

BACKPACK AUSTRALIA



Budget Tracker & Job Resources

All information in this Starter Pack is accurate and up to date as of August 2026. If you'd like to verify anything, please feel free to check it yourself.

Money-Saving Tech Tip: Use free online tools like Google Sheets, Wave Accounting, Splitwise, Google Drive, Notion, and Canva invoice templates to manage your monthly budget, digital invoicing, shared expenses, and important documents while travelling. These tools help you stay organised, save money, and keep everything accessible on the move.

Weekly Backpacker Budget Tracker

Category	Target (AUD)	Actual Spent	Money-Saving Tips
Accommodation	\$210 - \$350	\$_____	Hostel dorms (\$30-\$50/night) or flatshares
Groceries	\$80 - \$120	\$_____	Shop staples at ALDI; evening discounts at Coles/Woolies
Dining & Social	\$70 - \$150	\$_____	Look out for student nights & BYO restaurants
Transport	\$40 - \$80	\$_____	Utilize weekly transit fare caps (Opal/ Myki apps)
Vehicle & Travel	\$50 - \$100	\$_____	Fuel, rego, and maintenance for regional farm work
Activities & Tours	\$50 - \$150	\$_____	Free coastal walks, parks. Even a true battler can enjoy the free sights!
Health Insurance	\$15 - \$30	\$_____	OVHC or private travel insurance coverage
Visa Savings	\$20 - \$40	\$_____	Set aside funds for your second-year visa fee
Phone & Internet	\$10 - \$15	\$_____	Prepaid monthly SIM plans (~\$30-\$45/month)
Emergency / Misc	\$50	\$_____	Laundry, toiletries, gear maintenance
EST. WEEKLY TOTAL	\$595 - \$1085	\$_____	Adjust based on city vs. regional living

Essential First-Week Setup (Don't Skip These!)

- **Tax File Number (TFN):** Apply online via the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as soon as you arrive. Working without a TFN means paying emergency tax rates up to 45%.
- **Australian Bank Account:** Open a fee-free transaction account within 6 weeks of landing using your passport. Setup early to receive local wages easily.
- **Work Certifications (RSA / White Card):** Hospitality roles serving alcohol require a State-accredited RSA. Construction and laboring roles require a White Card before starting.

Australian Workplace Basics & Trusted Job Portals

- **Fair Pay & Minimum Wage:** The national baseline minimum wage is \$26.44/hr (\$33.05/hr casual with 25% loading). Penalty rates apply on weekends and public holidays.
- **Superannuation (Retirement):** Employers must contribute 12% on top of your ordinary earnings into your designated super fund.
- **General & Casual Work:** SEEK.com.au, Jora Australia, and Backpacker Job Board (hospitality, retail, au pair, temp work).
- **88 Days / Regional Harvest:** Workforce Australia & Harvest Trail (verified portals for legitimate agricultural visa placements).

Top Job Sites & Portals

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Travel & Work Guides: Practical tips for traveling, working, living, and exploring Australia stress-free — <https://backpackaustralia.eo.page/information>

- **General Jobs:** SEEK.com.au & Jora Australia (retail, admin, trade).
- **Backpacker Focus:** Backpacker Job Board (farm work, hospitality, au pair).
- **Hospitality & Events:** Sidekicker & Barcats (temp shifts, bar work, catering).
- **88 Days / Regional:** Harvest Trail & Workforce Australia (official portals for legit agricultural placements).

Australian Workplace Basics

- **Minimum Wage:** National minimum wage is \$26.44 per hour, and \$33.05 per hour for casual workers.
- **Penalty Rates:** Higher pay applies on weekends, public holidays, and late nights.
- **Payslips:** Must be provided within 1 working day of payment.

- **Superannuation:** Currently 12%, paid into your chosen fund.

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