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Introduction

The Department of Education International (DEI), trading as Education Queensland International (EQI), invites international executives and officials representing prominent organisations to visit Queensland for professional development opportunities.

EQI can organise customised professional visits and seminars for your chosen professional and/or educational sector in a range of different cities within Queensland.

EQI has 20 years experience in organising and managing educational and professional visit programs. Over this time, EQI has established an excellent reputation for providing highly qualified and experienced educational and professional leaders drawn from government, community and industry to facilitate EQI programs.

Queensland's education and training sector's engagement with international partners focuses on building local in-country capacity and achieving sustainable improvements in education and training provision.

Professional development programs are a great opportunity to extend professional and educational knowledge and increase your career potential, as well as your professional and personal growth. These visits will provide an excellent opportunity for networking with Queensland professionals, who demonstrate world's best practice.

We organise not only the professional development aspects of the project, but deal with all the practical matters associated with the program. EQI can assure you that your project will be well organised and successful.

Stephen Biggs
Executive Director
DE International
Department of Education
Education Queensland International (EQI) is the international arm of the Queensland Department of Education (DoE). Its primary role is to export Queensland’s education and training through a range of international engagement programs.

Since 1984, EQI has established an excellent reputation in the international education and training industry delivering world-class innovative customised solutions to meet the needs of local and international clients.

EQI’s expertise has been acknowledged nationally and internationally, with EQI awarded the IEAA International Education Award for Excellence for Best Practice/Innovation in International Education as well as the QCET (Queensland-China Education and Training) Award for Excellence.

EQI is a registered education provider on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

“Today, EQI is Australia’s largest provider of group study tour and professional visit programs for overseas clients.”
EQI has extensive experience in the design and delivery of customised high quality professional development programs. With over 25 years of dedication, EQI has established a strong reputation internationally. Today, EQI is a trusted provider delivering education and training solutions to a variety of international clients such as government agencies, education and training institutions, large corporations, international development agencies, industry peak bodies and business groups.

Key Projects

- English teacher training in partnership with Queensland’s top universities and training institutes
- Personalised professional development training for overseas governments and education officials from Japan, Korea, China, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Maldives
- Curriculum Development and Leadership Training with Tonga Ministry of Education
- Capacity Building Programs with Vanuatu Ministry of Education and Qatar Supreme Education Council
- Licensing of Queensland Curriculum to international education institutes in Papua New Guinea and United Arab Emirates
- Professional Development Training for Department of Vocational Training, Vietnam
- $73 million contract awarded to design three campuses for a technical college based in Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Fiji, as well as deliver workplace training in 11 other Pacific Island countries
Professional Visit Programs

What is a Professional Visit?
A professional visit is a short term study and training program for international adult professionals that facilitates a transfer of expertise and provides access to a network of contacts. The program can cover a wide range of topics and can be customised to meet your requirements. This program is available to professionals from private or public sectors and is delivered on a fee for service basis through EQI.

Professional visit programs may combine study, occupational training and tourism. It does not usually lead to a qualification. Visiting participants therefore have the advantage of choosing to enter Australia with a range of visa options.

Growing demand for Professional Visits
The demand for international study visits has grown considerably over recent years, for the following reasons:

- Countries are now more closely connected by information technology and transportation than ever before. Short term international study tours have become a financially viable and attractive option to acquire new skills and knowledge within a short period of time.
- With increasing global awareness there is a growing demand for governments, schools and companies around the world to learn from international best practice and develop cross-border skills.
- More funding channels are now available to individuals or organisations for professional development purposes. This can be driven by many stimuli, including government reforms, subsidies, corporate restructure and outsourcing measures, and demands from emerging economies.
- A demographical shift to an aging population has driven organisations around the world to increase their focus on human capital investment and knowledge retention.

Common Types of Professional Visits
Professional visits are delivered to groups of people from different backgrounds for a variety of purposes. There are no requirements on the participants except they must be over 18 and a visiting international guest.

