

# STUDY MILDURA

A guide for International Students



VICTORIA AUSTRALIA



“What I have achieved is mostly thanks to my experience as an international student at SuniTAFE”

**Giovanni Barbera**

2016 CISA International Student of the Year (VET/TAFE).

Paddleboat cover photo: Corey Brown



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# WHY CHOOSE MILDURA?

Mildura is one of Australia's fastest growing inland centres. It offers a welcoming environment for you to learn and work in. Visit the wineries, orchards, flower gardens or take a ride down the 'mighty' Murray River.

Mildura is six hours north of Melbourne [550 kilometres], on the edge of Australia's famous outback [desert]. It enjoys a pleasant Mediterranean climate, great natural beauty and a rich local history.

Mildura is a busy region with a variety of industries, from agriculture to engineering and computer technology. With about 60,000 residents, it has excellent educational, sporting and community facilities and offers a lower cost of living than larger cities.

There are a number of local tertiary education campuses to choose from which welcome students from around the world.



# FACTS AND FIGURES

## SOME INTERESTING MILDURA FAST FACTS:

- Regional population around 60,000
- Major industries include agriculture, tourism, horticulture, manufacturing and retail.

The Mildura region grows the following percentages of Australia's fresh produce:

- 98% of Australia's dried vine fruit
- 75% table grapes
- 69% almonds
- 48% pistachios
- 24% citrus
- 20% of wine grape crush
- 13% carrots
- 9% asparagus

### AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

SEASON	AVERAGE MAX	AVERAGE MIN
Summer	32.7°C	15.3°C
Winter	15.4°C	4.4°C

### HOUSING COSTS

MEDIAN COST	PURCHASE	RENTAL per week
House	\$247,400*	\$270*
Unit	\$172,250*	\$190*

\* Source: Purchase prices - realestate.com.au  
Rental prices - Department of Health & Human Services Rental Report

### CULTURAL GROUPS

MIGRANTS FROM		LANGUAGES SPOKEN	
England	1.6%	Italian	2.2%
Italy	1.3%	Turkish	1.5%
Turkey	1.0%	Tongan	1.1%
New Zealand	1.0%	Greek	0.8%
India	0.7%	Arabic	0.4%

\* Source: Census SA2 2011, ABS



# WHY CHOOSE SUNRAYZIA INSTITUTE OF TAFE? (SUNITAFE)

## WE CAN OFFER YOU:

- Award winning training for both international and domestic students
- ELICOS programs and IELTS Testing
- Training that leads to real employment outcomes
- Dual enrolment for Diploma to University Degree Pathways
- Friendly, vibrant and welcoming multi-cultural community
- Lower cost of living compared with larger cities
- A unique opportunity to experience life as part of a community in a beautiful regional Australian city.

## LA TROBE - OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNER

Our Mildura Campus is co-located with our University partner La Trobe University. The Mildura campus of La Trobe University offers study options at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

La Trobe shares many of the same facilities with the Sunraysia Institute of TAFE and offers pathways for our students. Courses offered include education, arts, nursing, business and health science.

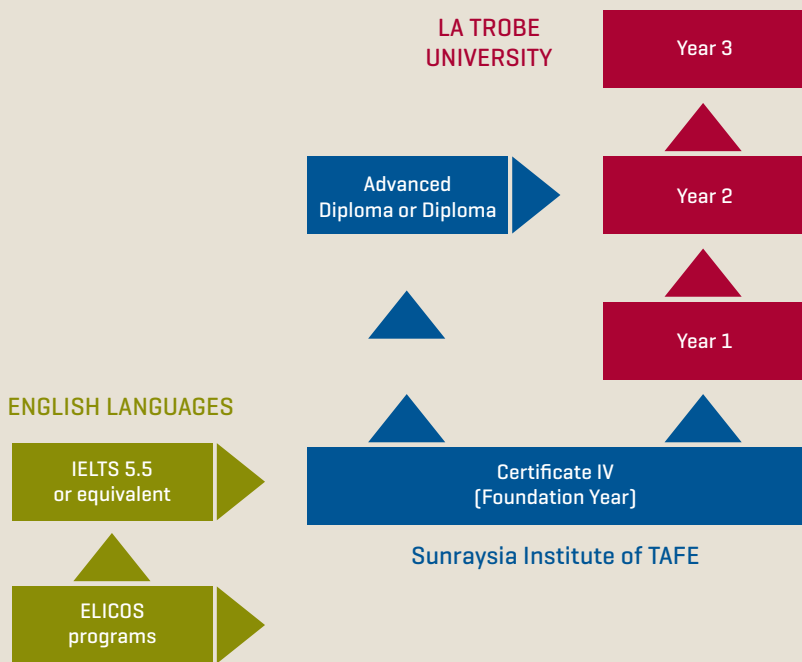
[www.latrobe.edu.au/mildura/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/mildura/study)

