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Making the move to Canberra

Welcome to Team CHS, we're excited to have you on board.

This guide is designed to help you navigate the move to CHS, with key information about working and living in Canberra.

We aim to be in regular contact with you to provide assistance and answer any queries you may have.



Accommodation

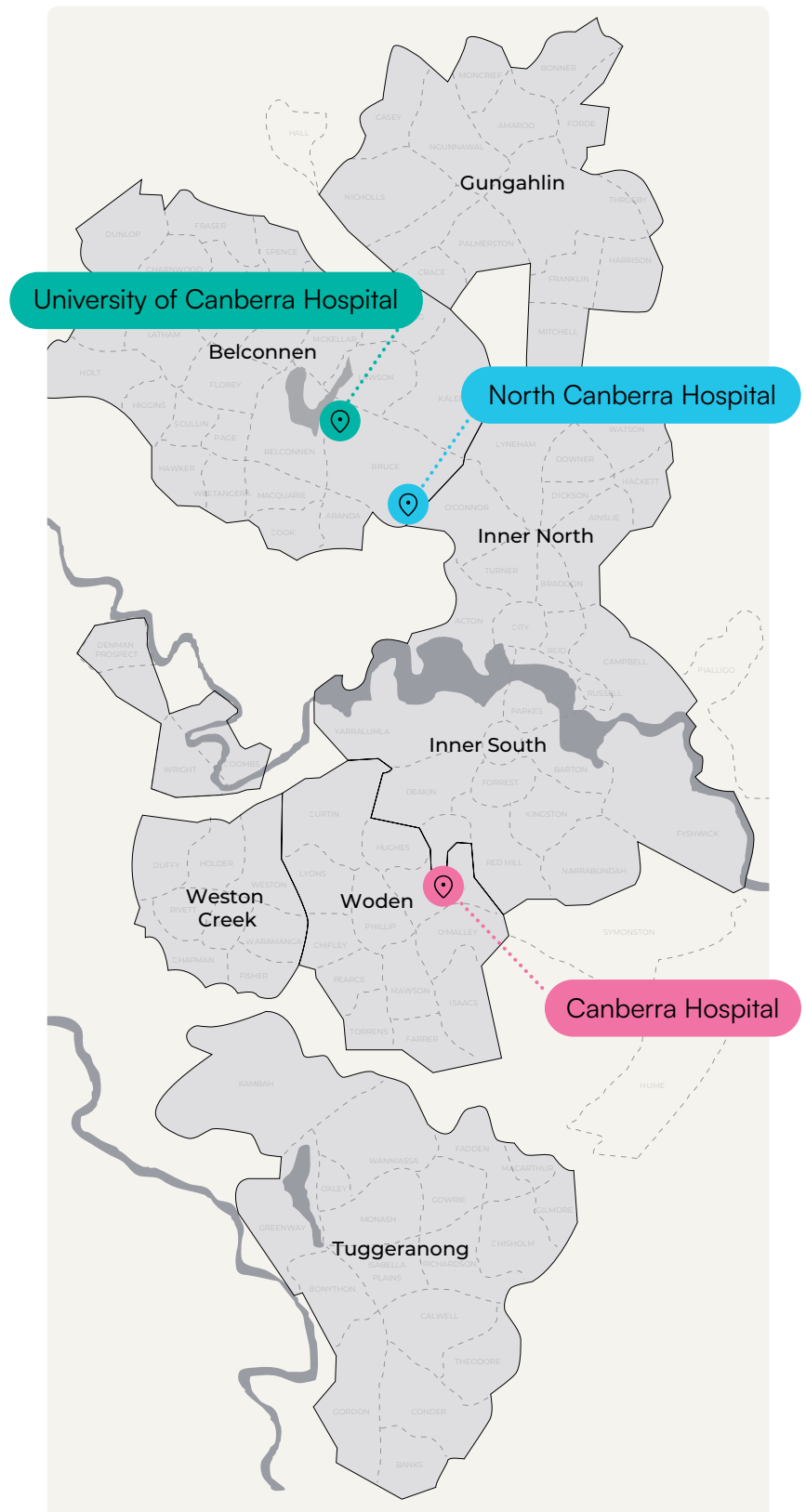
Where to live

One of the great things about Canberra is that it doesn't take too long to get from somewhere to somewhere else, particularly if you drive. That said, you may want to choose a location that's closer to where you work.

Canberra is a fully planned city with five distinct town centres or regions. It's split in half by Lake Burley Griffin and there's a bit of friendly rivalry between 'Northsiders' and 'Southsiders.'

CHS has facilities throughout Canberra but our largest site is Canberra Hospital. It's located in Canberra's south in a suburb called Garran, part of the Woden Valley region. Any suburb in Woden Valley will be close to Canberra Hospital.

North Canberra Hospital and University of Canberra Hospital are both located in Canberra's north in a suburb called Bruce. Bruce is part of the Belconnen region, most suburbs in eastern Belconnen, as well as the suburbs Turner, O'Connor and Lyneham in the Inner North region are close to these campuses.



Finding a place

There are close to 200 real estate agencies that manage properties to rent and buy in Canberra. You can find a list of Canberra based real estate agents on realestate.com.au. The below websites list houses currently for available for renting or buying.

- allhomes.com.au
- zango.com.au
- realestate.com.au

If you are looking for a room to rent or shared accommodation, try flatmates.com.au

Accommodation assistance

CHS can provide you with a rental priority support letter to help you find a rental property. This isn't an endorsement from CHS, but property managers do take into consideration priorities for health care workers. If you need a rental priority support letter to include in your applications, please email CHS.NMPSS@act.gov.au

Relocation Assistance

We offer a relocation reimbursement of up to **\$12,000** for nursing & midwifery team members, plus an additional **\$2000** per dependant for up to six dependants and **\$1750** for any additional dependants.

