



# Application to visit Australia for tourism or other recreational activities

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Please read the following information carefully **BEFORE** you complete your application.

## Who should use this form?

Use this form if you are outside Australia to apply for a visa to visit Australia for tourism or other recreational activities (holiday, sightseeing, social or recreational reasons, to visit relatives or friends, or other short-term non-work purposes including study).

- If you intend visiting Australia for medical treatment you should use form 48ME.
- If you intend to study in Australia for more than 3 months you should apply for a student visa. Please contact the nearest Australian overseas mission for information on student visa applications, including the correct application form.
- If you intend visiting Australia for a short business trip (including attending a conference) you should use form 456.

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.

## Types of visitor visas

A visa must be obtained **BEFORE** travelling to Australia. A visitor visa granted following the processing of this application will be in the form of a label, placed in your passport. A visa may be for a single entry or for multiple entries. Following an assessment of your application by a visa officer, a decision will be made on whether or not to grant a visa and for what period of time. The type of visa, length of stay, conditions and a number of entries will be indicated on your visa label (see page 3 for details).

A **SHORT STAY VISITOR VISA** is for a stay in Australia of up to 3 months.

A **LONG STAY VISITOR VISA** is usually for a stay in Australia of up to 6 months. Exceptions can include aged parents visiting children (up to 1 year stay) or a parent caring for a young child enrolled in formal studies (11 months renewable each year for the length of the course).

A **SPONSORED VISITOR VISA** allows a **maximum stay of 3 months**. This visa will include a **mandatory condition 8503 – No Further Stay**. This means that you will not be able to apply for another visa while in Australia<sup>1</sup> and you will not be permitted to have your stay extended beyond 3 months. A sponsored visitor visa applicant must have an eligible sponsor who will guarantee their stay and may be requested to lodge a security bond. This amount is generally between AUD5,000 and AUD10,000. If you stay in Australia beyond the 3 months of your initial visa, penalties will be imposed on your sponsor, including the forfeiture of any security bond paid.

**Note:** A Sponsored Visitor Visa application takes longer to process than a Short Stay Visa application.

<sup>1</sup> Except in extremely limited circumstances which are outside your control, or to engage Australia's protection obligation under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.

## Sponsored Visitor

If an Australian citizen or permanent resident is going to guarantee your visit, you can apply as a Sponsored Visitor. You should complete this application form and request your sponsor to complete form 1149 *Application for sponsorship for sponsored visitors*.

Your sponsor is only able to sponsor one person (or family unit or business delegation) at a time. If they already have a visitor in Australia who has been granted a Short Stay Sponsored Visitor Visa, you will have to wait until they have departed Australia.

**Note:** A 'family unit' means a principal applicant, spouse and dependent children.

## Who can be a sponsor?

In order to sponsor someone as a **family visitor**, your sponsor must be one of the following:

- a relative of the person you are sponsoring; or
- a member of an Australian parliament (Commonwealth, State or Territory); or
- an authorised officer of a Commonwealth, State or Territory government department or instrumentality; or
- a local government mayor.

**Note:** A 'relative' includes a parent, child, adopted child, spouse, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or 'step' equivalent of any of these.

## Who cannot be a sponsor?

There are no provisions for fiancé(e)s, partners of the same sex, cousins, friends, in-laws or New Zealand citizens to sponsor.

## Application Charge

There is a non-refundable application charge which must accompany each application.

- The application cannot be processed until this charge has been received.
- The fee will not be refunded if a visa is not granted.

## Who can you include in this application?

Only one passport-holder can apply on one form. You can include in your application any children **on your passport** who will be travelling with you. If another adult is included in your passport they should complete a separate application form.

## Conditions for a tourist 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 have any questions or concerns about the conditions, you should ask for more information from an Australian overseas mission.

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## CONDITIONS

**8101 – You must NOT work while in Australia.**

**8201 – You must NOT study for more than 3 months while in Australia.**

**8205 – Where this condition applies, and you intend to study for longer than 4 weeks, you are required to pass a chest x-ray examination before you are able to commence study.**

**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<sup>2</sup>, 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 shown on your visa label. 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.

**Note:** The 8503 – No Further Stay condition will, by law, be attached to all Sponsored Visitor Visas.

If the 8503 condition is imposed on your visa, it will be indicated on the visa label with the words 8503 – NO FURTHER STAY.