## LA TROBE PATHWAYS

SuniTAFE courses can give your tertiary education a kick start allowing you to gradually begin higher education study in an excellent learning environment.

SuniTAFE's diploma and advanced diploma graduates interested in higher education are able to apply to La Trobe to pursue a degree and further their careers. Various levels of credits for SuniTAFE studies are available towards a degree, depending on the university articulation pathway in place.







Junyi Zhao



Edgar Flores



Lai Poh Lee



Giovanni Barbera

# AWARD WINNING EDUCATION PROVIDER

## **Council of International Students Australia, International Student of the Year (VET/TAFE)**

- 2017 Winner, **Edgar Flores**
- 2016 Winner, **Giovanni Barbera**
- 2015 Winner, **Vimal Ram**

## **Victorian International Education Awards, International Student of the Year (VET)**

- 2017 Finalist, **Junyi (Mike) Zhao**
- 2016 Finalist, **Edgar Flores**
- 2015 Finalist, **Lai Poh Lee**
- 2014 Finalist, **Vimal Ram**
- 2013 Winner, **Jenny Batnag**

## **Australian Training Awards**

- 2017 Finalist, Australian Indigenous Student of the Year, **Tracy Mollison**
- 2016 Winner, Australian Indigenous Student of the Year, **Indi Clarke**
- 2015 Finalist, Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year, **Elliott Grayling**

- 2013 Winner, Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year, **Joel Schwarz**
- 2016 Student Nurse Award, Victorian branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation, **Stacey Daly**

## **Victorian Training Awards**

- 2017 Winner, Koorie Student of the Year, **Tracy Mollison**
- 2016 Finalist, Victorian Apprentice of the Year, **Elliott Grayling**
- 2016 Winner, Koorie Student of the Year, **Indi Clarke**
- 2015 Winner, Best School-based Apprentice, **Elliott Grayling**
- 2013 Winner, Best VET Teacher, **Robyn York**
- 2013 Winner, Best School-based Apprentice, **Joel Schwarz**

# GETTING TO MILDURA

## PLANE

A number of airlines fly the one-hour trip between Mildura and Melbourne. The Mildura airport is approximately 11 kilometres from the city centre. From the airport you can take a 10 minute taxi ride or an Airbus shuttle by calling +61 3 50 221 309 or +61 428 507 351.

## TRAIN

A daily train and coach service from Melbourne to Mildura is operated by the train service V/Line (trains run to Swan Hill or Bendigo, and connect with buses to Mildura).

## BUS

V/Line bus services connect to Melbourne and other areas of western and northern Victoria and South Australia.

## GETTING TO SUNITAFE

The campus is a 20 minute walk from the town centre. Buses are also available and Sunraysia bus link connects the city centre and East Mildura.







# STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

We offer on-campus accommodation at our Mildura Campus. SuniTAFE Student Residences [Mildura] is an independent, communal living facility situated in a spacious garden setting with an outdoor BBQ and shady lawn area for students to enjoy.

Shared and single bedrooms are available with communal bathrooms. All rooms are fully furnished, carpeted, air-conditioned and are serviced weekly. The complex is approximately a 20 minute walk or 5 minute drive from Mildura’s city centre.

The student residence offers:

- Internet access
- 24 hour computer lab and study room
- Lounges and kitchens
- Laundry

## OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

SuniTAFE provides students with a referral service to Real Estate Agencies to source privately rented accommodation for students.

