# Australian biosecurity information for international students

Video description and transcript

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## Introduction

This is the accessible text transcript of the Australian biosecurity video created for international students. This video provides information for students travelling to Australia to study. It covers biosecurity requirements and lists items that should not be brought to Australia and includes tips to ease border clearance.

## Transcript

[Video begins]

[Screen 1: Title and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry logo]

[Screen 2: Biosecurity officer and detector dog]

[Audio]: Hi, my name’s Lisa and this is Petal, and we work for biosecurity here in Australia.

[Screen 3: Biosecurity detector dog screening passenger baggage]

[Audio]: Our job is to screen incoming passengers and their baggage at international airports for biosecurity risks to protect Australia’s agriculture, unique environment, wildlife, and way of life from exotic pests and diseases.

[Screen 4: Biosecurity officer and detector dog]

[Audio]: We heard you’re coming to Australia to study, so it’s important that you understand our biosecurity rules when packing your bags.

[Screen 5: Biosecurity airport signage featuring examples of biosecurity risk items and declaration warnings, and biosecurity detector dog screening passenger baggage]

[Audio]: This will help make your trip easier by making sure you don’t bring any biosecurity risk materials or items that could be taken from you. It could also save you from being penalised or potentially having your visa cancelled.

[Screen 6: Biosecurity officer and detector dog]

[Audio]: Some food, plant material and animal products from overseas are not allowed into Australia.

[Screen 7: List of biosecurity risk items that should not be packed]

[Audio]: Meat including pork products, fruit, vegetables, herbs and spices (including herbal or traditional medicines), grains and pulses, eggs, dairy, and home-cooked meals, as well as plants, flowers and seeds should not be packed.

[Screen 8: Biosecurity detector dog screening passenger baggage]

[Audio]: Airport clearance is quicker if you don’t bring these items and most of them can be easily purchased here in Australia.

[Screen 9: Biosecurity officer and detector dog]

[Audio]: Any meals or snacks that you receive on your flight must be left on the plane. And if you bring any sporting equipment or footwear, make sure it’s clean and dry.

[Screen 10: Biosecurity officer screening baggage via X-ray]

[Audio]: When you arrive in Australia, we’ll check your incoming passenger declaration and we might use our X-ray machines or detector dogs, like Petal, to look at your bags.

[Screen 11: Biosecurity officer inspecting suitcase contents]

[Audio]: If you bring any food, plant material or animal products with you, you must declare them or dispose of them in the bins located at the airport.

[Screen 12: Biosecurity officer inspecting suitcase contents, and biosecurity officer and detector dog]

[Audio]: If you don’t, you may receive an infringement notice. Your visa may be cancelled and, if so, you may be refused entry into Australia.

[Screen 13: Biosecurity officer standing next to X-ray machine]

[Audio]: Items that don’t meet our requirements may be treated, exported or destroyed. Those that don’t pose any biosecurity risk will be returned to you after inspection. Remember, everything in your bag is your responsibility. You must pack your own bag and be aware of everything inside.

[Screen 14: Biosecurity detector dog screening incoming mail on mail belt with assistance from dog handler. Biosecurity officer and detector dog]

[Audio]: The same strict biosecurity rules apply to items that your family and friends might send to you by mail during your stay in Australia. It’s important to remind your friends and family overseas about our biosecurity rules and ask them not to send you food, plant material or animal products.

[Screen 15: Biosecurity officer and detector dog]

[Audio]: We need your help to protect our agriculture, unique environment, wildlife and way of life, so please think about what you pack.

[Screen 16: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry logo and website link agriculture.gov.au/studying]

[Audio]: For more information, visit our website.

[Video ends]

[End of transcript.]

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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