



FAQs

What is Aston's Pathway Program?

The Aston Pathway program is a mixture of traditional and online classroom based learning with simulated as well as actual work scenarios. This helps students absorb learning quicker as a lot of visuals and hands on work are required. We call this our BLENDED LEARNING.

Students can study various Diploma programs in their own country for 36 weeks by enrolling in our Aston Education Centres.

During the program, Students are offered English Exam preparatory courses as well as soft skills training. As the program progresses, we ensure you are enrolled with the right provider in Australia to complete your Bachelor Program. Aston College has a partner company EPA EPA global, which caters to all your visa documentation.

Upon successful completion of the course, students can move to Australia with up to 8 subjects exemptions into the Bachelor Program.

What is the duration of the course?

The courses vary in duration, however the Diploma course is of the longest duration adding up to 36 weeks of study.

How does Blended-learning work?

Students can study various Diploma Programs in their own country. The online cloud system allows students to work from anywhere with Internet, with resources on our Learning Management System making it a more interactive Australian type of learning. All assessments and resources are kept online enabling you to retrieve and submit data at all times with Internet.

Does that mean I can skip classes and do all my work online?

No, as we are an Australian qualification provider, we are to meet all standards of Education to ensure our students are correctly qualified. This involves the students to attend all classes scheduled. The Learning Management system works online as a support system in case for some compassionate reason you had to miss classes or to catch up and study or revise. Being in the classroom gives you a more hands-on experience with work scenarios, group projects and discussions as well as live webinars that you would have otherwise missed out on being solely on the Internet.



Is Aston College Nationally accredited and approved by the Australian Government?

Yes, Aston College is Nationally accredited as well as registered with ASQA that oversees standards of education delivery. Aston College undergoes annual compliance audit checks for quality assurance as per standards in Australia as well as your home country.

What are the Number of units and credit transfers?

Number of units depends on which Bachelor degree course you have chosen. Student can get up to 8 subjects credit transfer into Bachelors degree.

What are the entry requirements for the Pathway Program?

Academic entry requirements are completion of HSC or Year 12 with minimum of 60% and English proficiency equivalent of IELTS 5.5. Students should be at least 17 years of age.

What are the English Language requirements?

For Aston Pathway Program, the student needs to take Oxford or Password placement test and achieve score equivalent to IELTS 5.5. If the score are less than 5.5, the student will take English classes and reappear for the placement test.

For 2nd Year Australian University bachelor's degree, the student can appear for any official English Test e.g. CAE, IELTS, PTE, or TOEFL and achieve score equivalent to IELTS of 6.0. Aston College will be offering preparation courses for Cambridge Advance English (CAE)

Why should I choose Aston's Pathway Program?

There are many benefits of Aston's Pathway Program:

- Study 36 weeks in your country and complete your Bachelors degree within two years in Australia
 - State of the art online learning platform with extensive support from lectures from Sydney, Australia
 - Save approximately AUD40000 towards cost of three years Bachelors Degree
 - Save 12 months of your life and get ahead in your career path.
 - Complete the visa documentation process and checks while completing your Diploma study.
 - Prepare for English Test while studying Diploma course to improve your English proficiency and communication skills to required level
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- The program includes additional soft skills training for better performance at work place.
- Aston College as official articulation arrangements with several universities and colleges for Bachelors Degree.
- Be part of our Global community where students support each other during their journey in Australia.

What is the flexibility of the payment plans?

Ideally all fees are paid upfront, however a maximum of three installments can be arranged if you have a compelling reason. Please discuss with the admissions team at the Centre in your city.

How do we save \$40000 by doing this program?

Tuition fees of one year of University programs is approx \$24000. Living costs for one year comes to \$20000. Total is \$44000. The fee for Pathway program is \$4000, which gives up to one year exemption in Bachelors degree saving approx \$40000.

How do we save 12 months of time to complete the Bachelors program?

The whole process of applying to an university, getting offer letter, preparing for English Test and getting the desired outcome, preparing financial and other visa documents to applying for visa normally takes over 7-8 months. While the process is taking place, student can finish the Pathway program in their Home country in 9 months and get exemption of up to one year in the Bachelors degree, saving 12 months of your time.

What are the opportunities after completing Bachelors degree in Australia?

After completing 2 years studies, students can get 2 years Post Study Work Visa. On meeting the visa requirements, students may also choose to apply for permanent residency. Our partner company EPA Global shall provide all required support to our students for visa processing.

Which city will we be going to in Australia?

With our articulation arrangements student have the choice of studying in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane or Adelaide (Regional campus). Our Diploma is an Australian Qualification and most universities will provide some credits towards bachelors' degree.



When will we apply for the student visa and who will be assisting with the application process?

Application will be made to your choice of University on successful completion of 1st Term. Offer will be issued shortly along with checklist of visa documents required. The Centers will assist the students with collecting and preparing all the documents while studying the Diploma course. Our partner EPA Global will handle visa application. Visa will be applied as soon as the student completes the Pathway program, meet English requirement of University and pays the first semester fees.

What are the chances of Visa refusal and what happens in case of refusal?

There should not be any visa refusal if the student has met the entry requirements of the university, provided all required financial and visa documents and the check has resulted in positive outcome, there are no medical and character issues with the applicant and all documents provided are genuine. We prepare our students with utmost care and diligence to ensure high success rate.

Who will guide me with the visa process or questions I may have before and when I arrive in Australia?

Our partner company EPA Global is the company that initially lodges your student visa from your home country. Therefore since all records are in one place we have EPA Global looking after all your visa needs up. EPA global has representatives in Australia and can look after all your enquiries and guide you through each visa process up until lodgment.

How many hours can I work in Australia?

You are allowed to work maximum of 40 hours a fortnight during the term, and unlimited hours during the recognised periods of vacation. In order for you to work in Australia, you need to obtain a Tax File Number (TFN). You can obtain a TFN through the Australian Tax Office. You will need to contact them about their requirements and processes. Please visit the ATO website.

How do I arrange for accommodation and airport pickup before leaving for Australia?

Aston College can assist with airport transfers and pickups. With accommodation you need to advise us before you complete the course that you will be in need for it. It can be arranged however, there are additional charges that you need to pay the accommodation company.



If I have a complaint in my home country whom do I talk to?

While doing the Pathway program, should you face any difficulties fill out the complaints and appeals form available on the website and the student support services. The campus manager will address the issue and get back to you within 10 working days. Complaints of any form should be filed so that we can improve on our services.

If I have a complaint in Australia whom do I talk to?

If you have a complaint about the course in Australia or any services you are having issues with current provider, it is ideal to lodge a complaint with the provider. However, if it is a visa issue or any other issue you can contact our staff in Australia via EPA Global.

What is RPL?

RPL stands for Recognition of Prior Learning. Download our eBook on RPLs for a more detailed explanation.

Can I apply for RPL?

Yes go through our RPL process and find out what you can get based on your knowledge and skills set. Please note that most times we need to assess and provide additional Gap training to have the full qualification issued via RPL.

What sort of evidence do I need to provide to get my skills assessed and gain RPLs?

Go to the RPL Tab and check under evidence, or send through an application to be assessed and we shall let you know what is required.
