Short Stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
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675	Medical Treatment - Short Stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
676	Tourist - Short Stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
679	Sponsored family visitor	Yes	No	Yes	No
682	Business Visitor - Long Stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
685	Medical Treatment - Long Stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
686	Tourist - Long Stay	Yes	No	Yes	No
700s Temporary: Border Visas and temporary protection					
771	Transit	N/A	No	N/A	No
773	Border	N/A	No	N/A	No
785	Temporary Protection	No	Yes	Yes	No
800s Permanent Residents					
800-899 (except 820, 826, 850)	Permanent residents	No	Yes	No	Yes
800s Temporary: On-shore applicants for permanency					
820	Spouse provisional (onshore equiv of 309)	No	Yes	No	Yes
826	Interdependency (onshore equiv of 310)	No	Yes	No	Yes
580	Resolution of status – Prov resident (equiv of 450)	No	Yes	No	Yes
900s Temporary: Electronic Travel Authorities (ETAs) and Diplomatic					
UD956	Business Entrant - Long Validity (ETA)	Yes	No	Yes	No
UD976	Visitor (ETA)	Yes	No	Yes	No
UD977	Business Entrant - Short Validity (ETA)	Yes	No	Yes	No
995	Diplomatic (incl dependants of diplomats)	No	Yes	Yes	No
Overseas Defence Personnel: Temporary					

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N/A	Defence personnel and their dependants under Status of Forces agreements (Standard arrival stamp - written advice shows Aust posting)	No	Yes	Yes	No
APEC Business Travel Card: Temporary					
N/A	APEC Business Person	Yes	No	Yes	No
Norfolk Islanders: Permanent					
N/A	Norfolk Island resident stamp in passport	No	Yes	No	Yes