There may be other conditions depending on the purpose of your visit.

### How to apply

- Complete the application form. Please note that false or misleading information may lead to refusal or cancellation of your visa, or penalties while in Australia. The completed application form can be lodged at your nearest Australian overseas mission.
- You may arrange for another person to help you complete the 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.
- Lodge your application form, the application charge, your passport and any attachments at the nearest Australian overseas mission. Your application may be lodged personally, by your representative or sent by mail.
- If you are applying as a Sponsored Visitor, you will need to attach the completed form 1149 from your sponsor.
- Please follow any directions given by the visa processing officer as to medical or x-ray examinations that may be required.
- On the return of your passport and visa, check the details and conditions on the visa label carefully. If you have any concerns or questions about the requirements or limitations, you should contact the office that granted the visa **before** travelling to Australia. You should not assume that any changes to your immigration status can be made after your arrival in Australia.

### Health insurance

It is recommended that you take out health insurance for you and your family for the 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.

<sup>2</sup> Except in extremely limited circumstances which are outside your control, or to engage Australia's protection obligation under the 1951 UN convention relating to the status of refugees.

## Vaccinations

If it is your intention to enrol your child in an Australian school or childcare centre (creche or preschool) during your visit to Australia, you are strongly encouraged to carry certification of your child's vaccination status.

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

Certification may be sought at time of enrolment.

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

## Consent to communicate electronically

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application DIMA 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 DIMA communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by DIMA 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 Commonwealth Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to DIMA 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 the form to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

## Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication

You may authorise another person to act on your behalf in connection with your application with DIMA. If so, you will need to complete form 956 *Authorisation of person to act and receive communication* which is on the last page of this form.

Nominating a person to act on your behalf includes authorising DIMA to send to that person any communication relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they were sent to you.

## Use of a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent to assist with your application. However, in the event you wish to use a migration agent, a list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) or the offices of DIMA.

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551  
QVB NSW 1230  
AUSTRALIA

Fax: +61 2 9299 8448

Website: [www.themara.com.au](http://www.themara.com.au)

Registered migration agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct and generally charge for their services. The MARA investigates complaints against registered migration agents and may take disciplinary action against them. If you have a concern about a registered migration agent, you can contact the MARA.

**Under Australian law, anyone who uses knowledge of migration procedures to offer advice or assistance to a person wishing to obtain a visa to enter or remain in Australia must be registered. If you intend to use a migration agent, you are advised to use a registered migration agent.**

## About the information you give

DIMA is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'.

The information provided<sup>3</sup> will be used for assessing your eligibility for a visitor visa and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act. The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents. Form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from DIMA offices, gives more details of agencies to which your information might be disclosed.

<sup>3</sup> The information provided in relation to health on this form, and the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa. A positive HIV **or other** test result will not necessarily lead to a visa being denied. Your result may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, State and Territory Health agencies.

## Application checklist

With your application you must include:

- your passport
- a recent passport photograph of yourself and any children included in your passport and travelling with you
- the application charge
- if applying as a Sponsored Visitor, a completed form 1149 from your sponsor
- if required, authorisation for children to travel with you (refer to the section of the form 'Children included' for details)
- details of how you want your passport returned (if by mail, you should include a passport sized envelope with your address and sufficient postage)
- if you are authorising another person to act and receive communication on your behalf – complete form 956 on page 10.

**Separate this sheet and keep it for reference.**

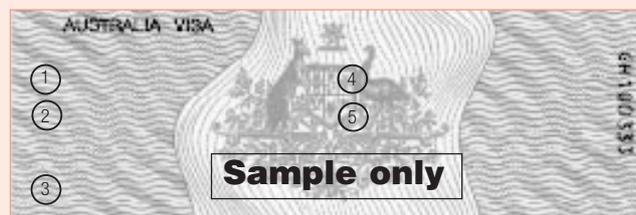
**When you have lodged your application, you should attach your receipt to this sheet.**

## Additional documentation

Listed below are some of the additional requirements most frequently requested by Australian visa offices to enable a decision to be made on an application.

- evidence of funds;
- evidence of your medical/travel insurance;
- medical examination or tests;
- a letter from your employer confirming your leave;
- evidence of enrolment at school, college or university;
- if visiting close family in Australia (who is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia), a letter of invitation to visit;
- other information that you have an incentive and authority to return to your country of residence.

