

International Guide 2024



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Study at Victoria's International Education Provider of the Year 2021-2022

The Gordon Institute of TAFE has been delivering world-class vocational education for over 130 years.

1. Multi-award winning Institution

We are a multi-award winning Institution. In 2022, we won three awards at the Victorian International Education Awards, including the prestigious Victorian International Education Provider of the Year for 2021-22, as well as Excellence in International Student Experience and Excellence in International Education - TAFE.

2. A relaxed, coastal lifestyle

Geelong is an affordable regional city with a wonderful sense of community. Only one hour from Melbourne and 30 minutes to the Great Ocean Road, you are close to both the city and the coast.

3. Industry connections lead to employment

The Gordon is an icon in Geelong and many of our local industry connections have been in place for decades. Our long-standing reputation means that employers place a high value on a Gordon qualification.

4. Real work experience gives you job ready skills

Work placements and industry projects form a large part of our course content, giving you real hands-on experience and the confidence you need to succeed in your chosen field.



Why International students
choose The Gordon



Our campuses

close to the city
and the coast

Geelong City Campus

Our Geelong City Campus has a unique blend of historic architecture and modern training facilities, including our brand-new \$23.5 million dollar culinary school. We are conveniently located in the Geelong city centre, opposite the Geelong Railway Station.



East Geelong Campus

Located just 10 minutes from the Geelong City Campus, our East Geelong Campus is home to state-of-the-art trade training facilities and our on-campus accommodation.



Werribee Campus

Located only 30 minutes from Melbourne, our new, modern campus in Werribee offers even more choice and flexibility on where to study.



Geelong – An unbeatable lifestyle by the water

With our main campus located close to the heart of Geelong and the waterfront, you can study in a liveable city with a relaxed, coastal lifestyle.

Geelong is the second largest city in Victoria, and is only one hour from Melbourne and 30 minutes from the world-famous Great Ocean Road.

Close to the city and the coast, Geelong offers an affordable cost of living and a wonderful sense of community.



Activities and attractions

The Geelong region has everything! From the natural bush to beautiful beaches, historical towns, art, and shopping precincts.

In less than 30 minutes, you can experience:

The Great Ocean Road

Victoria's world-famous coastline including the Twelve Apostles and the Shipwreck Coast.

The Surf Coast

A popular surfing destination, including beaches, shopping areas, restaurants and cafes.

The Bellarine Peninsula

A renowned food and wine region, with bayside beaches and small coastal towns.

Adventure activities

Take a helicopter flight on the Geelong waterfront, skydive on the coast, swim with the dolphins or walk among the treetops in the Otway rainforest.

Wildlife encounters

Spot koalas and kangaroos in the wild along the Great Ocean Road!

Sports

Geelong is renowned for its sporting lifestyle, with many team and individual sporting activities. It is also home to the 'Geelong Cats' Australian Rules Football team based at GMHBA Stadium.



Accommodation

Live on or off campus!

On-campus accommodation

The Gordon Student Residence is a friendly and welcoming place to live and a great way to make new Australian and International friends. It is located at the East Geelong Campus, which is only a 10-minute bus ride from the Geelong City Campus. On-campus accommodation rent is an affordable option, at AUD \$155 per week.

You will have your own spacious, private room and will share the fully equipped kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities between three other students.

Communal living areas are situated centrally on each floor with couches, dining, free Wi-Fi and TV facilities.

Share house accommodation

Share house living can be a great option, as you can live with other housemates and become a real local. There are plenty of options if you'd like to live off-campus. We can help with information on where to look and your renting rights and responsibilities.

Private rent ranges from AUD \$130 to \$170 per week for a single room in a shared house. In share houses, all housemates share the cost of common utilities like electricity, gas and water.

Private rental accommodation

If you would prefer not to share with others and to rent a private apartment, unit or house, then the average cost would be AUD \$250 or more per week.

Private rentals require you to sign a lease with a real estate agent or directly with a landlord. Some places will be furnished, but it is more common to rent an unfurnished apartment (also known as a unit or flat) or house.

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Student Support

As a Gordon student, you can access a wide range of resources and support services to ensure your study experience is the best it can be.

the Gordon Student Services

Airport Pick-up Service

If you are studying for more than 20 weeks, we can arrange a free airport welcome service to meet you and take you to your accommodation.

Bookshop

Our bookshop provides textbooks, specialist equipment, uniforms, stationery and everyday items. If we don't stock what you need, we can usually order it in for you.

Caféterias

Open every weekday at the Geelong City and East Geelong campuses, our cafeterias serve hot and cold breakfasts, lunch, espresso coffee and snacks sold at affordable student prices.

