



# NORTH METROPOLITAN 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 North Metropolitan TAFE!

## Quick links

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

- > [westernaustralia.com](http://westernaustralia.com)
- > [studyperth.com.au/things-do-perth](http://studyperth.com.au/things-do-perth)
- > [visitperthcity.com](http://visitperthcity.com)

## Airport pick-up

Before you leave home you can organise to be picked up from **Perth International Airport** and taken directly to your homestay family or temporary accommodation. This can be arranged by the **Australian Homestay Network (AHN)** at a cost of \$130. A taxi from the airport to central Perth costs approximately \$50. An airport bus (\$20) is also available and can drop passengers at central city hotels.

## 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 **Edith Cowan University (ECU) Village** Mt Lawley is a short distance from the North Metropolitan TAFE Mt Lawley campus.

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 to review your options including rental accommodation, campus living villages and homestay.

## Campus locations

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

- > [Balga](#)
- > [Clarkson \(Trades Training Centre\)](#)
- > [East Perth](#)
- > [Joondalup \(Kendrew Crescent\)](#)
- > [Joondalup \(McLarty Ave\)](#)
- > [Leederville](#)
- > [Midland](#)
- > [Mt Lawley](#)
- > [Nedlands](#)
- > [Perth \(Northbridge\)](#)

## Transport

All of the North Metropolitan TAFE campus locations are a short walk from public transport options, including the bus and train.

You can view the transport services for North Metropolitan TAFE campus locations on the [Transperth website](#).

## Student Concession Travel

As a full-time student, you are entitled to concessions on [Transperth](#) and regional bus services with your **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, and shops and more

Please see below for details about the restaurants, cafes and shops surrounding each campus.

**Balga Campus** - Located next to [Mirrabooka Square Shopping Centre](#) which has a food court and stores including Big W, Kmart, Coles and Woolworths.

**Clarkson (Trades Training Centre)** - This campus is located near to the [Ocean Keys Shopping Centre](#) and [Mindarie Marina](#), which contains several boardwalk restaurants.

**East Perth Campus** - Also known as the Resources Precinct, this campus is on the eastern side of inner city Perth, and the free city [CAT buses](#). It is located on the banks of the beautiful [Swan River](#) and surrounded by cafes and restaurants.

**Joondalup (Kendrew Crescent)** - Joondalup is an exciting city in Perth's northern suburbs. It contains a large range of cafes, restaurants and the [Lakeside Joondalup Shopping Centre](#). There are also a number of free events run by the [City of Joondalup](#). The campus is located in the Joondalup Learning Precinct, which includes the [Edith Cowan University](#).

**Joondalup (McLarty Ave)** - Located not far from the centre of Joondalup, there is a free [CAT bus](#) to transport you around the city.

**Leederville Campus** - Close to cafes, restaurants, shops and the Leederville train station there is a lot to explore in [Leederville](#).

**Midland Campus** - Close to the [Midland Gate Shopping Centre](#) and Midland train station.

**Mt Lawley Campus** - Located on the vibrant Beaufort Street cafe strip in one of Perth's most stylish suburbs. There are a number of exciting cafes, restaurants and shops to visit in [Mt Lawley](#).

**Nedlands Campus** - This campus is located adjacent to the [University of Western Australia](#) which has a variety of on campus dining options, and the nearby Broadway Fair Shopping Centre.

**Perth (Northbridge) Campus** - Located in the centre of the cultural area of [Northbridge](#) and close to the centre of Perth. Surrounding this campus is a large variety of cafes, restaurants and shops. Also located nearby is the [Perth Cultural Centre](#) including the [Western Australian Museum and Art Gallery](#).

## Places of worship

North Metropolitan TAFE embraces religious and spiritual diversity and has prayer rooms for students in all campuses.

You can find out about practicing religion in Western Australia 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 **North Metropolitan TAFE Orientation session** as you will:

- > receive your timetable of classes
- > be given a tour of the campus
- > 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 North Metropolitan TAFE International Office staff can provide support for your study or personal issues.


North Metropolitan 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
- > Transperth 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 Perth.

### International Centre

 [Contact details](#)

 [internationalstudy@nmtafe.wa.edu.au](mailto:internationalstudy@nmtafe.wa.edu.au)

### Joondalup Campus

 Building D, 35 Kendrew Cres, Joondalup |  9233 1800

### Perth Campus

 30 Aberdeen St, Northbridge |  9427 1873


## TAFE International Western Australia (TIWA)


TIWA is here to assist you before and during your studies in Western Australia. TIWA works very closely with North Metropolitan 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](mailto:admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au)

 [www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au](http://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au)

 [www.facebook.com/TAFEInternationalWesternAustralia](https://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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