## Understanding your visa label



If you are granted a visa, the following information is provided to assist you with understanding the terms and conditions of your visa.

- 1** The name of the office that granted your visa.
  - 2** Your name, and the names of any family members included in your application.
  - 3** Visa validity information, including:
    - the date your visa was granted;
    - the date by which you must enter Australia;
    - the number of times you can travel to Australia within the validity of the visa; and
    - your authorised period of stay in Australia.
  - 4** The type of visa you have been granted.
  - 5** The conditions attached to your visa. Two visa conditions always appear:  
8101 – NO WORK  
8201 – MAX 3 MONTHS STUDY  
A description of both these conditions is provided on page 2.  
There may be another condition:  
8503 – NO FURTHER STAY  
If this condition is printed on your visa you will generally not be able to apply for another visa in Australia. A full description of this condition is provided on page 2.
- There may be other visa conditions, depending on the purpose of your visit.**



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1 When do you wish to visit Australia? From  to

2 Are you applying for a:  
(tick one box only)

**Short stay visitor**   
(up to 3 months)

**Long stay visitor**   
(more than 3 months)

**Sponsored visitor**  **Note:** You should complete all sections of this form and attach a sponsorship form 1149 completed by your sponsor. Incomplete applications will delay the processing of your application.  
(maximum stay 3 months with no extension of stay special requirements apply see page 1 for details)

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Please attach a recent photograph of yourself AND any children who are on your passport and will be travelling with you.

## Your details

3 Name(s) as shown in your passport

Family name

Given names

Other names you have been known by

Name in your own language or script (if applicable)

4 Sex Male  Female

5 Date of birth

*If you are 70 years or over, you will be asked to provide evidence from your doctor that you are fit to travel and that you have medical insurance to cover your stay in Australia. Please contact an Australian overseas mission for further advice before lodging your application. If additional medical consultations are required, a decision on your visa application will be delayed.*

6 Marital status

Married  Separated  Never married

Engaged  Divorced

De facto  Widowed

7 Place of birth Town/city

Country

8 Passport details

Passport number

Country

Expiry date

*Make sure your passport is valid for the period of stay you are applying for.*

9 Of which countries are you a citizen?

10 Your home address

11 Your telephone numbers

Home or mobile/cell

Work

12 Do you agree to DIMA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?

No

Yes  Give details

Facsimile number

COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER

E-mail address

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## Children included

You can include in this application any **children included in your passport who will be travelling with you**. Children under 18 years of age, travelling alone or without one or both of their parents or legal guardians, require notarised authorisation from the non-accompanying parent(s) or guardian(s) to travel to Australia.

**13** Are there any children included in your passport who will be travelling with you?

No  Yes  Give details

Full name	Sex	Date of birth			Country of birth
	M/F	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

## Family NOT travelling with you

**14** Do you have a spouse, de facto, any children, or fiancé who will NOT be travelling with you?

No  Yes  Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Their address while you are in Australia
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

## Details of your visit to Australia

**15** Is it likely you will be travelling from Australia to a neighbouring country (eg. New Zealand, Singapore, Papua New Guinea) and back to Australia?

No  Yes  Please attach itinerary details

**16** Do you have any relatives, friends or contacts in Australia?

No  Yes  Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Address	Citizen or permanent resident of Australia? (YES or NO)
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

**17** Why do you want to visit Australia?

Include details of any dates that are of special significance to your visit.


**18** Do you intend to do a course of study of more than 4 weeks while in Australia?

No  Yes  Please give details

Name of the course

Name of the institution

How long will the course last?



## Employment status

24 What is your employment status?

Employed/self-employed  ▶ Details of employer/business

Name

Address

Telephone number

Position you hold

How long have you been employed by this employer/business?

YEARS MONTHS

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Retired  ▶ Year of retirement

DAY MONTH YEAR

/  /

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Student  ▶ Your current course

Name of educational institution

How long have you been studying at this institution?

YEARS MONTHS

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Other  ▶ Please provide details

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Unemployed

## Evidence of funds

All visitors to Australia must be able to demonstrate they have adequate funds to cover all costs associated with their visit. Examples may include showing personal bank statements, pay slips, audited accounts or taxation records. Relevant factors may also include the number of persons to support, the type of activities planned and the length of stay sought.

