

AOSPC Pakistan & Afghanistan Agent Newsletter

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Welcome to the first quarterly addition of the AOSPC Pakistan and Afghanistan Agent newsletter.

Due to overwhelming demand the AOSPC have decided to commence this newsletter to provide up-to-date processing information for agents and applicants wishing to lodge Offshore Student Visa applications.

In the newsletter you will find answers to frequently asked questions, tips on lodging complete applications, and current processing trends.

Please note: this newsletter will only be issued quarterly (May, August, November, February) and will not include information in relation to AOSPC processing times. This information will continue to be included in our email auto-response.

If you want to check the status of AOSPC processing times, please send a blank email to offshore.student.processing.adelaide@immi.gov.au

This auto-response is updated weekly with the current date applications are being allocated to case officers.

If you have a question or suggestion that you would like addressed in the next issue of this newsletter, please send your email to Att: Anne van der Merwe, Manager, AOSPC at offshore.student.processing.adelaide@immi.gov.au

Thank you!



About to lodge a Student visa to study in Australia?

Have a question about current processing issues?

Want more detailed information about the document requirements for student visas?

You might find the answer in the new AOSPC newsletter!

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Are you unsure how to complete Form 80?

Below is detailed instruction on how to complete Form 80.

Recently the AOSPC have received an increased number of applications with an incomplete Form 80. The instructions below have been designed to assist agents in completion of Form 80.

Instructions for completing Form 80.

Please spell out your qualifications and the names of your Education Providers in full. Please avoid the use of N/A and abbreviations. Dates should be provided in the format of month/year (mm/yyyy).

Please note if you have insufficient space to complete information on siblings/employment or education you can use the Additional Details feature at question 30.

- Please read the instructions at each question carefully, please make sure you answer the questions in detail.
- Provide details of all your family members including birthdates, gender, country and place of birth at questions 19 and 20.
- You must answer question 22. If unemployed, please write 'Unemployed'.
- Please ensure that there are no gaps in dates for any of the following at questions 21, 23 and 24.
- There should be no gap between dates when education was completed and employment commenced:
- Full details of all residential addresses for every month of every year for the last 10 years.
- Remember to add your current address.
- Full details of all employment. (If you have been unemployed for any period, please write 'Unemployed' and state the month/year dates of unemployment).
- Full details of all qualifications since leaving high school until the present.
- You must indicate all activity during the period between the completion of your studies and your examination.

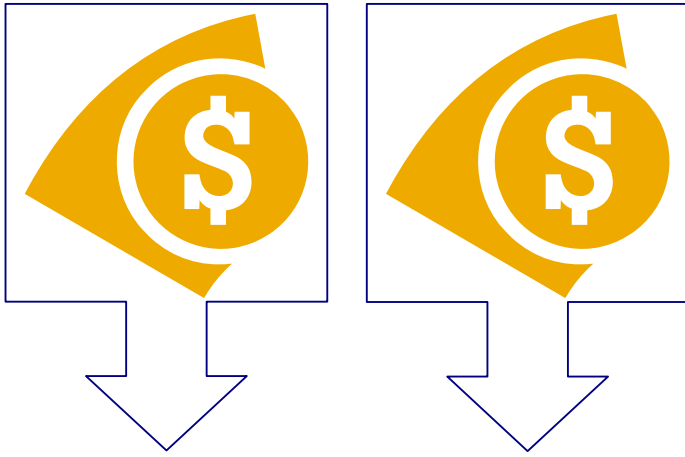
Question 30.

- Provide details of your proposed arrival date in Australia
- If you do not know your proposed arrival date in Australia please state 'unknown'
- State the purpose of your journey (example: Study)
- Your proposed address in Australia (if you are unable to provide information on your residential address please provide an explanation as to why this information is unavailable).



Want faster processing of your student visa application?

- Use and include the Student Visa Application Checklist – Pakistan & Afghanistan. Soon to be available to download from the Australian High Commission Pakistan website at: <http://www.pakistan.embassy.gov.au/>



Frequently Asked Questions

The Financial Requirements

Do you have an applicant with a dependant spouse and/or children?

Please note: There has been some confusion recently regarding the financial requirements for spouse and/or children. If an applicant intends to bring their family with them as dependants to Australia or they are studying for more than 12 months they must provide evidence to support their dependants per Schedule 5B requirements of the Migration Regulations.

Alternatively, if the intended course of study is less than 12 months then the applicants family members are not eligible to come to Australia. In this case the applicant must show evidence that they have enough funds to support their family members in their home country, taking into consideration the standard cost of living in that country.

More information can be found on the Department's website at:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-4/financial.htm>

Are you providing money deposits as evidence of funds?

Is the applicant subject to Assessment Level 4 and required to demonstrate 6 months savings history?

The AOSPC have received many Pakistan or Afghanistan applications where evidence of 6 months savings history has not been demonstrated in the financial documentation.

Always make sure when providing money deposits (whether fixed or term deposits) that the 6 months savings history requirement is met. There cannot be any withdrawals from the fixed deposit account during the 6 months, otherwise the funds will be assessed based on the lowest balance in the account during the 6 month period. This could result in the applicant failing to meet the financial requirement.

A list of Application Document checklists for all subclasses of Student Visas can be found at the Department's website:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/students/checklists/>