Advantage Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) helps to ensure you'll be covered if you need to see a General Practitioner (GP) or specialist, or if you need to be admitted to hospital for inpatient hospital treatment for most services considered medically necessary. This cover complies with the Australian Government's insurance requirements for a Student Visa.

**Get in touch**

- Call us on 1800 888 942 (from within Australia)
- Call us on +613 9937 4223 (from outside Australia)
- Visit bupa.com.au/students
- Drop by your local Bupa Store

**High Hospital**

**Product Availability**

This policy is available for all states of Australia.
## This policy includes cover for

**Hospital & medical services**

- Rehabilitation
- Hospital psychiatric services
- Palliative care
- Blood
- Bone Marrow transfusion or transplant
- Eye (not cataracts)
- Cataracts
- Ear, nose and throat
- Bone, joint and muscle
- Joint reconstructions
- Joint replacements (other than Hip and Knee)
- Joint replacements (Hip and Knee)
- Organ Transplant
- Dialysis for chronic kidney failure
- Hemia and appendix
- Heart and vascular system
- Gynaecology
- Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy
- Pregnancy and birth
- Male reproductive system
- Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)
- All other Medicare recognised services

**Out of hospital medical services**

- GP consultations
- Specialist consultations
- Pathology (e.g. blood tests)
- Radiology (e.g. x-ray scans)
- Selected pharmacy items
- Repatriation
- Outpatient psychiatric services

## This policy does not include cover for

**Hospital & medical services**

- Assisted reproductive services
- All cosmetic surgery

### Included Service

Benefits for this treatment or service are included on this cover. Further details on what costs are covered are outlined in this document.

### Excluded Service

This treatment or service is not included on this cover, and no benefits will be paid.

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**Advantage Overseas Student Health Cover**

Provides benefits towards doctors' fees, including if you’re admitted to hospital, and helps pay for hospital accommodation costs.

### Waiting Period

A waiting period is the time when you are not covered for a particular service. It starts on the date that you enter Australia or the date that you start your membership, whichever is the later date. Once you have completed your waiting period, you will receive the benefits listed under your level of cover for that service.

If you’re changing your cover or switching from another insurer, these waiting periods may not apply to you, so check with us first.

Waiting periods don’t apply when treatment is required as a result of an accident sustained after joining us or you have a condition which is defined under the Emergency Treatment section of the Important Information Guide at: bupa.com.au/oshc-info

### 12 months

- **No waiting period** for pre-existing conditions
- **No waiting period** for pregnancy and birth (obstetrics)
- **No waiting period** for pre-existing conditions of a psychiatric nature
- **No waiting period** for all other treatments

### Ambulance

You are covered for an uncapped number of emergency ambulance transportation and on-the-spot treatment by our recognised providers in each state of Australia. Please note: You will not be covered for any non-emergency ambulance services. For more, see the Important Information Guide.

### Hospital Costs

Bupa has agreements with private hospitals to help provide certainty on costs when admitted to hospital for included services. For more detail about the types of hospital arrangements Bupa has please visit bupa.com.au/find-a-provider

### Pre-existing condition

A pre-existing condition is any condition, ailment, or injury, that you had signs or symptoms of during the six months before you joined or upgraded to a higher level of cover with us. It is not necessary that you or your doctor knew what your condition was, or that the condition had been diagnosed. We may request medical certificates to be completed by your treating doctor/s, if you require treatment in the first 12 months of cover.

For more information about pre-existing condition, please refer to the Important Information Guide: bupa.com.au/visitors-info

### Network Hospitals

At all agreement hospitals in Bupa’s network, receive cover for accommodation, intensive care and theatre fees for included services. In addition to our Network Hospitals, other agreements include:

- **Members First Hospitals**
  - Get complimentary local calls, TV usage and a daily newspaper.
  - Access to a single room if booked and requested at least 24 hours prior to admission or get $50 back from the hospital per night (subject to conditions).

- **Members First Day Hospitals**
  - No out-of-pocket expenses for medical fees charged by a surgeon, anaesthetist or other specialists when admitted to hospital for included services.

- **Fixed Fee Hospitals**
  - At a small number of Network Hospitals, an additional set amount or 'fixed fee' may be charged by the hospital per day, capped at a maximum amount for overnight stays. The daily fixed fee amount may vary based on the hospital and is in addition to any excess or co-payment.

### Non-agreement/other hospitals

If admitted to a private hospital Bupa does not have an agreement with, the benefit will only partially cover the cost and there are likely to be significant out-of-pocket expenses. Payment may be required upfront for accommodation, doctor's services (including diagnostic tests), surgically implanted prostheses and personal expenses. Some benefits may be claimed back from Bupa for these items.

### Medical Costs

Medical costs are fees charged by doctors, surgeons, anaesthetists or other medical specialists for treatment.

For included services on this policy, Bupa will pay benefits toward medical costs both in hospital and out of hospital.

### Visa Types

This product is only available for you if you hold, or are applying for a student visa. Please contact us if you are unsure if this cover is suitable for you.

For more information about treatment or service definitions, contact us or go to bupa.com.au/glossary
Hospital Cover

Advantage Overseas Student Health Cover

Things you should know

How you are covered

Agreement Hospitals
When admitted to a Members First, Network or Public hospital, you will be covered for inpatient hospital charges including:
• Accommodation for overnight or same-day stays
• Operating theatre and intensive care fees
• Supplied pharmaceuticals approved by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS) and provided as part of your inpatient hospital treatment

In addition, if you are treated in a Members First Day Hospital, there will be no out-of-pocket costs for medical treatment (Not available in NT). Any co-payment or excess as part of your cover will still apply.