The relocation reimbursement can assist with:

- rental bond and rent
- removalists and packaging costs
- visa related expenses
- stamp duty if you are looking to buy a house in Canberra right away
- travel costs related to relocation.

If you're successful in a role in the new Building 5 (Critical Services Building) for 2024, we will provide you with financial assistance for accommodation when you arrive for the first four weeks, while you get yourself settled into the city and find your 'own place.'

We may also be able to help with temporary accommodation if you are successful in a different role. The CHS team member supporting your onboarding will be able to answer any questions. You will be advised of your supporting team member as part of the offer process.

Schools and further education

Canberra boasts a first-class education across all levels of schooling, from early education to higher education delivered by some of Australia's best universities.

Schools

It's compulsory for children to be enrolled in school from age six. They must be in full-time education until they complete Year 10 or turn 17, whichever comes first. Generally, schools in Canberra follow the below structure:

- **Preschool** — most children attend preschool the year before they start primary school, if a child turns four on or before 30 April, they can start preschool in term one that year, otherwise, they can start preschool the following year.
- **Primary school** — typically for children aged 5 to 12, in kindergarten through to year 6.
- **High school (secondary school)** — year 7 to year 10 or 12.
- **College (ACT Government schools only)** — years 11 and 12, offer an adult learning style that builds responsibility and independence while using a continual assessment model that prepares students well for further study or work.

Canberra has some fantastic government or 'public' schools, as well as non-government schools such as independent and Catholic schools.

All government and some non-government schools provide English as a Second Language (ESL) and other tailored programs. Students may also attend smaller classes, particularly in areas of science, mathematics and languages.

More information

To learn more and for a full list of schools in Canberra, scan the QR code.



www.education.act.gov.au/schooling





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Universities, TAFE and vocational education and training

There are five universities in Canberra:

- [Australian National University](#)
- [University of Canberra](#)
- [University of NSW](#)
- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Charles Sturt University](#)

Canberra Institution of Technology (CIT) offers technical and further education in Canberra, including apprenticeships, certificate level training and diplomas. There are also many registered training organisations that offer vocational education and training (VET) qualifications in Canberra. For more information on VET qualifications visit www.myskills.gov.au

More information

Scan the QR code to learn more.



www.canberra.com.au/study



What to do for fun

Shhhh, we're about to let you in on Australia's best kept secret, Canberra is anything but boring. We're Australia's happiest city and for good reason. The more relaxed lifestyle here means you have more time to enjoy yourself. Visit canberra.com.au/live for inspiration on how to spend your spare time or read on for some top picks.

Outdoors

Canberra is called the bush capital because it's got lots of wide open space to enjoy and you honestly might have kangaroos peacefully eating grass right near your house.

Canberra is surrounded by National Parks, which are great for bushwalking, picnicking or swimming in one of the waterways. Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve is a great spot to get up close with some of our native wildlife, including kangaroos, emus and even koalas.

Closer to home, there are plenty of parks to explore, many with free BBQs and other picnic facilities. There are lots of walking tracks from the fully paved, like the circuit around Lake Burley Griffin, to dirt hiking tracks up Canberra's hills.

Ride a bike? Canberra has you covered with Australia's largest network of cycle paths. There's also world-class mountain biking facilities at Stromlo Forest Park.

Special events

Canberra's calendar is jam packed with special events, such as the Multicultural Festival, Enlighten and, of course, Floriade, Australia's biggest celebration of spring. There's also live music, festivals and markets to suit every taste.

For a list of what's on visit events.canberra.com.au



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Bars and restaurants

Canberra is a foodie paradise. There are tonnes of restaurants with cuisine from around the world and our coffee is top notch. Some of our best restaurants and cafes are hidden gems located at local shops — they are lots of fun to explore.

For the home cooks, there are farmers' markets where you can get local produce, as well as world-class wineries within an easy drive from the city centre.

Family friendly

Have kids? There are plenty of friendly activities — a visit to Questacon is a must, as is a visit to the National Zoo and Aquarium (many families have a membership to one or both). We also have a lot of playgrounds, there's pretty much one around every corner.

Facebook is a good place to find activities for children, there are several groups such as Canberra Mums. Libraries ACT is another great place to find activities for kids, and they're free!

Further afield

Sydney is a three-hour drive from Canberra, or you may like to take the bus and leave the car behind. Murrays and Greyhound drive straight from the city centre to Sydney Airport and CBD.

Australia's stunning South Coast is a two-hour drive from Canberra. Popular spots include Batemans Bay, Mollymook and Broulee. Merimbula and Eden are other coastal getaways and about three hours away.

Some of Australia's best ski fields are two hours from Canberra in Kosciuszko National Park — Thredbo and Perisher are two of the biggest name locations. You can drive or catch the bus.

Canberra Airport has flights to all Australian capital cities, as well as many regional destinations. You can also fly directly to Bali and Fiji.

Transport

Have we already said Canberra doesn't have a lot of traffic? It bears repeating!

Canberra is often referred to as a 20-minute city, you can get virtually anywhere in 20 minutes when you're driving a car. Canberra has a clean and modern bus network and a light rail. We're also home to the largest network of cycle paths in Australia.

Public transport

Canberra has a bus network that services the whole city, as well as light rail that runs between the city centre and Gungahlin. If you're a regular traveller, buy a MyWay card. It will save you money and time. Order your card online through Transport Canberra, or in person from a MyWay Recharge Agent.

More information

Scan the QR code to learn more.



www.transport.act.gov.au



