

Our location in Sydney

The Australian School of Accounting (ASA) is located in the centre of Bondi Junction, a major shopping area and transport interchange only about 20 minutes away from the city centre by train, and only a very short ten-minute bus journey from the famous Bondi Beach. This location has the enormous advantage of having very convenient and affordable accommodation. Our premises are only a few minutes' walk away from Bondi Junction station, a major connecting hub, as well as the Westfield Shopping Centre, making life here very convenient. Bondi Junction is considered an up-market and progressive area of the city and is very cosmopolitan.

The city of Sydney

Sydney is a wonderful place. As the largest city in Australia, you will never be short of anything to see or do. Sydney Harbour provides a great environment for free-time activities. It is easy to find places where you feel you are in the countryside, not a big city. Yet, the city is always close by, so you can go shopping, eat out or enjoy the busy social life of this cosmopolitan centre. If beaches are more your style, there are plenty of them: you can have a choice between famous ones such as Bondi (just a short bus ride away from our Bondi Junction campus) or much quieter ones famous for surfing, in the Northern Beaches. ASA is at the popular eastern suburb of Bondi Junction, only about 20 minutes from the city centre by train.

Climate

Sydney's climate is as close to perfect as you'll get! It can be quite hot in summer, but it's less humid than places further north, so it's more comfortable.

Winter temperatures sometimes fall as low as 5 degrees Celsius, sometimes even lower, though days are usually 10 to 15 degrees warmer than the minimum. You will need some warm clothes for this season. Most houses in Sydney don't usually have good heating, so bring some sweaters to wear indoors as well.

Summer days are usually 25 to 30 degrees Celsius, though it can reach 40 degrees or more. The sun is much stronger than in many countries with similar temperatures.

Sydney lifestyle

Due to the excellent climate, there is a lot of outside life in Sydney. During the day at weekends, pavement cafes are popular as people drink coffee and eat out. Beaches are popular. On a sunny day, there will be lots of people swimming, surfing, picnicking or holding barbeques in parks or just enjoying the sun.

What you can do here

Sightseeing is popular; the Opera House and Sydney Harbour, only 25 minutes away from The Australian School of Accounting by train, provide a spectacular panorama. If you want an active lifestyle, you have many choices. As well as the beaches already mentioned, there are swimming pools as well as facilities for almost any sport you can imagine.

Around Sydney

Sydney is surrounded by national parks, which are easy to get to. The spectacular scenery of the Blue Mountains is only around one hour by train from The Australian School of Accounting. To the south of the city is the Royal National Park, and to the north is the Hawkesbury River, a great place to go hiking or just to relax.

Accommodation

Living in Sydney can be great, but you might need some help to find a great place to live. The Australian School of Accounting area of Bondi Junction has a wide variety of accommodation, to suit all tastes. From high-rise apartments to free-standing houses, you should be able to find somewhere comfortable to call home for your stay. Here are some links that might help to get you started and might help you to understand what you can expect.

Types of accommodation you might consider include:

Short-term accommodation

Hostels and discounted rates on hotels as well as a variety of options that may be available through websites such as Airbnb.

Rental

You can rent or 'lease' a property by yourself or with friends. This can be done through a real estate agent or privately. When renting a property, you will need to pay a security deposit or 'bond' (which is usually four weeks rent), as well as rent in advance (also usually four weeks). The bond is held to repair any damage that you, your house mates or house guests cause to the property while renting. Some, or all, of this amount may be refunded to you once your tenancy agreement has terminated. Flatmates.com.au is a site for those looking for shared homes or those looking for a flatmate

[Austay](#) – Share accommodation in Sydney

[Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Services](#) – Provides free, independent information, advice, and advocacy to tenants in Sydney.

[Unilodge](#) – student accommodation near educational institutions, including universities and colleges

[Urbanest](#) – Provides purpose-built student accommodation

Homestay

With homestay, you will live with a family in their home. You will have all the comforts of an established home, often with meals and cleaning included. Families offering homestay accommodation to international students are thoroughly screened to ensure they can provide a suitable living environment for students. Services also include 24/7 professionally staffed emergency support, appropriate insurances, online payment services, online student and host orientation training and professional airport reception services. Find out more at [Australian Homestay Network](#) (AHN) which delivers global standards for homestay accommodation across Australia. AHN staff, its hosts and affiliates are ambassadors of Australia, interacting with students and visitors from around the world.

