



Application for a Visitor visa – Tourist stream

About this form

Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

All relevant questions on this form should be answered and any requested information attached. The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) may decide your application on the basis of the information provided on your application.

All forms are available from the Department's website

www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/

Who should use this form?

Use this form to apply for a **Visitor visa – Tourist stream** to visit or remain in Australia for tourism or other recreational activities (holiday, sightseeing, social or recreational reasons or to visit relatives or friends).

If you intend to:

- visit Australia to visit family members, and you have a family member who is eligible and willing to sponsor you, you may use form 1418 *Application for a Visitor visa – Sponsored Family stream*;
- visit Australia for medical treatment you should use form 48ME *Application for a Medical Treatment visa*;
- visit Australia for a short business trip, you should use form 1415 *Application for a Visitor visa – Business Visitor stream*;
- study in Australia for more than 3 months you should apply for a student visa.

Each applicant, including dependent children, must apply on their own form. You must complete all questions in all sections. Failure to answer any question completely and accurately may result in the application being refused, or the visa may be cancelled at a later date.

Integrity of application

The Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programmes. In relation to this application, if you or a member of your family unit:

- provide, or have provided in a previous application, fraudulent documents or false or misleading information (knowingly or not); and/or
- fail to satisfy, or have failed to satisfy in a previous application, the Minister of your or their identity;

this visa application may be refused and you, and any members of your family unit, may become unable to be granted a visa for specified periods of time, as set out in migration legislation.

If documents are found to be fraudulent or information to be incorrect after the grant of a visa, the visa may subsequently be cancelled.

Visa validity

This visa generally allows stays of 3 or 6 months in Australia, although a stay of up to 12 months can be granted. However, the visa period is determined on a case by case basis and may be less than the period you requested. A stay beyond 12 months is **ONLY** granted where 'exceptional circumstances exist'.

A visa may be granted for a single entry or multiple entries within a specified period. Generally, this visa allows people to enter Australia within 12 months from the date of grant.

Conditions for a Visitor visa to Australia

Visitors to Australia must be willing and able to abide by the conditions listed below while in Australia. If you are unwilling or unable to abide by these conditions you should not apply for a visa. If you do not abide by these conditions, your visa may be cancelled or you may be subject to other penalties.

If you are granted a visa, carefully check the details and conditions on the letter advising you of the grant of your visa.

You should not assume that any changes to your immigration status can be made while in Australia.

Visa conditions

The following conditions will be applied to your visa:

Visa condition 8101

You must NOT work in Australia.

Visa condition 8201

You must NOT study for more than 3 months while in Australia.

Visa condition 8602

You must NOT have an outstanding public health debt.

The following conditions may be applied to your visa:

Visa condition 8503

No further stay.

Following an assessment of your application, a visa officer may decide to apply the 8503 condition on your visa. The 8503 (or No Further Stay) condition means that the holder of the visa on which the condition has been imposed will not, after entering Australia, be entitled to be granted any other visa, while the holder remains in Australia.

The effect of this visa condition is that it will not be possible for you to apply to remain in Australia beyond the authorised period of stay of your visa. It is particularly important, if your visit to Australia is to attend a specific event, that you organise your travel so that you can attend these events within your authorised period of stay as you will not be able to extend your period of stay in Australia.

If the 8503 condition is imposed on your visa, it will be indicated on the letter advising you of the grant of your visa, with the words 8503 – NO FURTHER STAY.

Visa condition 8531

You must NOT stay in Australia after your visa expires.

Visa condition 8558

You must NOT spend more than 12 months in Australia in an 18 month period.

Visa Application Charge

Refer to *Part L – Payment details* of this form to calculate the correct charge and make payment.

Refer to <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/fees-and-charges> for a complete and current list of applicable fees and charges.

Fees and charges may be subject to change at any time and this may increase the cost of a visa application.

Generally, Visa Application Charges are reviewed on 1 July each year, and the exchange rates used to calculate the amount payable in a foreign country are updated on 1 January and 1 July each year.

If you do not pay the full Visa Application Charge amount, your visa application will not be valid.

Charges are generally not refundable, even if the application is withdrawn or refused.

Method of payment

Make your payment electronically through the 'My Payments' section of ImmiAccount. Sign into, or create, your ImmiAccount and select My Payments>Manage Payments>Pre-Pay Paper Service, at www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immiaccount

If you are outside Australia and cannot pay online in ImmiAccount check the Department's website for alternative payment methods for your location www.homeaffairs.gov.au/locations

Ways to apply

You may arrange for another person to help you complete this application form, but you must sign it. If you have been assisted in completing the application form, you should only sign the declaration(s) if the information in it is true and correct.