Medical Costs in Hospital
If your chosen doctor does not use the Bupa Medical Gap Scheme, Bupa will cover up to 100% of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) fee for associated medical costs, including any inpatient diagnostic tests (pathology and radiology) recognised by Medicare and considered medically necessary.

If your doctor or specialist charges more than the benefit, you will need to pay the remaining balance, often called a ‘gap.’

Medical Costs out of Hospital
You are covered for:
• Medical costs when treated by a General Practitioner (GP) or in a Private Hospital including administration fees even if not admitted to hospital
• Private room where available and clinically appropriate

Things you should know

What to do if you are sick
In Australia there are three main options to choose from when you feel sick. If it is an emergency, a serious illness or injury that poses an immediate risk to your life you can call 000 (triple zero) for an ambulance or go direct to the emergency department of your nearest hospital.

If your illness or injury is not immediately life-threatening but requires treatment or advice from a medical professional or you require a referral to a medical specialist you can visit your nearest doctor (General Practitioner or GP). If you have a common illness or a minor injury you can visit a pharmacy to seek general medical advice or buy non-prescription medication. Visit bupa.com.au/video to learn more.

When you might have to pay

Hospital Costs
Situations when you are likely not to be covered or may incur significant additional expenses include:
• During a waiting period.
• When specific services or treatments are a restricted cover or excluded from your level of cover.
• When surgery or treatments are not on the Australian Government Prostheses List, or for charges above the approved benefits for prostheses on the List.
• Hospital treatment not recognised by Medicare.
• Treatment at a non-agreement private hospital.

• Hospital treatment provided by a practitioner not authorised to provide that treatment.
• When in hospital for 35 days and you have been classified as a ‘nursing home type patient’.
• Benefits for pharmaceuticals supplied upon discharge from the hospital. (Note whilst this will not be payable under hospital costs, in some circumstances, discharge medication may be covered under Pharmacy)
• Non-Pharmaceutical Benefit Schedule (PBS) high-cost drugs.
• When choosing to use any allied health provider other than the hospital’s provider for services that are part of inpatient treatment (e.g. chiropodists, diabetologists or psychologists)
• Where compensation, damages or benefits are covered by another source (e.g. Workers Compensation)
• Any treatment or services rendered or organised outside Australia.

Medical Costs
You will not be covered for:
• Medical costs for surgical procedures performed by a doctor, podiatrist, podiatric surgeon or any other practitioner or service that is not eligible for a rebate by Medicare.
• Costs for medical examinations, x-rays, vaccinations or any treatment required for obtaining a visa to enter Australia, change in visa or application for permanent residency.

Get more from your cover with Bupa

Pharmacy
Selected pharmacy items including medication prescribed to you when leaving hospital. You will receive up to $60 per script item, with a limit of $600 per person up to $200 per policy, per calendar year, after you pay the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) patient co-payment fee. This provided the pharmacy items usage is approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Repatiation
Cover for repatriation to your country of origin if you become terminally ill or if you suffer a substantial life altering illness/injury up to $100,000. For the return of mortal remains up to $10,000. Benefits are only payable once approved by Bupa.

Mental Health
Mental health benefits including psychology, counselling and online-Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (Online-CBT) course. If you don’t have a GP care plan in place, you can access benefits up to $75 per consultation for psychology, up to $40 for counselling and up to $20 for the online-CBT course. There is an overall limit for mental health of $50 per person, per calendar year.

University of Melbourne students
There is no waiting period for
• Pregnancy and birth (obstetrics)
• Mental health related services

Coverage will be as per Medicare rules and where a Medicare benefit is payable, including:
• A maximum of 10 individual consultations and 10 group psychology sessions with a qualified psychologist per calendar year.
• All investigative outpatient imaging services without the need for supporting documentation where requested by a general medical practitioner.

Bupa Student Advice Line
We provide advice and assistance in 180 languages, for a range of situations including medical, home and property inquiries and general tax and legal enquiries. Just call 1300 884 235 (our 24 hour student advice line) if you find yourself in a situation where you need guidance or support.

Bupa Medical Gap Scheme
The Bupa Medical Gap Scheme is designed to remove or reduce the costs you pay for your treatment in hospital. Where a doctor chooses to use the Scheme for your treatment, they agree to only charge up to a certain fee. Bupa then pays a much higher amount than we normally would to help cover the extra cost.

When a doctor uses the no-gap option, Bupa covers all of the extra charges, so you pay nothing for that doctor’s medical fees.

Otherwise, for each doctor choosing to use the Medical Gap Scheme, the most you’ll pay is up to $500 out-of-pocket on medical costs.

Each doctor involved in your treatment can choose to use the Bupa Medical Gap Scheme for your admission in a Public Hospital, or a Private Hospital with which Bupa has an agreement. See bupa.com.au/medicalgapscheme for more.

Members First Day Hospitals
If you are treated in a Members First Day Hospital, there are no out-of-pocket costs for medical treatment (Not available in NT). Any co-payment or excess as part of your cover will still apply.

*Conditions apply, contact us for details.