LIVING EXPENSES	MILDURA	MELBOURNE
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>		
Private Rent Median weekly	AUD \$120	AUD \$350
Students Residence weekly (includes bills)	AUD \$100 [pp] shared rooms AUD \$150 single rooms AUD \$165 large single rooms	AUD \$175
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Public Transport	AUD \$25	AUD \$60
Food and Groceries	AUD \$50 - \$100	
Telephone (may vary depending on plan)	AUD \$10 - \$50	
Spending money	AUD \$40 - \$80	

# WHAT TO SEE AND DO

There really is something for everyone in Mildura – for nature experts, food lovers or adventure seekers. With a full calendar of events and festivals and the Murray River on its doorstep, Mildura offers a range of outdoor activities for you to enjoy:

- Hire a boat to fish on the Murray
- Picnic on the white sandy beaches that line the Murray
- Enjoy the local food and wineries
- Hire a canoe to visit the wetlands
- Camp at the 'Pink Lakes' in the Murray Sunset National Park during spring
- Explore the sandhills of the World Heritage Mungo National Park



## HELPFUL LINKS

Studying in Victoria, Australia

[www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/study-options](http://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/study-options)

Living in north-west Victoria

[www.visitmildura.com.au](http://www.visitmildura.com.au)

[www.discovermildura.com.au](http://www.discovermildura.com.au)

[www.liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au/discover/melbourne-victoria/regional-victoria](http://www.liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au/discover/melbourne-victoria/regional-victoria)

[www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/The-Murray](http://www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/The-Murray)

# SUNITAFE COURSES





## APPLY NOW

You should aim to apply as early as possible to ensure that a place in your chosen course is available. You also need to keep in mind the time it takes to secure your student visa. If you require assistance in completing your application please contact our International Students Unit; [international@sunitafe.edu.au](mailto:international@sunitafe.edu.au) or +61 3 5022 3703

<https://www.sunitafe.edu.au/apply-international-students/>

Application forms can be obtained from your agent, downloaded from our website or emailed to you directly.

A detailed list of application and admission requirements is available from our website. Please also consult

our website for further information on the following;

- Education Services for Overseas Student (ESOS) Framework
- Student Visa Conditions
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- Policies and Procedures
- Enrolment Terms and Conditions [www.sunitafe.edu.au/international](http://www.sunitafe.edu.au/international)

We offer a range of certificates, diplomas and advanced diplomas and short courses as well as English languages courses and IELTS testing.

For additional information about the Institute's various services, facilities and programs please refer to; [www.sunitafe.edu.au/international](http://www.sunitafe.edu.au/international)

SuniTAFE have a dedicated and supportive team of staff who will assist you from the time of enquiry through to your arrival on Campus.

When you arrive in Mildura they will provide you with an orientation program and assist you with finding accommodation, connecting you to local services and community and familiarising yourself with Mildura.





# COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CRICOS CODE	DURATION [WEEKS]	FEE PER SEMESTER [AUD\$]	TOTAL FEES [AUD\$]	COURSE START	IELTS REQ
<b>ACCOUNTING</b>							
FNS40615	Certificate IV in Accounting	089741E	26	\$7,000	\$7,000	Feb, Jul	5.5
FNS50215	Diploma of Accounting	089742D	26	\$7,500	\$7,500	Feb, Jul	5.5
FNS60215	Advanced Diploma of Accounting	089743C	26	\$7,500	\$7,500	Feb, Jul	5.5
<b>LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT</b>							
BSB42015	Certificate IV in Leadership and Management	089738M	26	\$7,000	\$7,000	Jan, Jul	5.5
BSB51915	Diploma of Leadership and Management	089739K	26	\$7,000	\$7,000	Jan, Jul	5.5
BSB61015	Advanced diploma of Leadership and management	089740F	26	\$7,500	\$7,500	Jan, Jul	5.5
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>							
ICT50415	Diploma of Information Technology Networking	086639E	52	\$6,500	\$13,000	Jan, Jul	5.5
ICT60115	Advanced Diploma of Information Technology	086726F	52	\$7,000	\$14,000	Jan, Jul	5.5
<b>HORTICULTURE</b>							
AHC30716	Certificate III in Horticulture	092538D	52	\$7,000	\$14,000	Jan, Jul	5.5
AHC50416	Diploma of Horticulture	094776G	52	\$7,000	\$14,000	Jan, Jul	5.5

