

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

The Tasmanian Polytechnic is the organisation which provides the AMEP for newly arrived migrants in Tasmania. The funding is provided by the Australian Government through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). This program entitles eligible learners up to 510 hours of English or when they reach functional English, whichever is earlier.

There is more information in different community languages available on the Department of Immigration website - www.immi.gov.au/amep

The AMEP provides basic English training to eligible adult migrants and refugees to help them settle successfully in Australia.

Eligibility:

The staff at the Tasmanian Polytechnic can check if you are eligible for this program by having you prove your identity, using your Australian visa number, and personal details to check your entitlement.

Please contact your local centre for more information:

Migrant Education North/North-West
10 - 16 Wellington Street
Launceston
Phone: 6336 2598
LanguagesNth@polytechnic.tas.edu.au

Migrant Education South
Level 3, 75 Campbell St
Hobart
Phone: 03 6236 4482
MigrantEducationSouth@polytechnic.tas.edu.au

Or phone 1300 655 307 (Statewide)

To take part in the AMEP you must register within 3 months of arriving in Australia and begin classes within 12 months. If there is a reason why you cannot attend classes you may be treated with special consideration.

If you are eligible, you will have an interview with an enrolling teacher to assess your level of English, enrol in the program and courses, develop a suitable learning plan and provide you with a start date.

Special preparatory program (SPP):

This program is for those with a humanitarian visa. It is an introductory course to learning in Australia. There are extra hours given for this program. This program must be completed prior to attending an AMEP class.

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Courses:

All students in the AMEP study the Certificates of Spoken and Written English CSWE at level I, II or III. Your level will be determined by your previous English study and your current language proficiency. You may not need to start at level I if you already have some English.

The CSWE is a nationally accredited course and is widely taught throughout Australia.

For more information see our course guides:

polytechnic.tas.edu.au/i_want_a_career_in.html

Start dates:

There are numerous start dates throughout the year to allow people arriving in Australia to begin classes as soon as possible. This will be discussed at your initial interview.

Timetables:

Each centre will have a different timetable. You may be able to choose from a range of day and evening classes, full or part time to meet your individual needs.

Distance Learning:

This program is for people who cannot attend classes but want to study English. You study at home using books and cassette tapes. You post your lessons to your teacher and talk to the teacher on the telephone. You must already have some English to learn through this program. For every hour of distance learning, you will use 5 hours of your AMEP entitlement.

Regional - Rural Intensive Program:

This program is for people living outside the greater Hobart area, who cannot attend class and have little or no English. You will meet with a teacher in a convenient location, once a week, to study English. For every hour of Regional and Rural Intensive, you will use 5 hours of your AMEP entitlement.

Home Tutor scheme:

The Tasmanian Polytechnic trains volunteers to meet with you for 1 hour a week to help you learn English. Priority is given to students who cannot attend classes. No hours will be deducted from your entitlement.

Childcare:

While you attend classes, your childcare is paid for. Childcare is for children between 6 months and 6 years (who have not started school). If you stop coming to classes then the childcare is no longer available. Childcare is provided only for when you are in English classes.

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Polytechnic student:

An AMEP student in Tasmania will also be enrolled as a Tasmanian Polytechnic student. This will give you access to a number of services such as libraries, counselling and computer access. It also means there are processes to support you and your learning and to give feedback on our service. It will be your responsibility to follow Tasmanian Polytechnic guidelines and procedures. These will be discussed in your initial interview and again in class. More information can be found at: polytechnic.tas.edu.au

Translation of Documents

New permanent resident will be entitled to have certain documents translated into English, free of charge, within the first two years in Australia.

Please take your documents together with your visa to your local centre:

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The staff will assess your documents for eligibility for free translation. Translation is done in Melbourne, and normally takes a minimum of 20 working days.

Other courses and services available to students may vary across the State and will be advertised locally at each site. These will be discussed with you at your first interview and again in class.