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Bringing Your Spouse While Studying

Yes, you can bring your spouse or partner on a student visa. Here's how it works:

Eligibility

- **Dependent Inclusion:** If you hold a Student Visa (Subclass 500), you can include your spouse (or de facto partner) as a dependent on your visa application.
- **Post-Application:** Your spouse can also apply for a dependent visa after you've started your studies.

Work Rights for Your Spouse

- **Work Hours:** Your spouse can work up to 40 hours per fortnight while your course is in session and unlimited hours during breaks.
- **Full-Time Work:** If you are pursuing a master's or PhD, your spouse can work full-time during your studies.

Visa Duration

- **Tied to Student Visa:** Your spouse's visa will be tied to the duration of your student visa. If your visa is extended, your spouse's visa can be extended as well.

Other Considerations

- **Health and Character Requirements:** Both you and your spouse must meet health and character requirements.
 - **Financial Support:** You'll need to show that you have enough funds to support both yourself and your spouse during your stay.
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Trade Courses Which Can Be Pursued

Steps to Pursue a Trade Course:

1. **Choose a Trade:** Enroll in a trade course that leads to a job on the Medium and Long-Term Strategic Skills List (MLTSSL).
2. **Post-Graduation:** Apply for the 485 Graduate Visa after graduation, which allows temporary work.
3. **Gain Experience:** Participate in the Job Ready Program to gain essential work experience.
4. **Permanent Residency:** Apply for permanent visas like the Subclass 190 (State Nominated) or Subclass 491 (Regional Nominated).

Popular Trade Courses:

Course Name	Duration	Cost (USD)	Intake Frequency
Carpentry	12-24 months	\$5,760–\$5,760 \$5,760–\$9,600	January & July
Automotive Mechanic	12-24 months	\$9,600–\$9,600 \$9,600–\$16,000	Monthly
Commercial Cookery	24 months	\$4,800–\$4,800 \$4,800–\$8,000	Monthly
Heavy Diesel Mechanic	12-24 months	\$3,200–\$3,200 \$3,200–\$6,400	January, April, June, July
Electrician	12-24 months	\$6,400	February, April, July, October

Potential Salaries

Job Title	Annual Salary Range
Carpenter	\$52,000–\$52,000 - \$52,000–\$73,000
Automotive Mechanic	\$49,000–\$49,000 - \$49,000–\$61,000
Electrician	\$56,000–\$56,000 - \$56,000–\$76,000

Note: Salaries depend on experience, location, and other factors.

Work Rights for International Students

Work Hours

- **General Work Hours:** Students on a Student Visa (Subclass 500) can work up to 48 hours per fortnight while courses are in session. During school breaks, students can work unlimited hours.

Work Rights for Master's/PhD Students

- **Unlimited Work:** Students pursuing a master's by research or a PhD can work unlimited hours during their studies.

Spouse Work Rights

- **Dependent Visa:** If your spouse is accompanying you on a dependent visa, they can work up to 40 hours per fortnight unless you are studying for a master's or PhD, in which case they can work full-time.

Tax Requirements

- **Tax File Number (TFN):** You will need to obtain a TFN to work in Australia. If you earn above a certain threshold, you'll be required to pay taxes.
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These guidelines provide a comprehensive overview of bringing a spouse while studying in Australia, pursuing trade courses, and the associated work rights. If you have further questions or need specific details, feel free to ask!

