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Thank you again for your application for our Australian Horticulture Travel Jobs programme. This document will set out information on the major areas you will need to work through before you depart for your working holiday in Australia.

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## Your UK Point of Contact

You will probably already have Jon's contact details at Intern Options but here they are just in case:

Work phone: 0207 353 7699 (+44 207 353 7699)

Mobile: 077 867867 79 (+44 77 867867 79)

Email: [jon@internoptions.com](mailto:jon@internoptions.com)

Feel free to call or email Jon any time if you have questions or concerns about the programme or Australia in general. Jon often speaks to parents about any concerns or questions they have so please pass these details on to your parents to contact Jon any time if they wish.

## What Happens Next

From here we will help you through each step of the process of getting you out to Australia.

The first thing we will need so we can help you plan and make sure everything is ticked off before you hop on the plane is your departure date. Can you please **email Jon either your itinerary or just your departure date** so he can record this?

## Flights to Australia

Your one way or return flight to Australia will be your largest cost. To help you start looking at flights to Australia, check out this article on our blog to get you started: <http://www.internoptions.com/flights>

## Finding Travel Insurance

You will need to buy your travel insurance in your country, as you have to buy travel insurance from the country you are residing in. Have a look online by doing a google search and ask your travel agent for a quote on this. Most travel insurance policies allow you to carry out horticulture work but exclude things like chainsaw work. You will not be using a chainsaw so **do not** need to upgrade your insurance to include this.

## Australian Working Holiday Visa

This is a very quick and easy online application, it costs around \$230 Australian and is usually approved in 24 to 48 hours. You will not get anything printed into your passport, it will be issued electronically and your WHV number will be linked to your passport.

Make sure you have a read the general information on the WHV (417) as you will need to bring proof that you have sufficient funds to support yourself while in Australia. This can be a print out of your bank account or your parents with a supporting letter that they are willing to support you to the amount of... whatever it is.

Australia doesn't actually stipulate an amount you will need to prove on their site, so it is more common sense but nothing to worry about. You have a return flight so you **don't** need to show you have the funds to cover this and then an amount to cover your living costs and they will be happy. A figure of 5,000 Australian dollars is usually what is recommended.

### General Information on the Australian Working Holiday Visa (417)

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/417/>

### Applying (click on start your application at the bottom of page):

[http://www.immi.gov.au/e\\_visas/visitors-outside-whm-visa-options.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/visitors-outside-whm-visa-options.htm)

## Australian Bank Account

You will need an Australian bank account to get your wages paid into. To open a bank account when you get to Australia is very very difficult. So we help you set up an Australian bank account **before you depart**, which does not cost you anything to set up. We do this through The Commonwealth Bank who have an office in London, so they will be there to answer any of your questions. If you are outside of the UK we can still open you an account.

We will send your details to Commonwealth who will send you out an application pack and contact you to see if you have any questions.

**Please let Jon from Intern Options know if you do not want a bank account.**

## Work Equipment

You will be working outdoors pruning vines for your first guaranteed job. You will need to take appropriate clothing to work in, we suggest you take layers, including a thermal undergarments just in case it gets cold. It will be winter when you start work, so we also suggest a waterproof jacket in case it rains.

**SHOES** - Please purchase Rubber Boots or Leather Work boots before arriving in Australia for the vineyard work as it will not be accepted to wear running shoes of any kind. Rubber or leather shoes are a safety aspect in all vineyards. As Snips and loppers are sharp tools and can penetrate most normal footwear.

**CLOTHES** - High Visibility & Wet Weather Clothes will be handed to you by your supervisor upon arrival to the work location, we use the colours of high visibility Orange, a standard professional looking work colour.

1. Loppers / Hand Secateurs & Wet Weather Clothes will be at the Location
2. All equipment brought in bulk for low cost to the worker

There will be a one off fee when you get to Australia for you pruning equipment and safety gear. The fee for this is A\$140 and this is taken out of your first wages (before tax), and you will get some of this back when you finish for the second hand equipment.

## **Accommodation**

Accommodation in all three locations will either be Backpacker Hostels, shared motel room (3-4 people) or shared house. It is too early to book your accommodation for you now. We will book you accommodation for your arrival date and inform you of the price closer to your start date. Estimated cost will be between A\$140 to A\$160 per week.

Please note that although we can organise accommodation, if you wish to find your own option at any time this is ok, we are simply providing an option for you which is not compulsory. The accommodation we can organise for you is designed to reduce the cost to you, so all accommodation is shared living.

**You will need to book accommodation in either Perth, Adelaide or Melbourne (depending on which location you are starting in). The best website we have found for reviewing and booking hostels in Australia is [www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com) many hostels you can book your own room in the hostel.**

## **Point of Contact in Australia**

You will have a point of contact in Australia who will meet you at your work location. This will be the area manager for the state you will be working in. We will email you through their mobile number, email address and name closer to your start date.

When you are in Australia this will be the person you call if you have any questions or problems with your work placement. At the end of your first 2-3 month placement there is the option to keep working in a different location, provided you have worked well and adhered to the companies health/ safety policy and drug/ alcohol policy. The area manager in your region will talk you through this in detail and will inform you of any future work around Australia. From there you can choose to travel and spend some of the money you will have saved or travel directly to the next work location.

***If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Jon from Intern Options in the office on 0207 353 7699 or any time on his mobile 077 867867 79 or by email.***