



Pacific Regional Training Program

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for Intakes Commencing 2010

Country Strategy

Australia's Pacific Regional Training Program totals AUD 1 million a year and focuses on scholarship and training programs. This program enhances the integration of the French Pacific territories (New Caledonia, French Polynesia, and Wallis and Futuna) into the predominantly Anglophone South Pacific region

Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

Subject to funds availability, up to fifteen TAFE or undergraduate or postgraduate scholarships (ADS Open) are available each year for New Caledonia, French Polynesia and Wallis and Futuna.

Priority Sectors

Priority sectors for the French Pacific territories include:

Mining (New Caledonia only): including engineering, metallurgy, environmental management, machine operation and maintenance.

Tourism and hospitality: including tourism management, marketing and promotion, tour guiding, ecotourism, hotel management, travel and air service industries, and interpreting/translating for the tourist sector.

Aquaculture: including tropical aquaculture systems, breeding methods, processing and packaging, business management and marketing (with a focus on the export market), and environmental management.

Agriculture: including tropical agricultural systems, animal husbandry and genetics (with a focus on the cattle industry), crop production, processing and packaging, small-scale farming, business management and marketing (with a focus on the export market), animal and plant health, environmental management, and land and water usage.

Environmental studies: including land and water management, forestry, renewable energy technology, land rehabilitation, marine conservation, waste management, urban environment and town planning.

International relations and trade: including international politics, trade, commerce and marketing.

Information technology: including programming, multimedia, computer-aided design, networking and Internet.

Specialised English language: including interpreting/ translating and English for professional purposes, focusing on the needs of priority sectors listed above.

The Application Process

New Caledonia

Applications must be submitted to provincial contact points by the due date. (For information see Australian Consulate General website www.....)

Southern Province

Australian Consulate General
19 avenue du Maréchal Foch
BP 22, 98845 Nouméa cedex
Nouvelle-Calédonie

Telephone: 687 270 144

Fax: 687 278 001

Northern Province

DEFI Nord
Direction Enseignement, Formation Professionnelle et
Insertion des Jeunes

Attention Mme Anne Carreau,
Chef de service Formation / Insertion DEFIJ
BP 41 – 98860 Koné

Telephone : 687 477 227

Fax: 687 477 131

Islands Province

EPEFIP
Attention M. Robert Joop Ismael, Directeur
BP 253 Wé – 98820 Lifou

Telephone: 687 451 898

Fax: 687 451 898

Selection panel members are composed of representatives of the Australian Consulate General in Noumea, a representative of the government from the Direction de la Formation Professionnelle Continue (DFPC), representatives of the 3 provinces, a representative of the Mission Insertion des Jeunes (MIJ) and a representative of the Association des Calédoniens Diplômés en Australie (ACDA). The selection panel members will convey all applications received together with their recommendations based on an initial evaluation of applications to the Australian Consulate-General. Applications are then short-listed based on the merits of the professional project presented, the academic record and level of academic English of the applicant. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed (in French and English) by a selection panel and selected applicants will be ranked in order of merit.



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French Polynesia

ADS Open: applications should be submitted to the **Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement Technique, BP 2551 - 98713 Papeete, telephone (689) 461 600**, for transmission to the Australian Consulate General. Applications are short-listed based on the merits of the professional project presented, the academic record and level of academic English of the applicant. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed (in French and English) by a panel composed of the Australian Consulate-General in Noumea, representatives of the Ministries of Education, Employment and Professional Training.

Wallis and Futuna

ADS Open: applications should be submitted to the **Vice-Rectorat de Wallis et Futuna, Havelu-Hahake, BP244 - 98600 Mata-Utu, telephone (681) 722 828**, for transmission to the Australian Consulate-General. A committee consisting of representatives of the Vice-Rectorate and Wallis & Futuna educational authorities assesses the applications according to the project presented, academic record, industry background and motivation, and submits its recommendations to the Australian Consulate General in Noumea for final approval.

Restrictions

Applicants must be aged between 18 and 35.

- All applicants must hold French citizenship and be able to demonstrate at least 6-10 years residency in the relevant country/territory.
- Applicants must hold at least a "BEPC" (in the case of professional training awards) or "Baccalauréat" (for university studies) or a "Licence" (for Post-graduate studies).
- Applicants must have a basic command of English. All awardees will be required to sit an IELTS test prior to departure. Failure to achieve a minimum score of 5.5 may result in cancellation of the award.
- ADS awards are not restricted to any particular ethnic group. In the case of New Caledonia, an effort is made to ensure an equitable distribution of awards between the three provinces.
- While selections are essentially merit-based, applicants' social and financial circumstances may be taken into account.
- Awards cannot be granted for part-time study.

Awardees are expected to return to their home country/territory for at least two years on conclusion of their studies. Awardees may only re-enter Australia within this period for short stay purposes.

English Language Training

Awards include a maximum of six months of ELICOS training as a matter of course. All awardees will be required to sit an IELTS test prior to departure. Failure to achieve a minimum score of 5.5 may result in cancellation of the award.

Other matters

Applicants should be aware that there is no automatic recognition of qualifications gained in Australia. Students may need to seek specific recognition of their awards from the appropriate authorities on return for admission to further studies or employment in the government sector. Awards are not available in some fields where French requirements differ significantly from their Australian equivalents, for example medicine, law and accounting.