

Working together to support international students in need in Australia



Australian Government

States and territories continue to work closely with the Australian Government, our educational institutions and community organisations to look after the health, safety and wellbeing of international students in need. An estimated **\$1.5 billion** has been pledged by the Federal Government, state and territory governments, **providers** and the community to support international students during the COVID-19 crisis. These are just some of the welfare services, financial assistance, mental health support and emergency relief initiatives to help you in times of need. Click on your state to see other services available or visit the [Study Australia website](#) to see how the Australian Government is supporting the welfare of international students.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Worker and Wellbeing fund of \$5m plus \$240 000 for StudyNT International Student Wellbeing Grants including support for emergency food

Darwin Student Space mental health support

Small Business Survival Fund to support keeping people in work who are not eligible for JobKeeper payment

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

StudyPerth Crisis Relief to address the acute needs of international students (rent and food support)

StudyPerth International Student Meals program with international students studying cookery providing meals for other international students

State Emergency Welfare Program: emergency accommodation, food, clothing, personal support services and financial assistance

Lotterywest COVID-19 Relief Fund: assistance with food, clothing, accommodation and other critical needs via community organisations

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

International Student Support Package of \$13.8m

International Student Advisory Service provides guidance on study, living and work (1800 006 488)

Access to food and essentials via community groups (including a free Foodbank voucher program), financial assistance, employment opportunities and mental health support

Residential Rental Grant Scheme extended to international students.

TASMANIA

Financial support of \$3m for temporary visa holders, including Pandemic Isolation Assistance Grants and emergency relief and assistance through partner non-government organisations

Rental Relief Fund of up to \$2000 or four weeks' rent for people suffering from extreme hardship including international students

QUEENSLAND

1800QSTUDY - 24/7 support line to direct students to available support

Queensland Student Hub network - 24/7 support line to direct students to available support (online, Gold Coast, Cairns, Rainbow) - free online and physical one-on-one student support appointments available for welfare guidance, employability and other issues, as well as social and professional events

Study Queensland Luhrmann Appeal - a public appeal for funding which is distributed through local charities

NEW SOUTH WALES

Short-term emergency accommodation as part of a \$20m package for international students

Emergency food relief packages for international students including in regional locations.

International Student Legal Service NSW and 50,000 downloads of My Legal Mate app

Mental wellness support through \$73 million package including 24/7 NSW Mental Health Hotline (1800 011 511)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Jobs for Canberrans Fund of \$28m for residents including international students

\$450,000 support package for temporary visa holders

\$7m Community Support Package and further \$2m for mental health support

VICTORIA

International Student Emergency Relief Fund (ISERF) of \$45 million for international students facing severe hardship

Extreme Hardship Support Program - emergency financial relief for international students facing extreme hardship

\$2 million in Food Aid to provide free meals and groceries to international students

Working for Victoria employment assistance, **Utility Relief Grants** and **Rent Relief Grants** of up to \$3000 per person

Student welfare grants, mental wellbeing, legal and crisis accommodation support through **Study Melbourne Student Centre** and **online support hub**

