

EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIA

OPUS Paid Work and Study

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Improve your English skills during a 6 month course and combine your studies with a part-time paid work placement. OPUS Paid Work and Study combines a Kaplan English language course with job placement assistance. Our dedicated OPUS Coordinators will pre-screen students, test their English language level and assess their approach to work to ensure that students are ready and well-suited for work in their chosen location. Students accepted onto the program will benefit from group coaching and individual meeting preparation, application support and assistance with the official requirements to start work.



OPUS English is right for you if:

- You have previous work experience
- You want to live and work and have the opportunity to improve your language skills in an English-speaking country
- You would like to enhance your CV with English work experience
- You would like to earn some money while in Australia
- You want to make new friends and immerse yourself in a different culture
- You do not want to pay a job placement fee! Our services are included in your tuition fees.

OPUS Facts

Location Brisbane, Australia

OPUS English (6)

Start dates Every Monday

24 weeks English + job placement assistance (up to 3 interviews*)

Visa requirement Student Visa

English Course Length Minimum 12 weeks

Please note: The normal run time for the OPUS Training Modules by itself takes 5 weeks (5 OPUS Meetings + Coordination of 3 interviews after that)

Work Period

Holders of a Student Visa can work part-time (up to 40 hours every 2 weeks) during the course, and full-time during breaks and after the course finishes. A Student Visa will usually be granted for one month longer than the duration of the course enrolment (based on a program duration of 24 weeks).

OPUS Working Holiday

Start dates: Every Monday

12-17 weeks English + job placement assistance (up to 3 interviews*)

Visa requirement Working Holiday Visa

English Course Length Minimum 12 weeks

Work Period Minimum of 4 weeks and up to a maximum of 6 months with each employer for the duration of your visa.

Minimum English level

Intermediate - IELTS 5.0

(IELTS may be obtained after arrival, additional fees apply)

Recommended ages

18-30

Eligibility to Work

OPUS students should have a valid student visa or a working holiday visa prior to starting their job placement in Australia

Note: Students on OPUS Working Holiday must be prepared to travel to alternative locations for their job interviews/placements.

* Interviews can take the form of trials or casual meetings.

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Job Placement Assistance

Our dedicated OPUS Coordinators will provide you with guidance and support throughout your program. Together you will aim to find a maximum of 3 job interviews*, although it will be your responsibility to secure the job. In addition to supporting you with interview preparation and job applications, your OPUS Coordinator will assist you in applying for a Tax File Number (TFN), required for all workers in Australia.

The paid work placements available are based on the demand of the current job market and are entry level positions with base pay. OPUS students must be prepared to work in any job and in some cases to move to another suburb.

How to apply for OPUS Paid Work and Study:

1. Request and complete an application form from your Kaplan representative
2. You will then be sent a free English test to let you know your current level of English
3. Send us an electronic version of your CV (in English) along with a covering letter and 2 references from previous employers
4. We will then arrange a telephone interview to test your spoken English
5. Once we have received payment of the program and any accommodation, we will send you a booking confirmation and Letter of Acceptance so that you can apply for a student visa if necessary

* Interviews can take the form of trials or casual meetings.

Example Jobs

- Waiters/Waitresses
- Café and Restaurant kitchen hands
- Hotel Staff
- Office/Hotel cleaning
- Fruit picking/Farm work

Previous experience is required for some roles

Your Responsibilities

So that we can help you succeed in your goals we ask that all OPUS students fulfil the following commitments:

- Maintain 80% attendance in all English classes
- Work alongside your OPUS Coordinator to achieve maximum job placement success
- Attend all job training sessions and all arranged meetings
- Accept jobs where a position is available
- Be willing to work odd hours and in labour intensive jobs
- Comply with employer's specific employment conditions