



Australia Awards



PNGAus Partnership
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Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships

Intake 2027 – Diploma / Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching)



Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships help Papua New Guineans gain tertiary qualifications in key areas identified by the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia. These scholarships are offered through selected institutions in PNG.

Primary school teachers are vital in strengthening the quality of primary education across Papua New Guinea, especially in rural and remote communities.

Australia Awards welcomes applications from all eligible candidates and particularly encourages women, people with disabilities, and individuals from rural and remote communities to apply. Australia Awards is committed to equitable access and participation and will support reasonable adjustments for applicants and scholars with disability.

The Government of Australia, in partnership with the Government of Papua New Guinea, will offer scholarships for Grade 12 school leavers and current non-school leavers to undertake a three-to four-year Diploma or Bachelor in Education (Primary Teaching) in 2027 at the following institutions:

- Sacred Heart Teachers College (Diploma in Education, Primary Teaching)
- Melanesian Nazarene Teachers College (Bachelor of Education, Primary Teaching)
- Innovative University of Enga (Bachelor of Education, Primary Teaching)

This scholarship is for study in Papua New Guinea only (not Australia).

Applications close: 5pm, Tuesday 1 December 2026

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Application process

Applicants must apply through the DHERST National Online Application System (NOAS): **apply.dherst.gov.pg/Apply/Account/Login**

For details on NOAS, contact:
noassupport@dherst.gov.pg
or call: 3017019, 3012082, 3012008

Scholarship benefits

The scholarship provides a comprehensive package, including:

- mobilisation and demobilisation travel within PNG
- reunion travel during the Christmas period
- full tuition fees and on-campus accommodation (where applicable)
- one-off establishment allowance
- contribution to fortnightly living allowance
- contribution to medical expenses
- on-award enrichment programs, including support to transition into the workforce
- one-year associate membership of the PNG Australia Alumni Association upon graduation.

Conditions of Award

Successful applicants must:

- be accepted into full-time study at the institution listed in your scholarship offer
- sign a contract agreeing to the terms and conditions of the scholarship
- if required, reside on-campus without family members (unaccompanied)
- fulfill all other conditions in the scholarship agreement.

For further information about the scholarship

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For further information about course and institution requirements

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Important Notice – Fraud and Misrepresentation

The Australian Government has a zero-tolerance approach to fraud.

All application documents will be verified. Applicants found to have submitted fraudulent or misleading information will:

- be excluded from consideration
- be ineligible for future Australia Awards
- have their scholarship terminated if fraud is detected after a scholarship is awarded.