

Your PSW Readiness Checklist

*This checklist is your definitive guide to transitioning from a student to a global professional.
Securing your visa is step one; securing your future is the goal.*

The "Golden" Universal Essentials

Collect these 3 months before your course completion date.

- ☐ **Valid Passport :** Must have at least **6–12 months** of validity remaining beyond your graduation date.
- ☐ **Official Completion Letter:** Obtained from your University Registrar confirming you have met all academic requirements (do not wait for the degree certificate).
- ☐ **Final Consolidated Transcripts:** Showing all semesters/years completed.
- ☐ **ATS–Friendly Resume:** Updated with local contact details and internships relevant to the host country.
- ☐ **Digital ID Photo:** Recent (within 30 days) passport–sized photo on a white background.

Country-Specific Requirements



Australia (Subclass 485)

- ☐ **Age Check:** You must be **35 years or younger** (Research/PhD students can be up to 50).
- ☐ **English Proficiency:** [IELTS](#) Academic **6.5 (no band < 5.5)** or PTE **55 (no band < 41)**. Results must be **less than 1 year old**.
- ☐ **AFP Check:** Evidence of application for an **Australian Federal Police (AFP)** clearance (National Police Check).
- ☐ **Health Insurance:** Transition from OSHC to **OVHC** (Overseas Visitor Health Cover).
- ☐ **Visa Fee:** Prepare **AUD 4,600** (updated 2026 fee for Indians).

Country-Specific Requirements



Canada (PGWP)

- ☐ **CIP Code Verification:** For college diplomas, confirm your program's **6-digit CIP code** is on the "In-Demand" list (STEM, Healthcare, Trades). *University degrees are exempt.*
- ☐ **Language Test:** **CLB 7** (University) or **CLB 5** (College) results ready.
- ☐ **Status Maintenance:** Ensure your Study Permit is valid for at least 30 days post-graduation.

Country-Specific Requirements



United Kingdom (Graduate Visa)

- ☐ **University Notification:** Confirm your university has emailed the **Home Office** to report your course completion.
- ☐ **IHS Payment:** Prepare **£2,070** for the 2-year Immigration Health Surcharge.
- ☐ **UK Immigration ID Check App:** Ensure your smartphone is compatible with the app to bypass physical BRPs.

Country-Specific Requirements



USA (OPT / STEM OPT)

- ☐ **The 90-Day Window:** Apply between 90 days before and 60 days after your program end date.
- ☐ **Form I-983 (STEM Only):** Fully signed training plan from your **E-Verify registered** employer.
- ☐ **New I-20:** Must be issued by your DSO within the last 30 days specifically for OPT.

Country-Specific Requirements



Germany (Job Seeker)

- ☐ **Blocked Account:** Top up your *Sperrkonto* to the yearly requirement of **€1,091 per month** (€19,638 for 18 months).
- ☐ **ZAB Equivalency:** Ensure your Indian degree is listed as "**H+**" on the Anabin database or has a ZAB Statement of Comparability.
- ☐ **Health Insurance:** Proof of comprehensive German medical insurance (e.g., TK, AOK, or Expat insurance).

Country-Specific Requirements



Ireland (Stamp 1G)

- ☐ **IRP Card:** Valid Stamp 2 permission card.
- ☐ **Medical Insurance:** Proof of **private medical insurance** sourced in Ireland (travel insurance is not accepted).
- ☐ **Registration Fee:** **€300** for the IRP card.

Country-Specific Requirements



China (Residence Permit)

- ☐ **Work Endorsement:** Visit the local **Public Security Bureau (PSB)** within 30 days of graduation to add the "work/entrepreneurship" endorsement to your permit.
- ☐ **University Approval:** Written letter from your International Student Office authorising your post-study stay.

Financial & Logistics Prep

(For Indian Students)

- ☐ **NRE/NRO Account Update:** Inform your Indian bank of your change in residency status once the PSW is granted.
- ☐ **Tax Residency:** Understand the **DTAA (Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement)** between India and your host country.
- ☐ **Alumni Connection:** Identify **3 Gradstar Alumni** in your target city for a 15-minute "Career Coffee Chat."

Expert Advice from Gradstar:

"The #1 reason for PSW rejection is **outdated English scores** (specifically in Australia) and **missing the application window**. Use this checklist to lodge your application within the first 30 days of receiving your results.

So, don't wait for your convocation!"

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