Libraries

The Library provides students with access to a range of electronic and hard copy resources, including books, DVDs, journals, streamed videos and electronic journals. Access to PCs, Wi-Fi, photocopying and printing facilities are also available. Visit the Geelong City and East Geelong campuses to access these services.

International Office

Gordon International offers a range of services to international students to ensure that your stay in Australia is both educationally rewarding and an enjoyable experience. We work closely with teachers and support services to assist you to achieve your academic potential.

Careers and Jobs

Our Careers Team and Skills and Job Centre provide free and confidential career counselling appointments and practical workshops. You can get help with job applications, resumes, interview skills and employment information.

Counselling

For help with personal matters, drop in or make an appointment to see a student counsellor, who are here to support you throughout your studies. The service is free and confidential, with offices located at the Geelong City and East Geelong campuses, and by appointment in Werribee.

Customer Service

Customer Service staff are located at each campus to assist you with fees, receipts, refunds, travel concessions, ID cards, course information, course applications, results and general enquiries.

Orientation

Orientation takes place before enrolment and includes a welcome campus tour, helping you to get to know The Gordon. You will also attend information sessions that cover study support, safety, public transport, visa and compliance matters, and health and legal services. It is a great way to meet new and current students and make new friends.

Free Office 365

As a Gordon student, you can access the latest version of Microsoft Office for free. This means you'll always have the latest version of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and more for as long as you're a Gordon student. You'll also use the same programs as your teachers to ensure full file compatibility.

Disability Support Services

Assisting students with disabilities to access and participate in educational and training opportunities, our services are provided free of charge to eligible students and operate across all campuses.

Free Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available across all campuses via your student logon protocol. Access any web-based resource such as the Student Portal, Gordon Online, email, as well as general internet access.

Health Cover

All international students holding an Australian student visa are required to maintain valid Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) with an approved OSHC provider. The Gordon can arrange visa-length cover with our preferred OSHC provider, Allianz. You can also arrange cover through other approved OSHC providers.

Student Portal

The Student Portal is your gateway to The Gordon. It's where you access eCentral, Gordon Online, your email, timetables, plus all your other student information. Access the portal via The Gordon website.

Learning Support

Studiosity is a 24/7 online study support. It is available for all students to chat with a tutor or submit assignments for writing feedback. On-campus Learning Support drop-in sessions are also available across all campuses.



Student Services at The Gordon
 **YouTube**



Hear from our students

“ My course at The Gordon is really amazing. What I like most are the lab classes and the practical work, which is fantastic and gives me confidence and enthusiasm – it makes me feel like I’m ready to work in a practical field.

I highly recommend every student study at The Gordon, especially international students. I find that The Gordon Staff are very humble, nice and helpful, the staff are wonderful, so it makes my course very easy.”

HAJRA BIBI, PAKISTAN
DIPLOMA OF NURSING



“ The Gordon TAFE went beyond my expectations in the quality of education and training. Laboratory Technology is a very interesting area for those who appreciate laboratory work and science.

The teachers and trainers at The Gordon are amazing. They are all very knowledgeable and committed to transmitting everything they know and even practice tips that may enhance your abilities and skills in a specific area.”

MARIA SIERRA ZULUAGA, COLOMBIA
DIPLOMA OF LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY



“

I chose to study at The Gordon as they have an excellent reputation, with a lot of great chefs who have graduated and now own their own restaurants. All the teachers are professional and experienced, and they make the training interesting and memorable. I have not only learned how to cook a great meal but also how to be a team player. After studying with my classmates all year, we have become like a family. We learn from each other, help each other, and have a lot of fun. As an international student, I was always shy to speak out, but in the cookery industry, you have to communicate with others, and my English has improved dramatically. I’ve not only learnt English, but also some specialised words in French, Italian, Japanese and others.

I am now working in a local restaurant and continuing my studies at the Certificate IV level to gain more knowledge and experience. I hope to own my own small restaurant one day.”

BO LI, CHINA
CERTIFICATE II IN COMMERCIAL COOKERY

Finding work in Australia



What courses can you study at The Gordon?

