



University Access for People Seeking Asylum and Refugees in Australia

Bridging visas A-E & R (Subclasses 010, 020, 030, 050, 051 & 070)

Access		Details
Can study	Depends	People can study provided they do not have a condition on their visa prohibiting study. People in detention, including Community Detention, can't study as they don't have a visa. However, universities may allow students to 'audit' the course (attend without doing assignments or receiving degree/award).
Access to commonwealth supported places and HELP	✗	Must pay international student fees. Refer to this link for further information: https://www.studyassist.gov.au/loan-eligibility/non-australian-citizens
Access to support through Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS)	✗	If you are studying you are likely to be ineligible for support through the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS)*

TPV (Subclass 785) or SHEV (Subclass 790)

Access		Details
Can study	✔	Can access university in Australia
Access to commonwealth supported places and HELP	✗	Must pay international student fees. Refer to this link for further information: https://www.studyassist.gov.au/loan-eligibility/non-australian-citizens
Access to Centrelink Special Benefit payments	Depends	Refer to the following webpage for further information: https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/payment-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers?context=60041

Resolution of Status (RoS) Visa (Subclass 851)

Access		Details
Can study	✔	Can access university in Australia
Access to commonwealth supported places and HELP	✔	Access to domestic commonwealth supported places and HELP loans. Refer to this link for further information: https://www.studyassist.gov.au/loan-eligibility/non-australian-citizens
Access to Centrelink	✔	Full access to Centrelink on par with citizens (inc AusStudy)

Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (Subclass 449) & Temporary (Humanitarian Concern) (Subclass 786)

Access		Details
Can study	✔	Can access university in Australia
Access to commonwealth supported places and HELP	✗	Must pay international student fees. Refer to this link for further information: https://www.studyassist.gov.au/loan-eligibility/non-australian-citizens
Access to Centrelink	Depends	Refer to the following webpage for further information: https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/payment-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers?context=60041

Other Permanent Humanitarian Visas (Subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203, 204 & 866)

Access		Details
Can study	✔	Can access university in Australia
Access to commonwealth supported places and HELP	✔	Access to domestic commonwealth supported places and HELP loans. Refer to this link for further information: https://www.studyassist.gov.au/loan-eligibility/non-australian-citizens
Access to Centrelink	✔	Full access to Centrelink on par with citizens (inc AusStudy). For individuals that arrive on 202 visas via the Community Support Program (CSP), Centrelink access is technically allowed, however, any recoverable payments (e.g., JobSeeker Centrelink) must be repaid by the sponsor under the Assurance of Support.

If you are receiving SRSS or Special Benefit, some support from universities may be considered 'income' and will reduce your support:

- o Scholarships (i.e. fee waivers) will not affect your income support
- o Free board and lodging may reduce your income by 2/3
- o Other support, such as laptops, payment of bills or other stipends may be considered income, and also reduce your support payments



Refugee
Education
Australia



Refugee Council
of Australia



Community legal centres that provide free legal advice for refugees and people seeking asylum

New South Wales (NSW)

Organisation	Website link
Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS)	https://www.racs.org.au/
Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC)	https://iarc.org.au
Legal Aid NSW	https://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/

Victoria (VIC)

Organisation	Website link
Refugee Legal	https://refugeelegal.org.au/
Legal Aid Victoria	https://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)	https://asrc.org.au/

Western Australia (WA)

Organisation	Website link
Circle Green Community Legal	https://circlegreen.org.au/

Queensland

Organisation	Website link
Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS)	https://www.rails.org.au/

South Australia (SA)

Organisation	Website link
Refugee Legal	https://refugeelegal.org.au/get-help/get-help-southaustralia/

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

Organisation	Website link
ACT Legal Aid	https://www.legalaidact.org.au/

Northern Territory (NT)

Organisation	Website link
Refugee Legal	https://refugeelegal.org.au/get-help/refugee-legal-northern-territory/

Tasmania (TAS)

Organisation	Website link
Tasmanian Refugee Legal Service	https://trls.org.au/