Below are examples of participants and purposes that EQI professional visits are commonly delivered:

Types of Participants
- Ministers or government officials
- Education leaders
- Professionals
- School teachers and principals
- Executives or managerial staff

Purposes
- Professional development
- Skills and knowledge transfer
- Observation and experience
- Competency based training
- Self improvement
- Building connections
- Research for academic purpose
- Preparation for public policy development
- International exchange
- Benchmarking best practice
- Case studies

“Studies have found that a short term study travel experience for adult professionals provides valuable and life-changing experiences that lead to greater cultural immersion and insight.”
The EQI Advantage

Sharing World Class Education
EQI provides you access to one of the best performing education systems in the world. According to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Australia is among the top performing countries in education with students scoring above the international average by a significant margin.

Vast Network of Contacts
EQI has access to an extensive network of contacts both in the public and private sectors. With an established industry reputation, EQI can easily source the most appropriate trainer for your professional visit program. EQI works with the following delivery partners:

- Over 1,200 government schools
- Technical training institutes
- Universities
- Registered education institutes
- Over 66,000 departmental staff
- Government bodies at a state and local level
- Industry peak bodies
- Consultants and experts in various fields

Unique Program Delivery
EQI has been a trusted program provider for over two decades, with proven program delivery capability and ability to develop programs that are one of a kind in Queensland. As the international arm of the Department of Education, EQI is fully backed by the Queensland Government.

Award Winning Education Programs
EQI provides opportunities for you to observe and learn from the best practice of Queensland’s highest performing educators and education programs.
EQI has access to over 1,200 government schools across Queensland of which over 400 are directly accredited to deliver international study tour and professional visit programs. Each year high performing Queensland state schools are rewarded for their excellent practices through the annual Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools.
Queensland

Resource-and-Skill Rich State
Queensland is a large state with an abundance of highly skilled people. Geographically, it is nearly five times the size of Japan and seven times the size of Great Britain. Queensland has a prestigious reputation for skills development. It has over 1,200 state schools, 13 government vocational training institutes and 10 universities. With a population of over 4.5 million people, there are many well trained professionals including some of the world’s most sought after skilled people.

Fastest Growing State
Queensland is the third most populous state in Australia with one-fifth of the country’s population living in Queensland. Driven by growing resource demands, business investment and public works, Queensland has become the fastest growing state and the most promising market for services and business activities.

Well Connected State
Queensland is highly accessible to people around the world. The state is well connected by 19 airports (including three international airports), six seaports, an extensive national highway system and 7,000 kilometres of railway track. Queensland is the only Australian state with three international destination cities, namely Brisbane, Gold Coast and Cairns.

Popular Destination
Queensland is one of the most travelled states in Australia by international visitors. Every year, over two million international visitors come to Queensland for travel and work. Out of every 10 international visitors who come to Australia, 3.6 of them come to Queensland.
Brisbane

World City

Brisbane is recognised globally for its strengths in economy, culture and infrastructure. The city has long been recognised as one of the world’s most liveable cities and has been named a ‘World City’ – a city that is instrumental in linking its region or state into the world economy. Brisbane has strong Sister City relationships with a number of prominent cities throughout the world, including Kobe (Japan), Chongqing (China), Kaohsiung (Taiwan), Daejeon (Korea) and Hyderabad (India).

Gateway to World Class Training

Brisbane enjoys a significant commercial exposure in the Asia-Pacific region. With a friendly political and social environment, the city is a gateway for sourcing and hosting education and training events. The city has delivered a number of successful international events and is host to world-class conference facilities, including one of the world’s top three exhibition centres.

People Up-skilling & Business Linking

Brisbane has a high concentration of business services and extensive business linkages. There are approximately 885 large enterprises in Brisbane, including the presence of 70 global resource companies and many top-end advisory firms. Brisbane provides a solid base for upskilling professionals from a variety of industries.