	Course Code	CRICOS Code	Course	Campus	Duration	Intake	Academic Entry Requirements	IELTS	2024 Semester Fee	2024 Materials Fee	2024 Total Tuition Fee
Aged Care	CHC33015	095390F	Certificate III in Individual Support Disability and Ageing -	Geelong City, Werribee	6 months	Feb & Jul	Australian Year 11 or equivalent	6.0, no band less than 5.5	\$8,400	\$540	\$8,400
Building Design and Construction	CPC50210	084645A	Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)	East Geelong	1.5 years	Feb & Jul	Australian Year 12 or equivalent	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$8,333	\$570	\$24,999
	22477VIC	099456E	Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)	East Geelong	2 years	Feb & Jul	Australian Year 12 or equivalent	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$7,955	\$570	\$31,820
Commercial Cookery and Hospitality Management	SIT30816	094946E	Certificate III in Commercial Cookery	Geelong City	1 year	Feb & Jul	Australian Year 10 or equivalent	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$7,955	\$1,305	\$15,910
	SIT40516	094655E	Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery - *	Geelong City	6 months	Feb & Jul	Completion of Cert III in Commercial Cookery [^]	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$8,040	\$400	\$8,040
	SIT50416	096683G	Diploma of Hospitality Management - *	Geelong City	6 months	Feb & Jul	Completion of Cert III and IV in Commercial Cookery	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$8,610	\$370	\$8,610
Engineering	MEM50212	095389K	Diploma of Engineering - Technical -	East Geelong	1 year	Feb & Jul	Australian Year 12 or equivalent	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$7,955	\$1,080	\$15,910
Early Childhood Education	CHC30121	109312A	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Geelong City, Werribee	1 year	Feb & Jul	Australian Year 10 or equivalent	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$6,645	\$680	\$13,290
	CHC50113	085280F	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	Geelong City, Werribee	1 year	Feb & Jul	Completion of Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care	6.0, no band less than 5.5	\$8,820	\$690	\$17,640
Laboratory Technology	MSL40118	098112D	Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques -	Geelong City	1 year	Feb	Australian Year 11 or equivalent	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$7,955	\$930	\$15,910
	MSL50118	098101G	Diploma of Laboratory Technology - *	Geelong City	1 year	Feb	Completion of Cert IV in Laboratory Techniques [^]	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$7,955	\$840	\$15,910
Nursing	HLT54115	095391E	Diploma of Nursing	Geelong City, Werribee	2 years	Feb, Apr, Jul & Oct	Australian Year 12 or equivalent	7.0, no band less than 7.0	\$9,845	\$1,230	\$39,380
Massage	HLT52015	092902M	Diploma of Remedial Massage -	Geelong City	1 year	Feb	Australian Year 12 or equivalent	5.5, no band less than 5.0	\$8,610	\$990	\$17,220

[^] Student enrolls into a lower level qualification and graduates at the higher level listed.

* Not a standalone course, students need to complete prerequisite course(s).

~ This course is in transition. The course code, title, units and content may change in future. Further information will be provided on The Gordon website, upon enrolment and/or during the course of your training.

Tuition fees and intake dates are accurate at the time of printing. For current fees and intakes, please refer to our website: gordontafe.edu.au/international

Entry Requirements

To ensure your academic success at The Gordon, international students must have a minimum level of academic and English language proficiency before enrolling in our courses. Some courses require additional entry criteria. Please ensure you check the specific entry requirements for your chosen course by visiting: thegordon.edu.au/international/future-international/international-entry-requirements

You must be 18 years or over at the time of course commencement.

Our partners



University Partners

The Gordon has partnered with Torrens University to provide university pathways for Gordon TAFE international students.

Torrens University is the #1 fastest-growing university in Australia, with campus locations in a number of Australian cities, including Melbourne. With a fresh approach to higher education, industry-led learning, and practical work experience, Torrens University offers an immersive and collaborative educational experience.

thegordon.edu.au/international/future-international/university-pathways

English Language Partners

The Gordon has packaged offers and direct entry agreements with some of Australia's leading English schools and ELICOS providers. These providers offer free placement tests to determine your current level of English and how many weeks of English you will need before beginning your certificate or diploma at The Gordon.

thegordon.edu.au/international/future-international/english-language-pathways



English Language Equivalency Table

Please refer to the table below to find out what English tests or qualifications are recognised to enter the program you are applying for.

Test Qualifications	IELTS 5.0	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5	IELTS 7.0
The Gordon English Placement Test (subject to scoring the relevant IELTS equivalent)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
TOEFL iBT	35-45	46-59	60-78	79-93	94-101
PTE Academic	36	42	50	58	65
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	41-46	47-51	52-57	58-66	67-73
OET	D	C	C	C+	B
Upper Intermediate ELICOS Certificate from The Gordon	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Advanced ELICOS Certificate from The Gordon	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Australian Year 12 Certificate or qualification at Certificate IV or higher level completed in the last two years	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
At least one year of University studies in Australia in the last two years	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
At least 5 years of studies in an English speaking country (Australia, New Zealand, UK, Canada, USA, South Africa or Ireland)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Note: Your English test must be taken no more than two years before the course starts.