AUTOMOTIVE TRADES							
AUR30616	Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology	091600M	52	\$7,500	\$15,000	Jan, Jul	5.5
AUR40816	Certificate IV in Automotive Mechanical Overhauling	091678M	26	\$7,500	\$7,500	Jan, Jul	5.5
AUR50216	Diploma of Automotive Technology	091699F	26	\$7,500	\$7,500	Jan, Jul	5.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION							
CHC50113	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	085878JM	104	\$7,500	\$30,000	Feb	5.5
AGED CARE							
CHC33015	Certificate III in Individual Support	093374M	26	\$7,500	\$7,500	Feb, Jul	5.5
HOTEL MANAGEMENT							
SIT50416	Diploma of Hospitality Management	090999B	26	\$7,000	\$7,000	Feb, Jul	5.5
SIT60316	Advanced Diploma of Hospitality Management	091094B	26	\$7,000	\$7,000	Feb, Jul	5.5
CHEF/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT							
SIT40516	Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery	093946B	78	\$7,500	\$22,500	Feb, Jul	5.5
ELICOS							
	Pre-Intermediate	075450J	10	\$3,250	\$3,250	Jan, Jul, Oct	4.5
	Intermediate	075451G	10	\$3,250	\$3,250	Jan, Jul, Oct	5
	Upper Intermediate	075452G	10	\$3,250	\$3,250	Jan, Jul, Oct	5.5
	Advanced	075453F	10	\$3,250	\$3,250	Jan, Jul, Oct	6

# ACCOUNTING

These qualifications equip you to perform professional accounting job roles in financial services and other industries.

You will acquire a wide range of skills including introducing and maintaining accounting systems; maintaining internal control systems; preparing financial statements for non-reporting entity; preparing tax returns; reporting on business performance; managing small teams; developing business plans; and preparing accounting reports for management. The Diploma of Accounting contributes to, but does not encompass, educational requirements for providing tax agent services.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment in accounting positions that may include duties such as: introducing and maintaining accounting systems; maintaining internal control systems; preparing financial statements for non-reporting entity; preparing tax returns; reporting on business performance; managing small teams; developing business plans; and preparing accounting reports for management.

## UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

### SUNITAFE

CERTIFICATE IV  
IN ACCOUNTING  
[FNS40615]



DIPLOMA OF  
ACCOUNTING  
[FNS50215]



ADVANCED  
DIPLOMA OF  
ACCOUNTING  
[FNS60215]



### LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF  
BUSINESS

3 YEARS



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

These qualifications provide high level information and communications technology (ICT), process improvement and business skills and knowledge to enable an individual to be effective in senior ICT roles within organisations. The qualification builds on a base core of management competencies, with specialist and general elective choices to suit particular ICT and business needs, especially in the areas of knowledge management and systems development.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

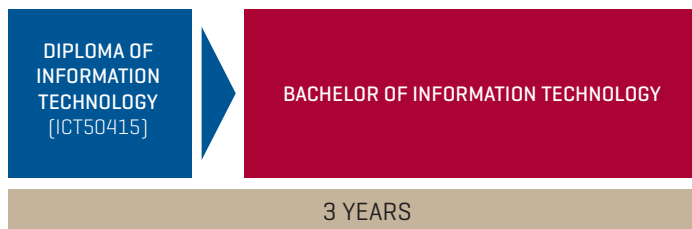
Possible job titles relevant to this qualification include:

- Network Administrator
- IT Administrator
- IT Operations Administrator
- Network Services Administrator
- Network Support Coordinator
- Network Operations Analyst
- Network Security Coordinator
- Network e-Business Coordinator

## UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

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# LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

The Diploma of Management will be of particular interest to those aspiring to senior managerial roles in a large organisation and those who have a leadership role in smaller organisations. The course will focus on the management teams, departments and projects – the skills essential to be a successful manager. The program recognises that senior management and leadership are all about performance and change.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Regional Manager
- Area Manager
- Department Manager

## UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

### SUNITAFE

### LA TROBE UNIVERSITY



## HORTICULTURE

These qualifications give you the skills you need to start your horticulture career. You will learn technical skills and theory as well as the safety, communication and workplace skills you need to succeed in the vibrant ornamental horticulture industry.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Gardener in private or public gardens
- Positions in plant propagation nurseries
- Roles in a broad range of fresh food production industries

## AUTOMOTIVE TRADES

The future of the automotive industry is bright. Vehicle ownership will continue to increase, with a growing interest in environmentally friendly options such as alternative fuels and hybrid cars. It's a great time to start a career in automotive and related technology, where you'll find opportunities are open to you across a huge range of industries. Learn how to perform a wide range of skills such as service and repairs to commercial heavy vehicles, testing and diagnosis of mechanical parts, or service and repair of motor vehicles.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Automotive Trades person in Light Vehicle
- Heavy Stream Road Transport Technician
- Heavy Stream Agricultural Technician
- Heavy Stream Earth Moving Technician
- Motorcycle Technician

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This qualification is designed to prepare you to be responsible for the planning and implementation of quality programs for children to best meet their developmental needs. Get the skills to take your career further. Learn to lead and manage others, to work within an industry framework and to plan and deliver quality programs.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Child Care Worker
- Authorised Supervisor
- Centre Manager
- Director across the Children's Services sector

## UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

### SUNITAFE

DIPLOMA OF  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION AND  
CARE  
[CHC50113]

2 YEARS



### LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF  
EARLY LEARNING

2 YEARS

## AGED CARE

The Certificate III in Individual Support [CHC33015] is for people wanting to develop their skills and knowledge by offering support to people within the aged care or community services sector. The qualification reflects the role of workers in the community and/or residential setting who follow an individualised plan to provide person-centred support to people who may require support due to ageing, disability or some other reason. Work involves

using discretion and judgement in relation to individual support as well as taking responsibility for own outputs. Workers have a range of factual, technical and procedural knowledge, as well as some theoretical knowledge of the concepts and practices required to provide person-centred support.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Personal Care Worker

## UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

### SUNITAFE

CERTIFICATE III  
IN INDIVIDUAL  
SUPPORT  
[CHC33015]

1.5 YEARS

CERTIFICATE IV IN  
LEADERSHIP AND  
MANAGEMENT  
[BSB42015]

1.5 YEARS

### LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF  
BUSINESS

1.5 YEARS

# HOSPITALITY

## CHEF/HOTEL MANAGER

The Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery [SIT40516] provides you with the knowledge and skills to work as a qualified chef or cook in a team leading or supervisory role. You will learn the technical, theoretical and creative aspects of food preparation as well as the safety, communication and leadership skills you will need to succeed in this rewarding industry.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Chef
- Chef de Partie
- Kitchen Operations [Supervision]

## HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Hospitality Management

These courses provides you with the skills and knowledge to perform management

duties within any hospitality setting. You will gain a sound theoretical knowledge base to use a range of specialised, technical or managerial competencies to plan, carry out and evaluate your work and/or the work of your team. You will have the chance to participate in service at SunitASTE Training Restaurant as part of your studies.

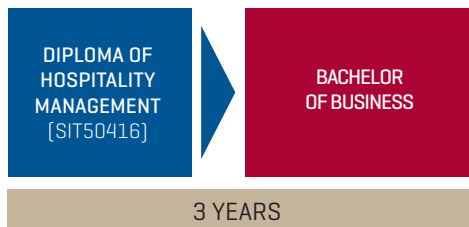
## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Restaurant Manager
- Kitchen Manager
- Front Office Manager
- Housekeeper
- Chef
- Sous Chef
- Gaming Manager
- Motel Manager
- Unit Manager [Catering Operations]

## UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

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# STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“I have completed my Advanced Diploma of Accounting with Sunraysia Institute of TAFE, and just entered La Trobe University for Bachelor of Business [Accounting] recently. I like the studying environment at both Sunraysia Institute of TAFE and La Trobe. Here people are so friendly, nice and helpful, you can learn in a very comfortable environment.”

“I enjoy my accounting course. Teachers are like friends, whatever questions you have, they always very patient to explain and help you with their biggest effort. Being far away from my parents, I also became very independent because I had to handle everything by myself, which was a big challenge for me at beginning, but I am happy when I find I learn and grow and become more confident. I really enjoy study with SuniTAFE.”

