

International Students

Whether you're seeking work in Australia or in your home country, as an international student you have already demonstrated many of the qualities that employers value; adaptability, initiative, and a willingness to take on challenges. So in your applications and interviews, make sure you emphasise the skills and knowledge you've acquired through studying overseas, such as the ability to communicate effectively in English and the capacity to work across cultures.

Top tips for job-seeking in Australia

1. Australian employers want more than good degree results; they want to know you have built skills (team work, communication, problem solving) through work experience, voluntary work, sports and student societies.
2. The importance of accurate English in your applications cannot be underestimated. Make sure you ask someone who speaks English as a first language to check your résumé, application forms and covering letter.
3. On your résumé it is important to write about all your work experience, even if it is unrelated to your future career. This helps employers see the range of life experiences that you would bring to their organisation.
4. In Australian interviews it is expected that you will speak about your successes, and attribute your achievements to yourself rather than the team. Don't be afraid to talk confidently of your skills and experience!
5. It's not worth applying to employers who are only looking for Australian Citizens, or have decided that they want only permanent residents.

Top tips for job-seeking in your home country

1. Make contact with employers and recruitment companies from your home country and ask about different approaches to job seeking. Many organisations will have websites containing useful information that you will be able to access before returning home.
2. Reflect on your experience in Australia and how this can help you in your future career:
 - You have improved your English language skills.
 - You have learnt about a culture which may be very different from your own.
 - Through your studies you have learnt how to think in a different way and to value skills such as team work and communication.
3. Contact employers or recruitment agencies that have offices in Australia and your home country and ask for advice on applying for employment at home.

Websites for international students and students wishing to work overseas

The International Outlook section of the website of Graduate Careers Australia.
www.graduatecareers.com.au/content/view/full/35

Full of information about working in different countries throughout the world.
www.goinglobal.com

Information about obtaining permanent residency.
www.immi.gov.au