Outside Australia

If you are applying from outside Australia, you, or your representative, can submit your application, Visa Application Charge and supporting documents in one of the following ways:

- Electronically over the internet if you are eligible. To check your eligibility please visit the Department's website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/Visa-subsite/Pages/visit/600-visitor-landing.aspx>
- In person or by mail at the nearest Australian Visa Office or office of the Department. If you are lodging in person you may require an appointment. To check if an appointment is required please visit the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations or
- Through a Service Delivery Partner (SDP). SDP's provide visa application services on behalf of the Department in some countries. For more detailed information, and to check if an SDP is available in your country, please visit the *Contact Us* web page on the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations

In Australia

If you are applying in Australia, you, or your representative, can submit your application, Visa Application Charge and supporting documents in one of the following ways:

- Electronically over the internet
- By mail (with the correct pre-paid postage):
Onshore Visitor Visa Processing
GPO Box 9984
SYDNEY NSW 2001
AUSTRALIA
- By courier:
Onshore Visitor Visa Processing
Level 3
26 Lee Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
AUSTRALIA

Supporting documents and additional information

Part M – Application checklist on page 15 contains information about supporting documentation. If you are lodging your application overseas, you should also check the website of your nearest Australian Visa Office www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/contact/offices-locations

Sponsorship by an eligible relative

You may be asked by the Department to support your application with an eligible sponsor and payment of a bond as part of the assessment process.

Extending your stay in Australia

If you are applying for a new visa or extension while in Australia you must apply for a new visa before your current visa expires. The best time to apply for a new Visitor visa is about 2 weeks before the expiry of your current visa. Please bear in mind that the grant of a new visa will cease any visa currently held and the entitlements attached to that visa. If, for example, you currently have work rights or formal study entitlements, those entitlements will cease when a Visitor visa is granted.

Health requirements

All applicants must meet Australia's health requirements. You may be required to undergo a chest x-ray and medical examination in order to meet the criteria for the grant of a subclass 600 visa.

Please follow any directions given by the visa processing officer as to medical or x-ray examinations that may be required.

Additional information regarding the health requirement for entry into Australia is available on the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa/heal/meeting-the-health-requirement/health-examinations

Health insurance requirements

Medical treatment in Australia can be very expensive. It is recommended that you take out health insurance for your period of stay in Australia. You will not be covered by Australia's national health scheme, unless you are covered by a reciprocal health care agreement.

If you are seeking a long stay Visitor visa – Tourist stream or are 75 years of age or over

You may be asked to provide evidence with your application that you have health insurance to cover your stay in Australia. More information about health insurance is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visi/visi

Vaccinations

If it is your intention to enrol your children in an Australian school or childcare centre (crèche or preschool) during your visit to Australia, you are strongly encouraged to carry certification of your child's vaccination status. Certification may be sought at time of enrolment.

Vaccination is recommended against polio, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), Haemophilus influenzae hypo (Hib) and Hepatitis B.

Note: Vaccination against rubella is also recommended for women of child bearing age.

Passport information

Most visa applicants will be required to hold a valid passport before they can be granted a visa. It is strongly recommended that the passport be valid for at least 6 months.

If you change your passport after you have been granted the visa you must notify the Department. Information on updating your passport is available on the Department's website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/change-in-situation/passport-details>

If you do not provide us with the details of any new or additional passport you use to travel to Australia, you may experience significant delays at the airport and may be denied permission to board your plane.

Do NOT send your passport with your visa application. Provide with your visa application a certified copy of the page from your passport showing your photo and details. Please keep a copy of the Visa Grant Notification in a safe place for your reference.

Residential address

You must provide the address of where you intend to live during the period that your application is being considered. Failure to give your residential address will result in this application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Change of address

If you change your residential address for more than 14 days while your application is being processed, you must tell the Department your new address and how long you will be there. The Department will send communication about your application to the latest address for correspondence you have provided.

Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

Sponsors of applicants for Visitor visas – Sponsored Family stream are exempt from the requirements to be registered as a migration agent in order to assist applicants in relation to Visitor visas – Sponsored Family stream.

Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (Office of the MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The Department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

Note: Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the Department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the Department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the Department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the Department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Office of the MARA website www.mara.gov.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Exempt persons

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

Appointing a migration agent/exempt person

To appoint a migration agent/exempt person you should complete *Part K – Options for receiving written communications*.

Your migration agent/exempt person should complete form 956 *Advice by a registered migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance*.

Form 956 is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/

Options for receiving written communications

If you do not appoint a migration agent/exempt person you may still authorise another person, in writing, to receive written communications on your behalf. This person is called the authorised recipient.

Authorised recipient information

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The Department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To appoint an authorised recipient you should complete:

- *Part K – Options for receiving written communications*; and
- form 956A *Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient*.

Note: Migration agents/exempt persons do not need to complete form 956A.

Form 956A is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/

Consent to communicate electronically

The Department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or email will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the Department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with.

If you agree to the Department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the Department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the Department over the internet or by other electronic means.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on form 956 or 956A to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

Note: Electronic communication is the fastest means of communication available and the Department prefers to communicate electronically because this results in faster processing.

Important information about privacy

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Important information about the collection, use and disclosure (to other agencies and third parties, including overseas entities) of your personal information, including sensitive information, is contained in form 1442i *Privacy notice*. Form 1442i is available from the Department's website www.homeaffairs.gov.au/allforms/. You should ensure that you read and understand form 1442i before completing this form.

As sponsorship may be required for your visa subclass, the outcome of your application may be made known to the person/organisation who has submitted a sponsorship form regarding your application.

Home page **www.homeaffairs.gov.au**

General enquiry line Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep these information pages for your reference