

YOUR GUIDE TO LIVING AND WORKING IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



If it's quality you're after, Melbourne is one of the most premium destinations in the southern hemisphere.

MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Melbourne is the capital city of the state of Victoria and is home to more than five million people. We have a proud history of cultural diversity – we're made up of many different people from all kinds of cultures and all ages. We're inclusive, progressive and respectful of people's differences. People living in Melbourne enjoy a safe city, affordable healthcare, world-class education, reliable infrastructure, business opportunities and a healthy environment.

AFFORDABLE LIFESTYLE

Melbourne is more affordable than many other cities like Hong Kong, Singapore and Sydney. As one of Asia Pacific's leading finance and banking capitals, Melbourne also provides all the luxuries and conveniences of an affluent global metropolis. We're home to elite schools, luxury goods and services, and premium food and property.

World's most
liveable city
for 7 consecutive
years¹

Australia's
best student
city²

World's
friendliest
city³

31%
residents were
born overseas⁴



TOP ATTRACTIONS IN MELBOURNE AND SURROUNDS

- » Royal Botanic Gardens, Federation Square, Melbourne's Arcades and Laneways, Southbank & South Wharf, Skydeck at Eureka Tower
- » National Gallery of Victoria, National Sports Museum, Arts Centre Melbourne, Melbourne Museum, Immigration Museum
- » Docklands, Melbourne Zoo, Queen Victoria Market,

The best day trips from Melbourne:

- » Great Ocean Road - one of the country's most dazzling scenic drives
- » Phillip Island's Penguin Parade
- » The Mornington Peninsula
- » Grampians National Park, Wilsons Promontory National Park
- » Hanging Rock Reserve, The Macedon Ranges
- » The Dandenong Ranges and the Yarra Valley



MELBOURNE ECONOMY

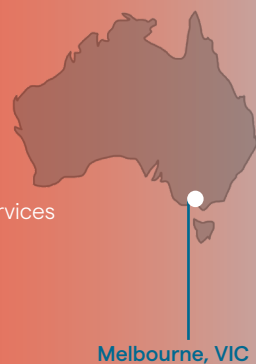
As Victoria's capital city, Melbourne is the business, administrative, cultural and recreational hub of the state. On average, over 850,000 people visit the city centre every day and each year Melbourne hosts over a million international visitors. The City of Melbourne's economy is a major contributor to the wider Victorian and Australian economies⁵:

- » 37% of Great Melbourne Economy
- » 24% of Victorian Economy
- » 7% of Australian Economy

497,200 jobs in the City of Melbourne

The 3 biggest industries are:

- » Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- » Financial and Insurance Services
- » Accommodation and Food Services



Melbourne, VIC

¹ 2010-2017 Global Liveability Index

² 2019 QS Best Student Cities Ranking

³ Conde Nast Traveler magazine 2014

⁴ 2020 Migration Report - Australian Bureau of Statistics

⁵ 2020 City of Melbourne economic profile

WORK IN MELBOURNE, VIC

In recent years, there has been a rise in demand for workers in several of Melbourne's thriving industries. At the top of this list are the healthcare and ICT industries. Science and technology workers are also in demand, as are those in the industries of engineering, education and construction.

Many opportunities also exist in regional Victoria for those expats willing to live in the smaller towns and cities which have a more urgent demand for skilled employees.

Energy, capability and a positive attitude are the key personal qualities that will endear an expat to their new work colleagues in Melbourne, far more so than impressive qualifications or assumed status.

Like many international students, you may get a part time or casual job to gain experience in the workplace or help pay your living expenses while you study in Australia. Check your visa conditions to make sure you understand how many hours can work while you study. Find out more at <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/english/live/work>

Tips:

Remember to balance work and study. Internet searches are a good way to check the kinds of jobs that might be available but remember that not all jobs are listed on the internet. Sometimes you can find a great job by being in the right place at the right time, making connections and contacting the career advice services at your college, school or university. When searching for jobs on Internet, the first few search results may be paid advertisements. Start with the organic results under the advertisements.



WORKERS ARE IN DEMAND

Some Victorian industries have skills shortages and are on the look out for talented international migrants. The job market has been through big upheavals in 2020 – and that's impacted which industries have the most demand for new workers.

Here's a snapshot of industries are in high demand⁶

- » Information & Communication Technology
- » Hospitality & Tourism
- » Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics
- » Healthcare & Medical
- » Trade & Services

Deloitte.



Top-paying industries⁷:

- » Information & Communication Technology
- » Mining, Resources & Energy
- » Accounting
- » Engineering
- » Legal

*All information is quoted in March 2022

Top companies in Melbourne, VIC:

- » Accounting: Deloitte, EY, BDO, RSM, Crowe
- » Consulting: KPMG, PwC, Accenture
- » IT Services: IBM, Infosys, Wipro, Dell
- » Logistics & Supply Chain: Toll Group, DHL
- » Hotel & Resorts: Marriott, Hyatt, Hilton, IHG

⁶ SEEK Employment Report, April 2021 compared to February 2020;
⁷ SEEK Employment Report, based on average annual packaged salaries of full-time roles listed on SEEK May 2020 – April 2021

EMPLOYABILITY

85.5% undergraduates of **Swinburne University of Technology (SUT)** in Overall Employment, the average outcome was 84.8%⁸

83% of SUT graduates with ICT major find jobs within 4 months of finishing their course, and **9.3%** of SUT graduates with Business major earn over the Australian average income⁸

A\$65K median undergraduates salary in Australia⁸

A\$20.33 per hour for the national minimum wage or \$772.60 per 38 hour week (before tax)

LIVING EXPENSES

(Approximate Estimates Only)

General Cost Guides (the prices are quoted in March 2022)	Melbourne, VIC (A\$ Cost Per Week)
Groceries and eating out	\$120-\$220
Utilities (electricity, water, phone, internet)	\$70 - \$100
Public transport one-way ticket	\$4 - \$7
Fuel per Litre	\$1.4 - \$1.8
Entertainment	\$100 - \$150
McDonalds meal	\$10.5 - \$15
Milk standard - 1 Litre	\$1 - \$2.5
Coffee in city cafe	\$3.5 - \$8.5
Rental fees outside city centre	\$200 - \$350
Rental fees in city centre	\$300 - \$450

Mercer's 2021 Cost of Living ranked Melbourne number 59 in the world in their list of most expensive cities – demonstrating that Melbourne is a more affordable destination than many other global cities. The living expenses in Australia varies from city to city, and students should not expect to fund their studies or living costs in Australia through part-time employment only.

How to apply to study in Melbourne

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