



# Finalising your Australia Awards Scholarship Checklists

Below outlines three checklists to assist you in your preparations for returning home

## Graduation and Campus

- Return your library books.
- Repay any money you owe to the institution, especially any fines or fees as these may prevent you from graduating.
- Finalise any paperwork relating to your course completion requirements, including your degree, certificate, academic transcript or letter of completion of studies.
- Collect your academic transcript and letter of completion of studies.
- Collect your air ticket.
- Provide your home country contact details to your Student Contact Officer. This will ensure we have your correct contact details in the Australia Awards Alumni Network and you won't miss out on any important alumni information or updates.
- Become an active member of an Australia Awards alumni association. Australian embassies or consulates in your home country will be able to help you find an association.

## Avoiding reverse culture shock

- Before leaving Australia, catch up on the political scene back home.
- Get an update from your employer and/or the job market.
- Plan your departure in order to ease stress.
- When you get home, assess changes in yourself.
- Get support from others, including family and friends.
- Be flexible about your work.
- Give yourself time to readjust.

## Personal affairs

- Give notice of your intention to vacate your rental accommodation.
- Check the rules for vacating accommodation, especially if you are on campus.
- Reclaim your bond (if you paid one).
- Arrange to disconnect your electricity, gas, water, phone and internet services.
- Lodge your tax return and arrange to reclaim your superannuation payments if you have been working.
- Close your bank account.
- Contact your employer in your home country.
- Request your medical records.
- Request your children's school records.
- Ask for a reference from your employer(s) if you have worked.
- Inform your home country employer and the Australian High Commission/representation in your home country of your arrival date and time.
- Check baggage weight restrictions.
- Dispose of any goods you will not be taking home.