

# INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION



## International Orientation is compulsory for all new international students.

The orientation is a series of workshops and activities to help introduce you to Wellington and Victoria University. It is a great opportunity to meet other students and have your questions about living and studying in Wellington answered.

During orientation you will find out:

- + More about **Victoria International**
- + How the **Student Services Group** on campus can help you
- + How to **prepare for academic life** at Victoria
- + Ways to get involved in student **activities and clubs**
- + How to complete your enrolment

## When is International Orientation?

Please check your offer letter for the orientation date relevant to you.

In general, the main International Orientation takes place **two weeks** before the beginning of **Trimester 1** in February, **one week** before the beginning of **Trimester 2** in July and **one week** before the beginning of **Trimester 3** in November.

There are some exceptions to these dates including: Foundation, English Proficiency Programme (EPP), Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary, Secondary and Early Childhood), Master of Conservation Biology and Master of Marine Conservation. The orientation dates relevant to you are stated in your Offer Letter.

**Thesis students** with start dates outside the main orientation dates should contact Victoria International to arrange an individual orientation session, email [vi-support@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:vi-support@vuw.ac.nz).

## Where is Orientation?

Locations are posted on the pre-arrival webpage: [www.victoria.ac.nz/international/services/prepare2arrive.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/international/services/prepare2arrive.aspx) as they become available.

For questions about your orientation date or location, please contact our Student Advisors, email [vi-support@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:vi-support@vuw.ac.nz).

## What do I need to bring?

- + Your passport
- + Any documents that you need to submit, as stated on your offer letter
- + A copy of your insurance policy (in English) if you are planning to seek approval for a policy other than Studentsafe University.

## What if I have already studied at Victoria?

Students who have already studied at Victoria and are moving to a new programme of study may be required to attend International Orientation before starting their new programme:

- + **EPP and Foundation Studies students moving to undergraduate studies:**  
If you have completed EPP or the Foundation Studies Programme at Victoria and are moving on to undergraduate study, you must attend orientation, where you will be given enrolment information.
- + **Undergraduate students moving to postgraduate studies:**  
If you have completed undergraduate study at Victoria and are moving on to postgraduate study (such as for a Bachelor's with Honours degree, Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's degree or PhD), you do NOT need to attend orientation.

For more information please contact us, email [victoria-international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:victoria-international@vuw.ac.nz)

## What if I can't attend Orientation?

It is very important that you attend Orientation. If you have any concerns about this, please email [vi-support@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:vi-support@vuw.ac.nz)

## Orientation Arrival Packs

Students who arrange to be collected from the Wellington airport through the Meeting Service online booking system will be given a welcome pack with further information about orientation upon arrival.

## Need more information?

If you have any questions about the orientation programme, airport meeting service or related activities visit our pre-arrival webpage: [www.victoria.ac.nz/international/services/prepare2arrive.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/international/services/prepare2arrive.aspx) or email [vi-support@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:vi-support@vuw.ac.nz)

## Useful Links

Victoria International:  
[www.victoria-international.ac.nz](http://www.victoria-international.ac.nz)

International Orientation webpage:  
<http://prearrival.victoria.ac.nz/#/enrolment>

Student Services Group:  
[www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services)

Prepare for academic life:  
[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/slss/students/international.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/slss/students/international.aspx)

Activities and clubs:  
[www.vuwsa.org.nz/clubs-activities](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz/clubs-activities)

Pre-paying Tuition Fees:  
[www.victoria.ac.nz/international/planning/fees.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/international/planning/fees.aspx)

Online Course Catalogue:  
[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/subjects/coursecatalogue.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/subjects/coursecatalogue.aspx)

Meeting Service Form:  
[http://prearrival.victoria.ac.nz/#/meeting\\_service](http://prearrival.victoria.ac.nz/#/meeting_service)

## Victoria International

Victoria University of Wellington  
PO Box 600, Wellington 6140, New Zealand  
Tel +64-4-463 5350  
Fax +64-4-463 5056  
Email [victoria-international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:victoria-international@vuw.ac.nz)  
Website [www.victoria-international.ac.nz](http://www.victoria-international.ac.nz)  
Online Support Centre  
<http://victoria-help.custhelp.com>

