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WHY STUDY AT VAAS IN BATTAMBANG?

1. **VAAS welcomes you** to join the PPS family where you can collaborate with students from both visual and performing arts.
2. **Study at a leading school** for animation, graphic design, and visual art. VAAS graduates are sought after by employers across Cambodia and internationally.
3. **Battambang is Cambodia's creative city**, home to many art galleries, boutiques, and creative experts.
4. **The city is great for students**, with all the necessary facilities and attractions without the busy traffic and noise.
5. **Students will feel safe** in Battambang, where there is a low crime rate.

SCHOOL FACILITIES AND FEES

The one-year Preparatory Class is free.

Students who have little or no experience in drawing can apply for our Preparatory Class, which prepares students for vocational training. We cover the costs of this year for accepted students.

The three-year VAAS Vocational Training Program is worth \$6000.

It costs approximately \$2000 per year in direct school costs to educate one student. In addition to qualified teachers, a student at VAAS has access to excellent facilities, including: 40+ computers with graphic design and animation software, professional cameras and equipment, fully equipped photo studio and sound studio, art materials, and an art library.

We share costs to reduce the annual fee to \$720.

As VAAS remains a non-profit school, fees are subsidized to make it more affordable. Additional support is available through our **Financial Aid Program**. If you cannot pay the \$720, please select "Financial Aid" when you apply to study.

HOW TO APPLY: VAAS Vocational Training

1. Submit the application form online, by e-mail or in print before *August 30, 2019*.
2. Do Admissions Test (September 05-06, 2019) *students applying for Year 1 only*.
3. Acceptance announced *September 12, 2019*.
4. Process Financial Aid application - *if required*.
5. Agree to your placement letter & Financial Aid package (*if required*).
6. *Orientation begins October 02-03-04, 2019 and start studying October 07, 2019*

Visual and Applied Arts Vocational Training Program

Study a professional course in animation, graphic design, or visual art at Phare Ponleu Selpak's Visual and Applied Art School (VAAS) in Battambang.

Applications Due: **30 August 2019**

Apply online: <https://phareps.org/vaas-apply-now/>

Contact us: **+855 (0)12 556 1663/096 700 4615**

Email: admissions@phareps.org

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phareps.org/about-us-vaas



Study at VAAS and start your creative career

VISUAL AND APPLIED ARTS

We are surrounded by the visual and applied arts every day. All the professional logos, name cards, banners, advertisements, and product packaging you have seen were designed by a **Graphic Designer**. **Visual Artists** make all the creative murals, paintings, sculptures, photography, and films found in art galleries, restaurants, and public spaces. Cartoons and animations online or on TV, which share an important educational message or a story, were produced by **Animators**.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

VAAS offers a 3-year vocational training course that will prepare you to find skilled, paid work. Students specialize in either Graphic Design, Animation or Visual Art. By the end of the program, students also gain knowledge in the areas of Communications and Art History. **Learn at VAAS so you get a skilled job.**

- We teach students the latest skills and knowledge in the industry
- Students complete at least 2 months of real work experience (internship)
- Our Professional Job Facilitator supports students to find paid work.

WHO CAN APPLY

Our 3-year program is open to all interested Cambodians who are 17 years or older. If you pass the Admissions Test, you may enter Year 1 of Vocational Training. If you have no experience in art or do not pass the Admission Test, you may enter our **Preparatory Course** – a free one-year course that will prepare you for the 3-year Vocational Program.

100% of VAAS graduates
have paid, skilled jobs.



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VAAS has

relationships with
companies around
Cambodia to help
you secure jobs
after you graduate.

PHARE PONLEU SELPAK

VAAS is a school within Phare Ponleu Selpak (PPS), a non-profit organization that believes passionately in the power of the arts to change lives. PPS was founded by 9 young Cambodians led by their French art teacher, who spent their childhoods in the refugee camp at the Thai border. Since opening its doors in 1995 to offer drawing classes, PPS has expanded to include many artistic disciplines, while providing integrated Social Support services.

ABOUT VAAS

The Visual and Applied Arts School was created with the support of French co-funding partners AFD and CCFD. The school introduced animation and graphic design (applied arts) in 2016 to provide career opportunities while catering for Cambodia's growing creative industries. VAAS is located in Battambang on the same campus as PPS' renowned circus and Performing Arts School, and Kindergarten.

CURRICULUM

The VAAS curriculum is made and taught by qualified Cambodian and international experts. VAAS regularly reviews the curriculum to stay up-to-date with the industry. Our program is creative, but our classes are not child's play. Students at VAAS commit to 3 years of full-time training in preparation for work as a freelancer, business owner, or employee in a company.