

# Australia's 2025 Landscape: New Visas, Record Defense Budgets, and Economic Outlook

Australia · Answer Key · 17 Questions

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**1. What is the new visa that replaced the Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) visa in Australia, effective from December 7, 2024?**

- A) Skills in Demand visa**
- B) National Innovation visa
- C) Essential Skills visa
- D) Temporary Graduate visa

**2. According to the May 2024 budget documents, what is Australia's record defense spending for the upcoming fiscal year?**

- A) AU\$55.7 billion**
- B) AU\$67.4 billion
- C) AU\$100 billion
- D) AU\$36.8 billion

**3. What is the allocated number of places for Australia's permanent migration program for the 2024-25 financial year?**

- A) 185,000 places**
- B) 190,000 places
- C) 132,200 places
- D) 44,000 places

**4. When will the Cyber Security (Security Standards for Smart Devices) Rules 2025 take effect in Australia?**

- A) March 4, 2025**
- B) January 1, 2025
- C) July 1, 2025
- D) December 31, 2025

**5. What is the primary focus of Australia's 2024-25 budget regarding preventative health?**

- A) Rebalancing the health system towards prevention**
- B) Increasing hospital funding
- C) Expanding aged care services
- D) Reducing pharmaceutical costs

**6. As of December 2024, what was the reported annual increase in visitation to Australia over December 2023?**

- A) 7.59%**
- B) 10%
- C) 5.5%
- D) 15%

**7. What is the new visa pathway replacing the Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) visa, aimed at addressing critical workforce gaps?**

- A) Core Skills Stream**
- B) Global Talent Stream
- C) Employer Nomination Stream
- D) Skilled Independent Stream

**8. What is the forecast for total visitor spend in Australia for 2025?**

- A) \$191.6 billion**
- B) \$180.6 billion
- C) \$233 billion
- D) \$177 billion

**9. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, what was the local value for winter broadacre crops in 2024-25?**

- A) \$22.5 billion**
- B) \$18.7 billion
- C) \$82.4 billion
- D) \$75.6 billion

**10. What is the name of the new initiative launched alongside the Australian Universities Accord in the 2024-2025 budget?**

- A) Future Made in Australia**
- B) National Reconstruction Fund
- C) Critical Technologies Mission
- D) National Skills Agreement

**11. When did the Cyber Security Act 2024 receive Royal Assent and become law in Australia?**

- A) November 29, 2024**
- B) March 4, 2025
- C) December 20, 2024
- D) April 4, 2025

**12. What is the projected growth rate for Australia's GDP in 2024-25, according to the Budget 2024-25 outlook?**

- A) 2 per cent**
- B) 1.75 per cent
- C) 2.25 per cent
- D) 1.3 per cent

**13. What is the total number of places allocated for Australia's permanent migration program in 2024-25, with a focus on skilled migrants?**

- A) 185,000 places (132,200 skilled)**
- B) 190,000 places (130,000 skilled)
- C) 180,000 places (130,000 skilled)
- D) 185,000 places (120,000 skilled)

**14. Which Australian free trade agreement with a Middle Eastern nation was signed on November 6, 2024, and entered into force on October 1, 2025?**

- A) Australia-UAE CEPA**
- B) Australia-Qatar FTA
- C) Australia-Saudi Arabia CEPA
- D) Australia-Bahrain FTA

**15. What is the key initiative for the international education sector in Australia, aiming to strengthen integrity and combat exploitation?**

- A) Reforms to the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000**
- B) Introduction of student visa caps
- C) Increased tuition fees for international students
- D) Mandatory English language proficiency tests for all students

**16. What significant event in Australia's space industry occurred in July 2025 involving Gilmour Space Technologies?**

- A) Attempted first orbital launch of an Australian-made rocket**
- B) Opened the first commercial space re-entry facility
- C) Launched a lunar rover with NASA
- D) Signed a cooperation agreement with the European Space Agency

**17. In the 2024-25 Budget, how much is being invested to prevent illness, detect disease earlier, and treat chronic conditions in Australia?**

- A) \$1.3 billion**
- B) \$57.4 million
- C) \$90.0 million
- D) \$494.2 million