Scholarships and promotions

Pathway to Victoria Scholarship

The Pathway to Victoria Scholarship Program provides a AUD \$2,500 grant to new international students.

All of The Gordon's CRICOS registered international courses are eligible.

The Pathway to Victoria Scholarship Program is funded by the Victorian State Government through Study Melbourne.

On-campus housing promotion

How does it work?

3 weeks of rent-free (valued at AUD \$465) when staying for six months

6 weeks of rent-free (valued at AUD \$930) when staying for 12 months

At AUD \$155 The Gordon residence is an affordable, comfortable and fun place for students to live.

International Scholarships



Key dates for 2024

The dates below are indicative only and course start dates can vary. Please refer to your offer letter for individual course orientation and start dates.

Semester 1, 2024				
Term 1	Monday 29 January	Thursday 28 March	9 weeks	New Year's Day - Monday 1 January Australia Day - Friday 26 January Labour Day - Monday 11 March Good Friday - Friday 29 March Easter Sunday - Sunday 31 March Easter Monday - Monday 1 April Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April King's Birthday - Monday 10 June
Term break	Saturday 29 March	Sunday 14 April	2 weeks	
Term 2	Monday 15 April	Friday 28 June	11 weeks	
Term break	Saturday 29 June	Sunday 14 July	2 weeks	

Semester 2, 2024				
Term 3	Monday 15 July	Friday 20 September	10 weeks	Friday before the AFL Grand Final - Friday 27 September (subject to AFL schedule) Melbourne Cup Day - Tuesday 5 November Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December Boxing Day - Thursday 26 December
Term break	Saturday 21 September	Sunday 6 October	2 weeks	
Term 4	Monday 7 October	Friday 20 December	11 weeks	
Term break	Saturday 21 December	Tuesday 28 January 2025	5 weeks	

How to apply

We're here to help

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Social media for
International students



- Step 1** **Choose a course**
View our courses for international students and select your chosen course and desired study location at thegordon.edu.au/courses/international-courses
- Step 2** **Check entry requirements**
Check that you meet the entry requirements, including academic, English language, and Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirements at thegordon.edu.au/international/future-international/international-entry-requirements
- Step 3** **Prepare your application**
Gather all the supporting documentation you need, including:
- Colour photocopy of your passport
 - Certified copies of previous qualifications, including secondary school transcripts
 - Proof of your English language proficiency (if applicable)
- Step 3**
- Statement of Purpose (if applicable)
 - Work reference letter (if applicable)
 - Current eCoE (if applicable)
 - Current visa letter (if applicable)
 - Evidence of funds (if applicable).
- Note: Make sure you supply certified translations for any documents that are not in English.
- Step 4** **Submit an application**
Apply online directly with all relevant supporting documents, visit thegordon.edu.au/courses/international-courses
OR
Apply through one of The Gordon's accredited education agents: thegordon.edu.au/international/future-international/education-agents.
We strongly recommend that international students apply through one of our accredited education agents. They will assist you in the preparation of all application documents and ensure you are well counselled on the **Australian Government's Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) requirements** for international students.
- Step 5** **Receive offer**
If your application is successful you will receive a Letter of Offer from The Gordon International team.
- Step 6** **Accept offer and make payment**
Accept your offer by following all the instructions on your offer letter. If you receive a Conditional Letter of Offer, you must meet all conditions listed before accepting and making payment.
- Step 7** **Confirmation of enrolment**
The Gordon will issue an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) which you must provide to the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) to apply for your Australian student visa.
- Step 8** **Apply for student visa**
Check your visa requirements and apply for your visa to the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). More information on student visa applications can be found at: immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500
- Step 9** **Arrival and start your studies**
Once your visa is granted, you can travel to Australia and start your course at The Gordon. The Gordon will send you information about the compulsory International Student Orientation in the weeks before the semester commences.



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Quality Training Guarantee

The Gordon's Vision

The Gordon's vision is to be the first choice in our markets and the leader in our field.

We are committed to complying with all our regulatory requirements as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) in the vocational education and training (VET) sector.

The VET Quality Framework

As a quality assured RTO, The Gordon has a regulatory obligation to comply with the requirements of the VET Quality Framework. The framework includes the:

- Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015
- Australian Qualifications Framework
- Fit and Proper Person Requirements
- Financial Viability Risk Assessment Requirements
- Data Provision Requirements

A complete version of the VET Quality Framework is available at asqa.gov.au