Fast Facts

• With a population of over two million, Brisbane is the capital and most populated city in Queensland
• The city is located at the southeast corner of Queensland and is centred along the Brisbane River
• Brisbane is the largest economy between Sydney and Singapore
• Each year, the city handles over 12 million visitors including more than 900,000 international visitors
• There are close to 200 government schools in the Brisbane metropolitan area, educating over 100,000 students
• Brisbane Airport is located 13 kilometres north of Brisbane CBD and is the third busiest in Australia. It is one of the world’s top 20 airports, currently servicing Brisbane with 46 domestic destinations and 32 international destinations.
Quality Services

The Gold Coast is an international destination with well-established tourist services and a friendly environment for international guests. Hosting professional visit programs in the city that operates 24 hours a day gives you access to a wide range of quality support services, conference facilities, and business networks. A number of facilities are available to meet any size of group training needs, including a newly constructed convention centre boasting a 6,000 seating capacity and 3,900 square metre exhibition space.

Enriching Your Tour Experience

The Gold Coast has an abundance of world-class tourist attractions and is conveniently located less than one hour’s drive north to Brisbane and the neighbouring state of New South Wales to the south. This provides the opportunity to combine a variety of cultural and educational activities for your professional visit program to maximise the overall tour experience.

Internationally Renowned

The Gold Coast is not only world famous as a tourist destination, but also a centre for many international events, including the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Each year the Gold Coast convention centres and venues host more than 4,000 meetings, conventions and incentive programs, as well as several major international sporting events.

Fast Facts

- With a population of 560,000, the Gold Coast is the second most populated city in the state
- Each year, the city welcomes over eight million visitors including 750,000 international visitors
- There are 65 government schools with over 50,000 students on the Gold Coast
- Gold Coast International Airport is the sixth busiest and the third fastest growing international airport in Australia
- The airport is 100 kilometres south of the Brisbane CBD, strategically located along the border of two states. It only takes 75 minutes to fly from Gold Coast to Sydney
- The airport operates direct international flights from a number of major cities including Auckland, Christchurch, Kuala Lumpur, Osaka, and Tokyo. The domestic terminal also services frequent daily flights to major cities
First Port of Call
Cairns is one of the most visited tropical cities located in the Asia-Pacific region with regard to tourism and education. With its own international airport and seaport, Cairns naturally becomes the first port of call for inbound overseas visitors. EQI has an office conveniently located in the heart of Cairns, with conference room facilities and direct access to regional Cairns education department personnel.

Hub for Services and Skills
Cairns is a hub city providing strategic support services to TNQ as well as neighbouring tropical countries. With superior aviation services, Cairns has become a preferred location of living for many highly skilled professionals who choose to commute to work on a ‘fly in fly out’ basis. This has allowed Cairns to become a centre of knowledge and skills.

Attractive learning destination
Cairns is a major education city for short term study tours in the tropical world. It offers visitors a pleasant climate, safe environment and world heritage natural beauty to conduct professional visit tours. There are plenty of natural attractions to explore in Cairns and the surrounding area.

Fast Facts
• Cairns is a world famous tourist destination, located in Tropical North Queensland (TNQ) Region
• With a total area of 340,645 km², TNQ is larger than the sizes of Italy and United Kingdom, yet it only covers 20% of the land mass in Queensland
• Cairns is easily accessible with only two hours flight from Brisbane. Cairns seaport is Australia’s busiest cruise port
• Each year, the region welcomes over 2.5 million visitors, including 650,000 international visitors
• There are about 116 state schools in TNQ, 37 of them are in Cairns region, with over 34,000 students
• Cairns International Airport is conveniently located seven kilometres from Cairns CBD
• The International terminal operates regular flights from major Asian hubs like Tokyo, Osaka, Hong Kong and Singapore. The Domestic terminal services all mainland state capital cities as well as various regional locations
Program Selection Steps

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**STEP 2**
Specify Your Needs
- What is your Program focus?
- What is your preferred delivery style?

