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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BOOKLET

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Our Mission

In obedience to Christ and the Scriptures, to
equip people for ministry and witness in a
changing world.

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ADMISSION, ENROLMENT, AND GENERAL INFORMATION...

Vose Seminary offers courses in both the Vocational Education & Training Sector (Certificate & Diplomas) and the Higher Education Sector (Degrees & Graduate Diplomas of the Australian College of Theology [ACT]). International students may enrol for full time study in these nationally accredited courses.

English is the medium of instruction. – Students must meet the appropriate standard

It is a visa requirement of the Australian Government that students from most countries complete the IELTS test of proficiency before applying (www.immi.gov.au/students/english-requirements.htm). For studies at Vose Seminary the following minimum scores are required:

	Overall	Reading (Academic)	Writing (Academic)	Other
Certificate, Diplomas, BCS, BMin, BTh	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.0
GradDipDiv, MDiv	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

International students seeking admission into Vose should apply as follows.



- ❖ Identify courses that may be of interest.
- ❖ Check with the local Australian Embassy regarding the possibility/ probability of being granted a Visa or online at www.immi.gov.au/students/index.htm.
Note: Visa Assessment Level relevant to your situation.
- ❖ Ensure you meet the entrance requirements. Arrange to have an IELTS test if necessary. (Your embassy should advise you of dates and requirements or see www.ielts.org for test centres.
- ❖ Complete the [Overseas Application for Enrolment Form](#) and send to the Administrator including translated (*if not in English*), certified copies of your academic qualifications and IELTS scores, together with your application fee (non-refundable).
- ❖ Your application will be assessed and should you be successful an 'Offer of Enrolment' will be sent with an acceptance letter for you to return.
- ❖ Medical Insurance should be arranged at this time (this will be refunded if visa is not granted)
- ❖ On receipt of the Acceptance Vose will send a 'Confirmation of Enrolment' form, which you require in order to apply for a student visa through the Australian Embassy or High Commission in your country.
- ❖ Please arrange your travel to arrive in Australia at least one week prior to commencement of your course.

Closing Dates for Overseas Admission Applications:

Semester 1:	30 th September
Semester 2:	31 st March

Candidates whose applications are received after these dates may have difficulty in obtaining visas before the proposed commencement date. Acceptance of enrolment does not guarantee a visa will be granted. Students should make enquiries with their local Australian Embassy.

UNIT ENROLMENT

Once a candidate has been accepted, they can enrol in the required units each semester. An Enrolment Form is available on the Seminary web site and should be returned three weeks prior to commencement.

Preferred Dates for Unit Enrolment:

Semester 1:	by 31 st January
Semester 2:	by 30 th June

Unit Enrolments may be accepted until the commencement of lectures.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS FEES AND CHARGES (2009)

Application fee (non-refundable) \$500
(to be forwarded with application)

Annual Administration Fee \$260

Vose Awards

Certificate (1 yr) approx. \$5600¹

Diploma (2 yrs) \$11200^{1,2}

Advanced Diploma (3 yrs) \$16800^{1,2}

Vocational GradDipMin (1 yr) \$5600

ACT Awards (Higher Education Sector)

Undergraduate degree courses (3 yrs) \$24000^{2,3}

Graduate Diploma of Divinity (1 year) \$8960⁴

Master of Divinity (3 years) \$26880^{2,4}

An additional fee applies for late payments.



Notes:

1. Based on \$700 per 4 cp unit
2. Based on 2009 figures. It is likely that tuition fees will increase in subsequent years in accordance with changes in consumer costs.
3. Based on \$1000 per 4 cp unit.
4. Based on \$1080 per 4 cp unit.

Fees are paid on a Semester basis.

The Administration fee is payable at the beginning of semester.

1/3 of the course fee at end of weeks 5 and 10 respectively and final payment in exam week; or in the case of intensives at the end of days 2 and 5 respectively, and final payment after final assessments are due.

No refunds apply as tuition is paid after it has been received.

Unit readers and text books may also be required for individual units. These are an additional cost.

Intensives are payable in full 10 days prior to commencement and no refund applies after this period.

