

## Visa Requirements - Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

To obtain a visa to enter Australia you must obtain OSHC, and confirmation of this must be given to the Australian Embassy with your visa application. It is important that you apply for OSHC on line immediately, and email a copy of your receipt or cover-note to your host Youth Exchange Officer in Australia.

Apply on line to one of the following OSHC insurers:

[\(Premiums as at February 2015\)](#)

AHM	ahmoshc.com	\$409.10
NIB	Nib.com.au	\$456.00
Allianz	oshcworldcare.com.au	\$553.00
Medibank Private	medibank.com.au	\$510.00

\*The period of insurance must be the same as stated on your visa

Have the following ready:

- Your credit card
- Your passport
- Your date of arrival in Australia (././2015)
- Name of school in Australia
- Your address in Australia (The address of your Australian YEP Chair)

Send the OSHC letter to the Australian Embassy with your visa application

Send a copy to your Youth Exchange Officer in Australia

***Remember the Australian Embassy will not issue a visa if you do not provide them with evidence that you have OSHC.***

**Please note the following students are not required to take out OSHC**

### Belgian students

As a result of an agreement between the Australian and Belgian governments, all Belgian students are considered to have met 'adequate insurance' requirements on the basis of the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement between Australia and Belgium. If you are a Belgian student, you will not have to take out OSHC.

### Norwegian students

As a result of an agreement between the Australian and Norwegian governments, all Norwegian students are provided with adequate health insurance by the Norwegian government and the compulsory OSHC visa requirement is waived for Norwegian students.

***N.B. All medical/hospital claims must be lodged with their Norwegian insurer and cannot be claimed under Medicare. Students are not issued with any Australian Health Care cards.***

### Swedish students

Swedish students may be waived the compulsory OSHC visa requirement. Swedish students whose insurance is provided by CSN International (the Swedish National Board of Student Aid) or Kammarkollegiet (the Swedish Legal, Financial and Administration Agency) will not need to take out OSHC. If you are a Swedish student who is not covered by CSN or Kammarkollegiet, you will need to take out OSHC.

***\*Upon arrival in Australia, eligible students should report to a Medicare office with a copy of their European Health Card and passport to obtain a Medicare Card.***

***Students are also reminded that they must have Rotary approved Travel Insurance in addition to OSHC.***