**STEP 3**
Add Optional Extras
- On-ground Transfers
- Accommodation
- Excursions and more

**STEP 4**
Quote & Confirm
- Accept Quote & Program Itinerary
- Book your Program
School Based Professional Visit Program

Program Outline
A School Based Professional Visit Program is designed to showcase Australian and Queensland school education. By participating in this program, overseas education professionals can observe best practice and innovation in the design, delivery and assessment of education and training programs in Queensland.

The program can be customised to meet the needs and interests of each individual group, and may include the opportunity to meet school principals and senior teaching staff, classroom observations and access to information on certain topics of interest.

You can choose from over 1,200 Queensland Government schools throughout the state, including primary, secondary, P-12, special and selective schools (Academies). This includes many award winning and high performing schools. EQI can source the most appropriate school based on your requirements or alternatively you may nominate your preferred school (subject to availability).

Similar visits to TAFE (Technical and Further Education) institutes, universities and other education institutions may be possible but is assessed on a case by case basis.

Refer to the ‘Program Comparison’ table for additional program features and conditions.

Who Should Join
Anyone over 18 can join this program as part of a group. This program is popular among the following types of visitors:

- Education and school leaders
- Teachers from an overseas country
- Government officials or staff from an overseas country
- Education researchers

Choose from over 1,200 Queensland Government schools to observe best practices.

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Competency Based Professional Visit Program
Education Competency

Program Outline
A Competency Based Professional Visit Program – Education Competency is designed to provide professional adult training for international educators who wish to advance or acquire new professional skills.

This is an intensive training program intended for capacity building for people with an education and training background. Once a training topic is nominated, EQI can source appropriate facilitators and design a suitable training solution to meet specified objectives and budget.

This program can be delivered in a variety of formats including workshops, seminars, school visits, case studies, coaching and mentoring. While the program can be delivered on a minimum of one full day basis, it is usually most effective spread across five to 10 institutional days.

One of the key advantages of this program is that EQI can access up to 66,000 highly skilled staff members, including many award winning educators and education programs. This program offers concentrated training delivered by a variety of skilled people.

Some popular topics include:

• Queensland education system
• Curriculum development and assessment
• Special or inclusive education
• Pedagogy / teaching methodology

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Refer to the ‘Program Comparison’ table for additional program features and conditions.

Who Should Join
Anyone over 18 can join this program as part of a group. This program is popular among the following types of visitors:

• Education and school leaders
• Teachers from an overseas country
• Government officials or staff from an overseas country
• Student teachers
• School administrators

“EQI can access up to 66,000 department staff, including many award winning educators and education programs, and deliver in a variety of formats to meet your objectives and budget.”
Competency Based Professional Visit Program

Industry Competency

Program Outline

A Competency Based Professional Visit Program – Industry Competency is designed to provide professional adult training for people from overseas who already have a professional background or who wish to enter a particular profession.

For those with a professional background, this type of program provides an opportunity to advance professional skills through learning from counterparts and building industry connections.

For those who wish to enter a new profession, this program can be an introductory session to jump-start a career change and gain access to a potential career coach.

To maximise the learning outcomes, this program is able to be delivered in a combination of workshops, seminars, site visits, work attachment, coaching and/or mentoring.

A primary benefit of this program is that EQI, having local advantage of accessing multiple commercial hubs (Brisbane, Gold Coast and Cairns), can utilise its business linkages to deliver a wide range of industry competency training programs.

“EQI has the local advantage of accessing multiple commercial hubs to source the right skill and people for the training. This is instrumental to those who wish to advance their career path.”

Who Should Join

Anyone over 18 can join this program as part of a group. The program is most popular among the following types of visitors:

- Professional people
- People looking for a career change
- Government officials or staff from an overseas country
- Representatives from overseas training organisations

Refer to the ‘Program Comparison’ table for additional program features and conditions.

