



Application to visit Australia for tourism or other recreational activities

Form
48R**Who should use this form?**

Use this form only 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 are applying to visit Australia for medical treatment you should use form 48ME.

Types of visitor visas

You can apply for the following types of visa using this form:

**SHORT STAY TOURIST VISA
(SHORT VALIDITY)**

Visa valid for up to one year.
Stay of 3 months on each arrival.

**SHORT STAY TOURIST VISA (LONG
VALIDITY)**

Visa valid for up to 4 years.
Stay of 3 months on each arrival.

**LONG STAY TOURIST VISA (LONG
VALIDITY)**

Visa valid for up to 4 years.
Stays of up to 6 months (longer if requested).

Charge

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

**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.

Children under 18 years of age, travelling without one or both of their legal guardians, require authorisation from the non-accompanying guardian(s) to travel to Australia.

Additional information

You may have to fill out more forms or obtain certain reports or documents to include with your application.

For example:

- ♦ if you are visiting friends or relatives, it is helpful if they provide you with a letter setting out how long they expect you to stay, what plans have been made for the stay in Australia and whether they have previously supported a visitor to Australia

- ♦ if you are 70 years or over, you will be asked to show evidence from your doctor that you are fit to travel and that you have medical insurance to cover your stay in Australia.

The Australian mission will tell you if any other form or requirements are needed.

Evidence of funds

All visitors to Australia must be able to demonstrate they have adequate funds to cover all costs associated with their visit. Visitors may be asked to show evidence that they have the necessary funds or, if someone else is offering to help meet these costs, they may be asked to provide such evidence. Providing evidence of funds with a completed application will often help expedite the processing of a visitor application.

The criterion "adequate funds" may be satisfied by showing personal bank statements, money transfer receipts, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation records or cash in hand, depending on the amount of money, the number of persons to support, the type of activities planned and the length of stay sought. If you are relying on support from friends or relatives in Australia, please ask them to send evidence of their ability to meet this commitment (see questions 26 and 31 in the application form).

How to apply**Step 1**

Make sure you have a passport which is valid for your period of stay in Australia.

Please note: If you already have a visa for travel to Australia and you are granted another one, the first will cease.

Step 2

Please read the *Conditions for a tourist visitor to Australia* on the next page.

You must be willing to abide by these conditions while in Australia.

Step 3

Complete the attached form.

You must answer all questions honestly and completely. False or misleading information may lead to refusal or cancellation of your visa, or penalties while in Australia.

A travel agent or other representative may help you fill out the form, but you must sign it. If unable to sign, a parent or guardian may sign on your behalf.

Step 4

Make sure you provide any attachments required, particularly your passport.

If required, you must attach details of criminal history and other occurrences (see question 28 in the application form).

Step 5

Lodge your application form, the charge, your passport and attachments at the nearest Australian mission.

Your application may be lodged personally or by your representative, or sent by mail.

If you send in your application by mail, include a self-addressed pre-paid envelope for the secure return of your passport.

Step 6

When your passport is returned, check that all the people travelling on it are covered by the visa, and note the conditions on your visa label.

If your visa is marked 'multipletravel', you can visit Australia as many times as you like while your visa is valid. On each visit you can stay as long as your visa allows.

Step 7

Before you travel, please check that you have health insurance. Medical treatment in Australia can be very expensive. Visitors are not covered by Australia's national health insurance scheme (unless they are covered by a reciprocal health care agreement).

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Health and character

Visitors to Australia must be of good health, of good character, and not be subject to any restrictions on travel to Australia.

Questions 27 and 28 on the application form ask you to make a declaration about the health and character of yourself and any children included in your application.

If there is a change to what you declare at questions 27 and 28 before your travel, you should inform the Australian mission. This will help avoid any problems when you arrive in Australia.

All travellers must make another declaration that they are not suffering tuberculosis and are of good character when they arrive in Australia.

About the information you give

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (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 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 form *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from DIMA offices, gives details of agencies to which your information might also be disclosed.

Conditions for a tourist visitor to Australia

Visitors to Australia must be willing and able to abide by the conditions listed below, while in Australia.

