

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

AMEP stands for the Adult Migrant English Program which in Tasmania is delivered through the Tasmanian Polytechnic.

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

- The AMEP courses are designed to improve your English quickly and help you settle in Australia
- The AMEP provides you with up to 510 hours of free English language classes (extra hours may be available through special programs)
- While studying in the AMEP, you can access free childcare if you have under school age children or children waiting to begin their first year of school
- Studying full-time in the AMEP is a Centrelink approved activity
- In the AMEP you will have the option of joining courses that will help you find a job faster (Hobart and Launceston only)

Information about AMEP is available in many different languages on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website at: www.immi.gov.au

Eligibility:

Staff at the 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
11 Wellington Street
Launceston
Phone: 6336 2598
LanguagesNth@polytechnic.tas.edu.au

Migrant Education South
Level 3, 75 Campbell St
Hobart
Phone: 03 6216 4482
MigrantEducationSouth@polytechnic.tas.edu.au

Or phone 1300 655 307 (Statewide)

To take part in the AMEP you must register within 6 months of arriving in Australia and begin classes within 12 months.

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.

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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/course-information.aspx

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 Online Learning or material is sent through the post. 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.

Self-paced e-modules

This option is available to all new migrants to do in your own time in addition to attending classroom, distance or home tutor. You will need a basic level of English and have access to a computer for this option. If you arrive in Tasmania after a class has already started, you can choose to do this self-paced option until the next class starts.

This option provides no teacher support and no hours are deducted from your 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:

This is for students who attend less than 6 hours of classes per week.

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.

Childcare:

While you attend classes, your childcare is paid for. Childcare is for children between 6

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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.

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.

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

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