**Linda Fu**

Advanced Diploma of Accounting



“SuniTAFE was not only my education centre but it also became my home, my family and my workplace. The teachers are always very supportive, help you through your training and give you important advice for your career. I found state-of-the-art equipment in the kitchen, which allowed me to learn how to cook beautiful dishes. Studying in a rural town as Mildura is great and I love engaging with people around the community. I am part of the committee of Slow Food Mildura, a volunteer-based community organisations, and I was involved in many public events. I was lucky enough to be sponsored as a participant to the Northern Mallee Leadership Program, a program that helps developing leaders in the community, and I was recognised as the Mildura 2016 Young Citizen of the Year. I felt at home from the very first day and I think Mildura is the perfect place to start your student adventure in Australia.”

**Giovanni Barbera**

2016 CISA International Student of the Year [VET/TAFE].

“SuniTAFE is a great place to study. The teachers are very friendly and if you have any questions, they will be very patient to answer you. You can also make good friends from different countries and cultures. My major is Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management. I had a lot of outdoor practice classes and some tasks need to be done with other people. This can improve my teamwork skills. At the same time I learned more about wildlife knowledge and how to protect myself in the field. I think that more practice is a good opportunity to help us to learn better and get closer to nature.”

**Qian Zhou**

Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management.





"I am from Korea, it was not easy to stay in Australia, however, at SuniTAFE, the teachers and staff helped me a lot to adapt. I met many good international students at SuniTAFE. I also enjoyed the I.T. course, teachers are very nice and patient, the facilities are also fantastic. SuniTAFE is the best place for international students like me to study."

**Ki Pyo Son**

Diploma of Information  
Technology Networking.



"Teachers are very friendly and helpful, the environment is good and comfortable. I love to study here as the teachers provide me a lot of skills and knowledge. I am very lucky to be the only international student in my class, all other classmates are the local Australians. This gives me a good opportunity to speak English always and improve quickly. The students here are respectful and very friendly to each other, it is a great encouragement for me to speak to them and learn their culture as well. I love SuniTAFE. It is an amazing place that I can gain lots of knowledge and make friends."

**Aiqi Luan**

Diploma of Early Childhood  
Education and Care.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

We will contact you to discuss your admission requirements. Admission to SuniTAFE is based on academic merit and demonstrated English language proficiency at a level sufficient to successfully undertake a course.

## HOW TO APPLY

You should aim to apply as early as possible to ensure that a place in your chosen course is available. You also in need to keep in mind, the time it takes to apply for your student visa.

Please contact us to receive your Application Form for International Students, or you can access this from our website; [www.sunitafe.edu.au/apply-international-students](http://www.sunitafe.edu.au/apply-international-students)

If you need assistance with completing your application, please contact the International Student's Unit at SuniTAFE on +61 3 5022 3703 or [international@sunitafe.edu.au](mailto:international@sunitafe.edu.au)

## FEES AND CHARGES

We will provide you with a detailed list of fees and charges relating to your course and any other relevant services, as well as the full terms and conditions of your enrolment with your letter of offer.

Prior to your arrival we will provide you with additional information about the following:

- Your rights as an international student in Australia
- Useful contacts in Australia
- Immigration and Visas
- Arrival information/what to bring with you
- Entry to Australia
- Living in Mildura (accommodation, costs, getting around)
- Health and Medicine
- Working in Australia
- Laws and Safety
- SuniTAFE policies, facilities and services.

## REGISTRATION

SuniTAFE is a Registered Training Organisation (National Code: 4693) under the Australian Government's AQTF, providing education services for Australian students. The Victorian Government's Education and Training Reform Act 2006 also governs SuniTAFE's operations. SuniTAFE is registered to provide education and training to international students (CRICOS Provider Code 01985A). SuniTAFE operates in full compliance with the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code. All courses in this guide are courses for which SuniTAFE is the registered provider. Victorian Government: [www.vic.gov.au](http://www.vic.gov.au) CRICOS: [cricos.deewr.gov.au](http://cricos.deewr.gov.au)

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