



Indicative allocations for publicly funded university new overseas student commencements 2026

On 4 August 2025, the Australian Government announced a National Planning Level for 2026 of 295,000 New Overseas Student Commencements (NOSCs) and [allocations](#) for providers other than publicly-funded universities (those listed as Table A universities in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*). Allocations for publicly funded universities have now been determined.

Principles

All universities have received a higher education allocation in 2026 of at least their 2025 allocation.

Publicly funded universities were invited to apply to increase their higher education allocations for 2026 by demonstrating delivery on key government priorities, including:

- increased engagement with Southeast Asia, consistent with *Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040*; and
- provision of student accommodation to ensure both domestic and international students have access to safe and secure housing.

An independent panel evaluated the applications and made recommendations to Government, and the allocations below reflect the Government's decisions. Some NOSCs have been held in reserve, and the Government may elect to increase universities' 2026 allocations at a later stage, such as in response to exceptional circumstances.

Allocations

The table below contains indicative 2026 New Overseas Student Commencement (NOSC) higher education allocations for all Table A universities as defined in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*. In 2026, universities will continue to have the flexibility to redistribute their higher education allocations across multiple CRICOS registrations, or with their embedded pathway providers.

These allocations are for higher education only. Dual-sector universities will have a combined 2026 allocation reflecting their combined higher education and vocational education and training (VET) allocations. VET indicative allocations are available on the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations [website](#).

Providers will be able to view their 2026 allocations in PRISMS from November 2025. A PRISMS news item will provide further details.

Table: Indicative higher education allocations for Table A universities in 2026

CRICOS Code	Provider Name	NOSC allocation
04249J	Adelaide University *	7,350
00004G	Australian Catholic University	1,900
00120C	Australian National University	3,750
00219C	Central Queensland University	3,150
00300K	Charles Darwin University	2,650
00005F	Charles Sturt University	1,600
00301J	Curtin University	4,100
00113B	Deakin University	6,550
00279B	Edith Cowan University	3,700
00103D	Federation University Australia	1,800
00114A	Flinders University	3,000
00233E	Griffith University	3,950
00117J	James Cook University	2,200
00115M	La Trobe University	4,800
00002J	Macquarie University	5,250
00008C	Monash University	11,300
00125J	Murdoch University	3,900
00213J	Queensland University of Technology	4,750
00122A	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	7,700
01241G	Southern Cross University	1,500
00111D	Swinburne University of Technology	4,500
00116K	The University of Melbourne	10,500
00098G	The University of New South Wales	10,350
00109J	The University of Newcastle	2,050
01032F	The University of Notre Dame Australia	800
00025B	The University of Queensland	8,050
00026A	The University of Sydney	11,900
00126G	The University of Western Australia	3,550
00212K	University of Canberra	1,800
00003G	University of New England	700
00244B, 02225M	University of Southern Queensland **	1,050
00586B	University of Tasmania	2,250
00099F	University of Technology Sydney	5,350
01595D	University of the Sunshine Coast	1,350
00102E	University of Wollongong	3,700
00124K, 02475D	Victoria University **	4,050
00917K	Western Sydney University	4,000

* Adelaide University will begin operations from 1 January 2026 as the result of a merger between the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.

** Universities with multiple CRICOS registrations may choose how to distribute their allocation across their registrations.