If you are unable or unwilling to abide by these conditions, you should not apply for a visa. Failure to abide by the conditions may lead to cancellation of visa and other penalties.

If you have any questions or concerns about the conditions, you should ask for more information from the Australian mission.

Conditions

You must NOT undertake employment or business activities while in Australia.

You must NOT undertake study of more than 3 months duration while in Australia.

If you intend to study for longer than 4 weeks, you may be asked by the Australian mission to provide a chest x-ray.

Some visas may not allow a further visa in Australia. You will be told if this applies to you when your application is decided. If so, it means that you cannot get a further visa for temporary stay or permanent residence in Australia.

There may be other conditions depending on the reasons for your visit. These conditions will be shown on your visa.





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PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach a recent passport photograph of yourself

AND

any children (aged 2 years or more) who are on your passport and will be travelling with you.

Please complete using BLOCK LETTERS

1 Do you currently hold an Australian visa? No Yes

Are you currently awaiting a decision on another Australian visa application? No Yes

WARNING: In general, a person can only hold one Australian visa at a time. If you are granted a visa while you already have another, the first visa will cease.

2 Class of visa you are applying for (select one only):
Visitor (short stay) - up to 3 months stay on each visit
Visitor (long stay) - more than 3 months stay on each visit

3 For what period do you wish to visit Australia?
From (DAY/MONTH/YEAR) to (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)
If you need a stay of more than 6 months, please attach a statement indicating the length of stay and your reasons for an extended visit.

4 Your full name - as in your passport
Family name / surname
Given names

5 Name in your own script or characters - if applicable

6 All other names you have been known by - such as maiden name, alias, previous married name or commonly used identification number

7 Sex Male Female

8 Marital status - select one box which best describes your current situation
Married Divorced
Engaged Widowed
Common law / de facto Never married
Separated but not divorced

9 Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

10 Nationality - as shown in your passport

11 Place of birth Town or city
Country

12 Country where you live

13 Your current address - where you can be contacted

Postal area code

14 Telephone numbers - where you can be contacted
Home or accommodation ()
Work ()

15 Number of people applying on this form
Only count yourself and any children who are on your passport and will be travelling with you.

16 Why do you want to visit Australia?
For **tourism** - holiday, sightseeing, recreational sport or study, visiting friends or relatives, etc.
Other reasons or special event (give details)

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17 Do you have any relatives, friends or contacts you will visit in Australia?

No Yes > Give details

Permanent resident of Australia? YES or NO

Name of person	Relationship	Address	Permanent resident of Australia? YES or NO

18 Are there any children in your passport who will be travelling with you?

No Yes > Give details of each child

Full name	Sex M or F	Date of birth (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	Country of birth

Note: A consent to travel statement must be provided where one or more custodial parents/guardians are not accompanying the dependent child.

19 Do you have a wife or husband, any children, or a fiancé, who will NOT be travelling with you to Australia?

No Yes > Where will they be while you are in Australia?

20 Have you applied for entry to Australia in the last 5 years? Types of entry include visitor, migration, student, temporary residence, transit.

No Yes > Give details of the 3 most recent applications

Month and year 19

Place of application

Type of entry applied for

Was it approved? No Yes

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Was it approved? No Yes

21 Have you been in Australia in the last 5 years?

No Yes > Give details of the 3 most recent visits or periods of residence

	Arrival (DAY / MONTH / YEAR)	Departure (DAY / MONTH / YEAR)
1		
2		
3		

22 Are you currently employed?

No Yes > Give details

Your current occupation

Name of the person or company who employs you

Address of employer

 Postcode

Employer's telephone number ()

How long have you been employed by this employer?

How much leave has been approved by your employer for the time you wish to visit Australia?

Has your employer agreed that you will still have a job when you return from Australia? No Yes

23 Are you a student?

No Yes > What are your school vacation dates during which you wish to visit Australia?

From (DAY/MONTH/YEAR) to (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)

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

No Yes > Give details

Name of the course

How many weeks is the course?