25 How will you be maintaining yourself financially while you are in Australia?


26 Is someone else providing support for your visit to Australia?

No  Yes  ▶ Give details

Full name	Relationship to you	Date of birth			Their address while you are in Australia
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
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If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet with the details.

27 What support are they providing? Financial  Accommodation  Other  ▶ Please attach details

The person or people you have listed will need to provide evidence of their ability to provide this support. They can also choose to formally sponsor your visit by completing form 1149 (available from any Australian visa office or from the internet at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)).

## Previous applications

28 Have you, or any children included in this application, ever:

- been in Australia and not complied with visa conditions or departed Australia outside your authorised period of stay?
- had an application for entry to or further stay in Australia refused, or had a visa for Australia cancelled?

No  Yes  Give details


29 Complete the following details if you (or any children included in this application) have applied for **permanent** entry to Australia in the last 5 years

Month and year	Place of application	Type of visa applied for	Was a visa granted? (YES or NO)

30 Complete the following details if you (or any children included in this application) have applied for **temporary** entry to Australia in the last 5 years

Month and year	Place of application	Type of visa applied for	Was a visa granted? (YES or NO)

## Authorising another person

31 Do you want to authorise another person to act and receive communication about this application on your behalf?

*(For further information on authorisation of a person to act and receive communication, read the information on page 2 of this form.)*

No

Yes

▶ After you have completed the declaration below, complete form 956 *Authorisation of person to act and receive communication* on the next page.

## Declaration

32 Having read the 'Conditions for a tourist visa to Australia' on page 2 of this form:

- I understand that the visa I am applying for does not permit me to work or undertake business activities in Australia.
- I understand that the visa I am applying for does not permit me to study for longer than 3 months in Australia.
- My intention to visit Australia is genuine and I will abide by the conditions and period of stay of the visa.
- I have adequate funds to meet all costs associated with the visit to and from Australia for all those included in this application.
- I have truthfully declared all relevant details requested of me in this application.
- I understand that the effect of the 8503 visa condition is that it will not be possible for me to apply to remain in Australia beyond the authorised date on my visa label. I agree to having this condition included on any visa issued to me as a result of this application.
- I acknowledge that I understand that if the 8503 visa condition is imposed on my visa, it will be indicated on the visa label by the condition code '8503' and by the short description 'No Further Stay'. I acknowledge that this means that the 8503 condition has been imposed on my visa, that I am required to depart Australia on or before the date or time period notified on my visa label and that I understand the restriction that Condition 8503 places on me.
- I acknowledge that if I am granted a Sponsored Visitor visa, the mandatory 8503 'No Further Stay' condition will be imposed on my visa. I will advise my sponsor regarding the imposition of the condition to ensure that they understand that such a condition is attached to my visa.
- In any part of this form which has been completed with the assistance of another person, I declare that the information as set down is true and correct and has been included with my full knowledge, consent and understanding.
- If granted a visa, I will advise the overseas mission should my circumstances change prior to my travel to Australia.

Signature of applicant

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Date 

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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**If you are unable to collect your passport, you will need to make adequate arrangements for its return to you.**

Complete form 956 on the next page if you are authorising another person to act and receive communication on your behalf ▶



# Authorisation of person to act and receive communication

## Authorisation by applicant/sponsor

I, (Family name)

(Given names)

(Date of birth)  DAY /  MONTH /  YEAR

of

POSTCODE

authorise the following person to act on my behalf in relation to my application/sponsorship in dealings with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA). This includes authorising DIMA to send that person any communication, documents or notifications relating to my application/sponsorship that would otherwise have been sent to me.

Client number or file number or application receipt number

Is this authorisation made in connection with an existing application?

No

Yes  At which office was that application made?

### Details of authorised person

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Family name

Given names

Authorised person's address

POSTCODE

Telephone number  COUNTRY CODE ( ) AREA CODE ( ) NUMBER

Migration Agent Registration Number (if applicable)  7 DIGITS : : : : :

**Applicant's signature**

Date  DAY /  MONTH /  YEAR

## Consent by authorised person

As the authorised person named on this form, do you agree to DIMA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?

No

Yes  Give details

Facsimile number  COUNTRY CODE ( ) AREA CODE ( ) NUMBER

E-mail address

**Authorised person's signature**

Date  DAY /  MONTH /  YEAR