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Study Abroad Aspirants & Parents**

**WISHING ALL READERS
A VERY HAPPY & PROUD
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*“Independence is a Belief, Ones who believe in
their Independence know no Barriers to Success!”*

- Sanya Gupta



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NEWS BULLETIN



New Zealand visa fees set to increase w.e.f. 1st October 2024!

- On 9th August 2024, NZ government announced that increase in visa charges will be introduced from 1st October 2024 onwards.
- Currently, the student visa fee is NZD375 and is set to increase by 50%.
- From 1st October 2024, the student visa fee will be NZD750.

MEA reveals the number of Indian students studying abroad in 2024

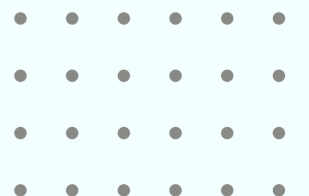
- As per the recent data released by MEA, 13,35,878 Indian students are studying abroad in 2024.
- With 4,27,000 Indian students, Canada is the top host country followed by the USA with 3,37,630, the UK with 1,85,000, Australia with 1,22,202 and Germany with 42,997.
- Medical education is one of the most popular field of studies chosen by Indian students abroad.
- With maximum number of Indian students, Georgia remains the top host country for 16,093 followed by Philippines with 9,665, China with 8,550 and Uzbekistan with 4,100.



TRENDING UNIVERSITIES- TOP 2 PICKS

University of Oregon, An Agent of Change and Innovation!

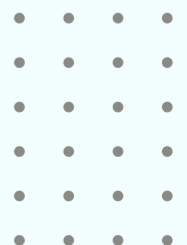
- Founded in 1876, [University of Oregon](#) is in Eugene, Oregon and is one of the Top 50 public universities in the [USA](#).
- Renowned for its focus in research amongst undergraduate students, UO is a tier-1 higher education institution with 7 in every 10 students involved in research.
- Indian and other international students can apply for more than 70 bachelor's degrees.
- The university allows students to apply for more than one course at a time. Get more information on application fee waivers, scholarships and deadlines [here](#).





Get 70% of Tuition Fees Back Through Tax Credit After Studying at **GBS, Malta!**

- Malta is becoming a popular study abroad destination amongst international students for the post study opportunities it offers.
- The average cost of an undergraduate degree at [Global Business School \(GBS\), Malta](#) is EUR6000 per year.
- Under a national scheme which aims at benefitting international students, an international student can claim 70% of their tuition fees back through tax credit with an upper limit of EUR12,500. This is possible provided the student gets a full-time job within 9 months after they graduate.



SUCCESS STORY FOR UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE, AUSTRALIA



Potential Risks?

- Student was from Punjab which is listed under high-risk areas.
- Annual Income of Sponsor was Rs. 6 Lacs only while it is recommended to have Rs. 12 Lacs specially when only one sponsor is there.

What Worked Well For The Student Despite The Risks?

- We highlighted applicant's Strong Academic Record.
- We used Form 16 instead of ITR which enabled us to show Rs. 8 Lacs as the annual income.
- We highlighted applicant's Strong Family Ties in India.
- CA Evaluation Report to showcase overall Financial Situation.

Outcome?

- GTE and Visa Approval

