GS REQUIREMENTS
FOR AGENTS AND STUDENTS

To satisfy Genuine Student (GS) requirements you must demonstrate that studying in Australia is your primary reason for applying for a student visa. You may need to show evidence of genuine access to funds or financial support, ongoing links to your home country, and explain why you have chosen to study your selected course at La Trobe University. When submitting supporting documents, please ensure these are certified copies.

The information in this document is general only, during the application process you will be provided with advice and information about the documents you need to provide for La Trobe University to undertake a Genuine Student (GS) assessment.

1. PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

You may be required to provide a national identity card, evidence of name change, and/or marriage certificate in addition to your passport. Please ensure your passport displays the full name you currently use.

If you intend to come to Australia with your family (spouse, partner, or de facto relationship) or other dependents (including children), you will be required to provide information about each of them. This will include certified copies of their identity documents, evidence of their relationship to you, and their intended plans while in Australia.

2. TRAVEL HISTORY

You may be required to provide details of the following:

- Details of your travels to any country outside of your home country,
- Details of any visa application in progress, and
- Details of any visa rejection or visa cancellations.

3. ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS

Please provide transcripts for all prior studies, including all secondary and post-secondary school study transcripts.

4. WORK EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTS

If you have work experience, you will be required to provide comprehensive information about your employment background, outlining the significant duties and responsibilities you've undertaken in your previous roles.

5. GENUINE STUDENT (GS) REQUIREMENT

You will be required to provide a statement answering the below questions in no more than 150 words per question.

- Give details of your current circumstances. This includes ties to family, community, employment, and economic circumstances.
- Explain why you wish to study this course at La Trobe University in Australia. This must also explain your understanding of the requirements of the intended course and studying and living in Australia.
- Explain how completing the course at La Trobe University will benefit you.
- Give details of any other relevant information you would like to include. E.g. If you have a gap in study of more than 6 months, please explain.
- Please provide the details of your study history in Australia (if applicable) OR if you are holding a visa other than a student visa, please provide a reason for applying for a student visa.

https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/genuine-student-requirement

6. EVIDENCE OF SPONSORSHIP

If you are sponsored by a close family member you will be required to provide certified copies of their identification documents and evidence of their relationship to you. You will need to provide evidence of their financial capacity to support you. You will need to submit a signed statement from the sponsor which confirms they will be responsible for financially supporting you for the duration of your studies.

7. INCOME AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

You must submit proof of income **and** evidence of acceptable liquid assets from eligible sponsors to demonstrate they have the financial capacity to support you.

To meet the Genuine Student (GS) financial requirement you may be required to submit bank statements from the past six months for you and your sponsor.

Please be advised that letters from the bank showing the balance amount are not acceptable.

- The funds must be held in the same bank account(s) for at least three months before the date of the bank statement(s). If the statement reflects large deposits, you will be required to provide a documented explanation of their source.
- The funds required can be either in one account or in multiple accounts held by an approved sponsor.

Please Note:

- If you currently reside in a sanctioned country, the bank account must be outside of any sanctioned country to demonstrate funds accessibility while you are residing in Australia.
- If you are a citizen of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Kenya, Mauritius, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka demonstrating evidence of income from the student's parents is mandatory.
- If you are supplying evidence of business income, you may be required to submit business activity documents for the past 2-3 years.

FUNDS REQUIREMENT:

You will need to demonstrate proof of sufficient funds to cover:

- Travel
- 12 months of course fees (or pro rata fees, if your course is less than 12 months)
- 12 months of living costs for you and any family members who accompany you (or pro rata, if you are staying less than 12 months)
- School fees for any school-age children who accompany you (or pro rata fees if the child will be at school for less than 12 months)
- An Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) insurance policy for you and any family members who accompany you
- If you are in a domestic relationship, you must provide evidence of the full one-year expenses for you and your family, regardless of whether the family members accompany you to Australia

The DHA requirement is outlined HERE. Please note that DHA will update these amounts from time to time:

Expense	Required for	Amount in AUD$
Tuition/ School Fees	Applicant (course fees - annual tuition fee)	Refer to your offer letter
	School-age children (aged 5-18)	13,502
Living	Applicant	29,710
	Partner	10,394
	First Child	4,449
	Each additional Child	4,449
Travel	Applicant (one return airfare to Australia)	2,000
	Family members (one return airfare to Australia per person)	Multiply the amount above by the number of travellers
Health Insurance	Visa length Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)	Refer to the OSHC value on your offer letter.