<https://www.study.sydney/live/accommodation-> for more information on accommodation in Sydney.

Living costs

Living costs in Sydney are similar to many other developed countries. Typical costs are:

- Hostels and Guesthouses \$90 to \$150 per week
- Shared Rental \$95 to \$215 per week
- Homestay \$235 to \$325 per week
- Rental \$185 to \$440 per week

- Groceries and eating out \$140 to \$280 per week
- Gas, electricity \$10 to \$20 per week
- Phone and Internet \$15 to \$30 per week
- Public transport \$30 to \$60 per week
- Car (after purchase) \$150 to \$260 per week
- Entertainment \$80 to \$150 per week

The above information clearly presents a broad price range. Current information more specific to Sydney is provided on the following website <https://www.sydneymovingguide.com/the-cost-of-living-in-sydney/> which includes:

- A breakdown of rental costs in Sydney by suburb
- Utilities (electricity, phone, internet etc)
- Grocery shopping
- Public transport costs
- Eating out
- Clothing
- Sport and leisure

Minimum cost of living

The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa for Australia. As of October 2019 the 12 month living costs are:

- For students or guardian AUD\$21,041
- For partners coming with you AUD\$7,362
- For a child coming with you AUD\$3,152

All costs are per year in Australian dollars. To convert to your own currency, visit <http://www.xe.com/>

More details can be found here: <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs> and here: <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Sydney>

Bringing your children

The Australian School of Accounting accepts students of any age above 18 years of age. Some students may have their own children. If this applies to you and you are bringing them to Australia, we have to inform you that they must study at an Australian school while they are here if they are of school age. If this happens, you will have to pay school fees even at state schools.

If this applies to you, please contact us. We may be able to explain the requirements further and help you.

Health and Safety

Australia is generally a very safe and welcoming place to live and study, consistently ranking among the safest countries in the world.

But it is still important to look after yourself and be aware of the risks that exist - and ways to minimise them. This is particularly important for when you first arrive and are adjusting to your new way of life.

Following your common sense and best practices will ensure you remain safe and healthy, whether you are handling emergencies, personal and home safety, or natural elements such as sun, water, and fire.

Click [here](#) for more information on health and safety in Australia.

Overseas student Health Cover (OSHC)

As an International Student, it is a condition of your student visa that you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire duration of your stay in Australia. OSHC gives you access to out of hospital and in hospital medical services to help you maintain your health. OSHC will also pay limited benefits for pharmaceuticals and ambulance services.

Learn more about OSH, including a list of providers at www.privatehealth.gov.au

Details and costs of policies, including what an OSHC policy will and will not cover, and any waiting periods that may apply to certain treatment types, can be obtained by contacting each insurer directly.

Seeing a doctor

Depending on where you live there are most likely medical practices that are close by and you should be able to locate and often make appointments online. The Australian School of Accounting can recommend the closest and reliable doctor if you are not sure and has identified the following medical practices:

Bondi Junction Medical Centre

1 Newland Street St (corner of Oxford St), Bondi Junction NSW 2022

(02) 9291 9888

Bondi Junction Medical Practice

231 Oxford St, Bondi Junction NSW 2022

(02) 9389 9699

Legal advice

The Australian School of Accounting is not able to provide any legal advice to students, but we can refer you to a place that can help.

The Redfern Legal Centre contains the International Student Legal Service NSW which provides free, confidential legal advice to international students living in NSW. See

<https://rlc.org.au/our-services/international-students> for more information or call 02 9698 7277.

Transport in NSW

Public Transport

The transport options available in NSW include buses, trains and ferries. For public transport information see the Transport NSW website at <https://transportnsw.info/> which provides a toolkit which includes:

- Timetables and maps
- Trip-planner - to plan your trip with real-time trip planning
- Transport apps – where you can download apps for your mobile tablets or phone. This includes the Trip view app to locate timetables and monitor services in real time
- Transport news and updates
- Regional travel - how to book travel online.
- Opal travel card – how to obtain and top up See <https://www.opal.com.au/ordercard/?execution=e1s1>



For further information on fares and payments in Sydney see <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/fares-payments>.