



CENTRAL REGIONAL TAFE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARRIVAL GUIDE

Welcome to Western Australia (WA)! This guide will provide you with valuable information to help you settle into your college and surrounding area. We hope you enjoy your studies at Central Regional TAFE!

Quick links

You can find out more about the Coral Coast, where to eat, and what to see by selecting a link below:

- > westernaustralia.com
- > australiascoralcoast.com
- > visitwa.com.au

Airport pick-up

If you arrive in Perth at the **International Airport** you can take a **free terminal transfer bus** to the Domestic Airport if you need to take a flight to the **Geraldton Airport**. The terminal bus operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

TransWA provides a bus service between Perth and north regional WA.

Accommodation

Hopefully you will arrive in advance of your course commencing to secure good accommodation, as per the date stated on your student visa.

The Pepperell Student Village is located on the Geraldton campus close to all facilities and the city centre. For enquiries about residing on campus or a pricing schedule contact the Residential Administration Officer (08) 9956 2873 during office hours or email residential@crtafe.wa.edu.au

If you are staying in temporary accommodation and need to find permanent housing you can visit the **Accommodation section** on the TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA) website.

Campus locations

Your Central Regional TAFE campus location is indicated on your Letter of Offer. Please select from the list below to view important information about the campus:

- > [Geraldton](#)
- > [Batavia Coast Maritime Institute \(Geraldton\)](#)
- > [Carnarvon](#)

Transport

TransRegional is managed by the Public Transport Authority and operates town public bus services in regional WA. Bus services operate in Geraldton.

For timetables, fares and service information visit the [TransRegional website](#).

Student Concession Travel

As a full-time student, you are entitled to concessions on **TransRegional** and regional bus services with your **Regional Tertiary SmartRider card**. This is the cheapest and most convenient way for students to travel. You must carry a valid card when travelling or you could be fined.



Restaurants, cafes, events and more

Please see below for details about the restaurants, cafes and events in your local area.

Geraldton Campus and Batavia Coast Maritime Institute (Geraldton) - Geraldton is a vibrant regional city located four hours' drive north of Perth and is situated on the Coral Coast.

The ME-N-U Cafe is located in G Block, at the Geraldton campus and offers a range of meals for dine in and takeaway.

Visit the [City of Geraldton website](#) to find out about events and local services.

Carnarvon Campus - Carnarvon is regarded as a tropical oasis where the red desert meets the Indian Ocean.

You can find out events and attractions on the [Shire of Carnarvon website](#).

Places of worship

Central Regional TAFE embraces religious and spiritual diversity.

You can find out about practicing religion in WA or your local place of worship by selecting your religion from the list below:

- > [Buddhist Society of Western Australia](#)
- > [Council of Churches of Western Australia \(Christian\)](#)
- > [Hindu Association of Western Australia](#)
- > [Islamic Council of Western Australia](#)
- > [Jewish Community Council of Western Australia \(Inc\)](#)
- > [Sikh Association of Western Australia](#)

Overseas Health Cover

All student visa holders must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their student visa. TIWA has a preferred provider agreement with Bupa. Students may obtain Overseas Student Health Cover from the provider of their choice.

You can find useful information regarding Bupa services below:

- > [Bupa Direct Bill Doctors](#)
- > [24-hour Bupa advice phone service](#)
- > [View the full Bupa Health Cover Flyer](#)

For more information visit the [OSHC](#) section on the TIWA website.

Safety

For life threatening emergencies (police, fire and ambulance) call 000 and request an interpreter if you need one. 000 is a free call. Dial 112 from mobile phones. If the situation is not urgent and you would like to contact the police call 131 444.

For more information visit the [Safety](#) section on the TIWA website.

Banking

It may be possible to open a bank account before you leave your country, otherwise you will need to do this upon arrival. It is important to take your passport with you as a form of identification.

The following banks that offer accounts for international students:

- > [ANZ](#)
- > [Commonwealth Bank](#)
- > [Westpac](#)
- > [National Australia Bank \(NAB\)](#)

Part-time work

Your international student visa lets you work in Australia; however, you are limited to the number of hours you can work – 40 hours a fortnight during each semester and unlimited hours during semester breaks. For detailed information, check the [Department of Immigration and Border Protection's \(DIBP\) website](#).

Tax File Number

If you want to work, you will need a tax file number (TFN). You can apply online at the [Australian Tax Office](#), this may take up to two weeks.

Finding Work

Places you can look for a job are:

- > [seek.com.au](#)
- > [jobfinder.com.au](#)
- > [studentedge.com.au](#)



Orientation

It is essential that you attend your **Central Regional TAFE Orientation session** as you will:

- > receive your timetable of classes
- > be given a tour of your study area
- > be advised of important information relative to your studies (including safety and OSHC)
- > find out more information if you have not received an OSHC card
- > find out how to set up your **Unique Student Identifier (USI)** that is linked to your enrolment record

International Student Support

The Central Regional TAFE International Office staff can provide support for your study or personal issues.

Central Regional TAFE staff can assist you with:



- > Advice for continuing students on courses and pathways
- > Your application for continuing enrolment
- > Advice on change of course/ units pathways
- > Updating your contact details (i.e. address, email, mobile)
- > Monitoring your class progress and assisting you to achieve your study goals
- > Overseas Student Health Care Information
- > TransRegional information on public transportation (buses and trains)

There are also international student counsellors that are trained to assist you with any problems you may have with managing life in WA.

International Centre (Geraldton Campus)

Contact details

 175 Fitzgerald St, Geraldton

 info@crtafe.wa.edu.au |  9956 2785


TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA)

TIWA is here to assist you before and during your studies in Western Australia. TIWA works very closely with Central Regional TAFE and can provide you with information about:

- > Course advice for new students
- > Student visa and health cover issues
- > Processing tuition fee payments and refunds
- > Airport pickup and transfer
- > TAFE orientation program
- > Referrals for further assistance (study or personal)
- > Any process you are unsure of

Contact details

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 admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au

 www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au

 www.facebook.com/TAFEInternationalWesternAustralia

Please make sure your email address is up to date as this is our primary method of contact.

Council for International Students of Western Australia (CISWA)

Each year the Council for International Students of Western Australia (CISWA) organises a large number of activities to help international students to enjoy exploring our state of Western Australia and also meeting and mixing with other students and members of our local community.

You can find out more on the [CISWA website](#) or check out their [Facebook page](#).

We hope you enjoy your stay in Western Australia!

The recruitment and admission of international students to TAFE colleges in Western Australia is managed by TAFE International Western Australia, a unit within the Western Australian Department of Training and Workforce Development.

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