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Leadership Building Program

Program Outline
A Leadership Building Program is a proven leadership training program for educational leaders or aspiring school leaders.

This is a two-week intensive training program designed to build leadership capacity for education and training professionals, as well as those from a commercial background. The program adopts a holistic approach to address leadership in the contexts of psychological, personal, school based management, structural, and sustainability aspects.

The program can be customised to focus on particular needs of leadership capacity building. Some of the popular topics under this program include:

- Leadership communication
- Educational leadership
- Change management
- Women in leadership
- Creating high performing teams
- Performance management
- Strategic planning

A number of activity components are included in the program, such as workshops, reflective discussions, needs assessment and strategy building, one-on-one mentoring, school visit, and/or work shadowing, and/or ongoing coaching support via e-learning technology and teleconference.

Refer to the ‘Program Comparison’ table for additional program features and conditions.

Who Should Join
This program is most suitable to those who are rising to or already in a leadership role. This program is most popular among the following types of participants:
- School or educational leaders or aspiring leaders
- Managers and team leaders
- Leaders from public and private sectors

“Intensive and effective leadership capacity building program targeted to educational leaders or aspiring leaders.”

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Teacher Training Professional Practice Program

Program Outline
A Teacher Training Professional Practice Program is a professional visit program that is designed for teacher training providers to integrate into their courses. In this program, participants will have the opportunity to work with a mentor through work shadowing and experience hands-on practical classroom teaching at a Queensland state school.

This program allows the participants to solidify their learning outcomes through professional practice at a Queensland state school. The program can be customised for a particular focus, such as:

- Teaching skills and practice
- Teaching plan development
- Classroom management

This program is particularly popular among those studying for an English teaching qualification, such as Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA).

Please note that this program does not automatically lead to a qualification. It is the responsibility of the teacher training provider to ensure this program meets the teaching practice hour requirements if any.

Refer to the ‘Program Comparison’ table for additional program features and conditions.

Who Should Join
Anyone over 18 can join this program as part of a group. This program is most popular among the following types of visitors:
- Teacher training students working toward the qualification of teaching English as a second language
- Representatives from teacher training organisations

“Accessing quality Queensland state schools for real life teaching and classroom management experience coached by an experienced teacher mentor.”

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On-Demand Program

Program Outline

On-Demand Programs provide flexible and customised training to suit various needs not already accommodated by the above-mentioned programs.

If you require a program that is more comprehensive and customised to your particular needs then consider using EQI’s On-Demand Program.

Refer to the ‘Program Comparison’ table for additional program features and conditions.

Who Should Join

Anyone over 18 can join this program. This program is most popular for the following purposes:

- International training programs sponsored by government funding
- Customised professional development training targeted to education leaders, government officials, or senior executives
- Singular topical content or training delivery to be incorporated into existing programs
Optional Services

Optional services can also be included in your program. The most common reasons for using EQI Optional Services are:

- For those who do not have a local escort to arrange logistics for the tour because the tour provider is from overseas or interstate
- To consolidate all expenses into one invoice for ease of management
- To adhere to certain audit requirements for administering third party funding (e.g. government grant and subsidies)
- To ensure greater integration for program itinerary.

These services are negotiable and may (or may not) be available to you.

Please contact EQI to discuss your specific requirements before obtaining a quotation.

Below is a list of common optional services that EQI can deliver:

- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Pre-departure preparation
- On-ground transportation
- Accommodation
- Catering
- Cultural activities and tour guiding
- Interpreting

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# Program Comparison

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* POA = Price on Application

* Need to confirm visa restriction for undertaking award study program.
Terms and Conditions

Participating agent(s) must be accredited and abide by EQI’s prescribed terms and conditions. To obtain a copy of the terms and conditions, please contact EQI directly.

Contact EQI

If you require further information or a quotation for a Professional Visit program, please contact:

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