



DEMI PAIR PROGRAMME

STUDENT VISA HOLDERS

 *LSI Auckland and LSI Brisbane*





Programme Overview

Immerse yourself in a new culture, while learning English!

The Demi Pair programme is an excellent opportunity for students to study English at Language Studies International (LSI) in Australia or New Zealand and live with a local family so they can experience a typical lifestyle at the same time.

Demi Pairs receive accommodation in a single room with three meals per day in the family home in exchange for 15-20 hours of childminding and household duties each week. The Demi Pair is required to have two days off per week, while it is preferred that these days are consecutive and on a weekend, this may not be an option. The host family and the Demi Pair will agree upon a work roster which will outline the Demi Pair's days off.

What to Expect

The enriching cultural exchange is a wonderful experience for both the Demi Pair and the host family. The Demi Pair will be treated as part of the family and will further benefit by speaking English every day with the family, improving their own English language throughout the placement.

When deciding on arrival dates, please ensure that the Demi Pair arrives at least two days prior to the class starting date. The Demi Pair can start classes any Monday for General English and therefore it is recommended that the Demi Pair arrive either the Friday or Saturday before.

Upon Arrival

On the first day of school the Demi Pair must arrive at 8:30am for placement testing and an orientation session. During their first week at LSI, our Demi Pair coordinator will have a private meeting with each new Demi Pair to clarify any questions, to assess the weekly work roster to ensure the work is balanced and fair. There will be regular meetings between the Demi Pair and the LSI coordinator to ensure a successful placement.

What if I don't like the family?

Students can move within the first month of starting their Demi Pair position – this is possible if the student or family are not happy. If this happens, the student is responsible for finding somewhere to live whilst a new family is found (LSI can assist at an additional cost). There is no guarantee of a new placement. A refund of the placement fee may be considered, depending on the circumstances for the placement not continuing. This is subject to the determination of the Demi Pair coordinators and based on the circumstances of each individual situation.

Requirements	LSI Brisbane	LSI Auckland
Age	18 to 30 years of age	18 to 30 years of age
Visa	Be eligible to apply for Student Visa	Be eligible to apply for Student Visa
Language Studies Requirements	Minimum of 12+ weeks* of Intensive 24 for Student Visa holders *Depending on student nationality, a different minimum number of weeks may be required. Please check with your local Embassy.	Minimum of 14 weeks of Intensive 24 for Student Visa holders
Demi Pair Placement Length	Up to 16 weeks each placement Length of placement and course must be the same	Minimum of 16 weeks (26 weeks preferred) Length of placement can be up to four weeks longer than the language course.
English Level Requirements	Intermediate level or higher – confirmed by a written and oral English test.	Upper Intermediate level or higher – confirmed by a written and oral English test.
Pocket Money	Approx. AUS \$100 Weekly	None
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work between 15-20 hours/week • General light household duties such as cleaning, tidying, washing and light cooking • Help with the children, such as preparing them for school in the morning, making lunch boxes, escorting them to and collecting them from school, homework help, snack preparation, playing and engaging with them, childcare and possible evening babysitting • Driving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work up to 20 hours/week • General light household duties such as cleaning, tidying, washing and light cooking • Help with the children, such as preparing them for school in the morning, making lunch boxes, escorting them to and collecting them from school, homework help, snack preparation, playing and engaging with them, childcare and possible evening babysitting • Driving.
Additional Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV • International or translated driver's licence • Medical check • Police record check • References • Application form • Passport copy • Queensland working with children Blue Card (can be done after arrival) • Child's first aid certificate is an advantage (can be done after arrival). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV • International or translated driver's licence • Medical check • Police record check • References • Application form • Passport copy • Child's first aid certificate is an advantage (can be done after arrival).

LSI Brisbane Fees	LSI Auckland Fees
Costs related to the English course at LSI Brisbane (tuition, material, registration fee, insurance).	Costs related to the English course at LSI Auckland (tuition, material, registration fee, insurance).
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Demi Pair Placement Fee (up to 16 weeks): AUS\$ 995	Demi Pair Placement fee (24+ weeks): NZ\$ 1100
Fees include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival airport transfer • Assistance with integrating into a new family • Initial Set up of Travel Card • Documents and blue card • Orientation session • LSI 24-hour emergency contact 	Fees include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with integrating into a new family • Documents • Thorough orientation to living, studying and working in NZ • LSI 24-hour emergency contact

Please note: All placements are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.