No Scholarships available from Seminary.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

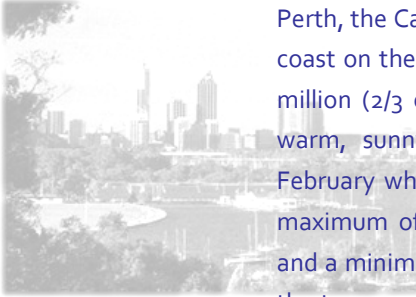
The Seminary is unable to offer any scholarships, work or other means of support. Overseas students seeking financial assistance should do so through other means.

In addition to information in this booklet your attention is drawn to documents on the Seminary web site:

- (1) The Australian Government document, "The ESOS framework – providing quality education and protecting your rights".
- (2) "Intervention Strategy Policy" (for Higher Education Sector Students) and "VET Intervention Strategy Policy" (for VET Sector Students). These provide details of the Seminary's monitoring of your progress in studies, intervention strategies should there be risk of unsatisfactory progress, and grounds on which the student's enrolment may be deferred, suspended or cancelled.

PERTH – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia is the largest of the Australian states covering about one third of the continent.



Perth, the Capital of Western Australia, situated near the coast on the Swan River, has a population of approx 1.5 million (2/3 of the state's total population). It enjoys a warm, sunny climate with the hottest month being February when the daily temperatures have an average maximum of 30°C (with several days peaking at 40°C) and a minimum of 19°C. The coolest month is July when the temperatures range between 18°C maximum and 9° minimum (with some nights dropping as low as 0°C). The average annual rainfall of 880 mm occurs mainly between May and September.

Suburbs extending in a 40km radius of Perth have an extensive coastline with good beaches suitable for bathing and other areas providing great surfing. Parks and children's playgrounds are spread throughout the suburbs. The area has excellent sporting facilities and clubs representing most sports.

Perth is a multicultural society, with its population drawn from all areas of the world.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Perth has a large public transport network incorporating trains and buses. Being opposite Curtin University means the Seminary is well serviced by public transport, particularly during University Semesters.

These include circle route 98 & 99 for many major centres & Bus routes 71, 72, 73, 75 (also Routes 100 and 101 between Canning Bridge Railway Station and Curtin University Bus Station and 883 from Perth Busport).

EMPLOYMENT

Students wishing to seek part-time employment during their time in Australia will need to obtain a student work visa. These may be granted for up to 20 hours work per week. Application for a work visa is made after they have commenced studies in Australia.

Accommodation may be found in rooms, flats, houses ...

ACCOMMODATION

Limited accommodation is available on campus at Vose prices starting from \$70 per week for a single room (self catering). Other accommodation that may be available in the **local area** includes rooms in private residence, flats or private rentals. Rental in the area is approximately \$300 for 3 bedroom 1 bathroom apartment.

COST OF LIVING

For basic living, without luxuries, a single international student living in Perth should be able to manage on AU \$1,500 - \$1,700 per month. This does not include cost of tuition fees and books. Nor does it include costs for running a car or much in the way of entertainment expenses.

Students should budget for items such as:

- Rent
- Phone
- Electricity
- Water (may be included in rent)
- Food, meals
- Cleaning materials
- Clothing
- Transport (car or public transport)

SHOPPING FACILITIES

Shopping hours in Perth are generally:-

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm
(some smaller or less popular stores may close at midday)

Sunday afternoon

Perth, Fremantle and Rockingham

Late night shopping

Thursday till 9.00pm in the suburbs (not Perth city).

Friday till 9.00pm in Perth city.

Supermarkets are located in most suburbs and many are open 7 days a week until 7 or 8.00pm

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EDUCATION

Western Australia has a 3-tiered educational system.

Primary School (ages 5 to 12)

Secondary School (ages 13 to 17)

Tertiary Education

Dependents of international students must enrol in either a government or non-government school and may be required to pay full fees. Tuition fees range from about \$5,000–\$15,000 per year for primary education and \$8,000–\$18,000 per year for secondary education

HEALTH

Overseas students are required to obtain Overseas Health cover insurance through Medibank Private prior to being granted a visa. Cost of this insurance is approximately \$400 for a single person (\$800 per family) giving access to a healthcare system that is one of the best in the world.

QUARANTINE

Please note: because Australia is an island and relatively free from pests and diseases it has strict quarantine laws. Food or plant materials may not be brought into the country. Any food or plant material must be declared to customs on entry.

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