



Cambodia

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for Intakes Commencing 2009

Country Strategy

The new Australia-Cambodia Development Cooperation Strategy 2008 - 2010 is currently being developed. In the meantime, Australia's Development Cooperation Program continues to be guided by the 2003 - 2007 Strategy.

The Australia Cambodia Development Cooperation Strategy 2003-2007 focuses Australian aid on a small number of areas in order to increase effectiveness and development impact. The objectives of the Strategy are to:

- increase productivity and incomes of the rural poor;
- reduce vulnerability of the poor; and
- strengthen the rule of law.

The Strategy provides for involvement in the areas of agriculture, private sector development, legal and judicial reform, governance, disaster preparedness, mine action and food security.

The Cambodia Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) are intended to assist in improving the management and technical capacities of the Cambodian public sector.

Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

About 20 scholarships per year are offered for postgraduate study at Master and Graduate Diploma levels. The scholarships are available to public sector employees (Ministry/Agency officials) only.

Priority Sectors

Priority sectors are agriculture, forestry and fisheries, law and justice, economics and commerce, private sector development, rural development, health and public sector management. Candidates are advised to check with the ADS Managing Contractor (IDP Education Australia) for further information.

The Application Process

Application forms are available from IDP (at the Australian Centre for Education in Phnom Penh) and completed applications of eligible candidates are received at the Australian Embassy. Should a candidate be selected for study, the Australian Embassy will approach the relevant Ministry for their release.

Closing Dates for Applications

Applications close mid-year and details are advertised in a wide range of media as well as through notifications and visits to Ministries.

Special Conditions

A selection panel considers applications against the following eligibility criteria:

- Possess a Bachelor's degree.
- Be under 42 years of age at the time of application.
- Possess advanced English language skills (subject to testing).
- Have a minimum two years' work experience with the Royal Government of Cambodia immediately preceding the time of application and be currently employed by the RGC.
- On completion of studies, strongly commit to returning to work for their Ministry/Agency for at least two years.
- Have relevant work background for proposed field of study.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to Cambodia's public sector and to the development of Cambodia in general.

Women are encouraged to apply as the Australian Government attempts to ensure that 50 per cent of ADS scholarship holders are women. Provincial candidates are also encouraged to apply.

Preparatory Training

Candidates are usually required to undertake 12 months of full time preparatory training at ACE prior to departure to Australia. This training includes English language and research skills for academic study, computing, and introduction to Australian universities and society. A minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) of 6.5 is usually required for admission to an Australian university. A monthly stipend is paid to students.

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