



Application for a Business (Short Stay) visa (for a stay of up to 3 months)

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.

Who should use this form?

Genuine business visitors seeking short-term entry to Australia of up to 3 months for purposes such as: official visits, to attend meetings, conferences, business negotiations, exploratory visits, undertaking training or building inspections.

- If you want to apply for a Sponsored Business Visitor (Short Stay) visa you will need to complete form 1238, and your sponsor will need to complete form 1235.

Requirements

- Your personal attributes and business background should be relevant to the nature of your proposed business in Australia;
- There should be a demonstrated need for you to be in Australia for business purposes;
- You must have adequate funds for your personal support during your stay in Australia; and
- You must not undertake business-related employment or training activity that could have an adverse impact on the employment or training opportunities of Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents.

If you are coming to Australia for one of the following purposes you are required to complete a different application form:

a tourist, to work, a religious worker, an entertainer, a medical practitioner, for medical treatment, to attend primary or secondary school, to engage in a course leading to a degree, diploma, trade certificate or formal award.

Business (Short Stay)

This is an application for a single or multiple entry visa which provides for a stay of up to 3 months on each arrival. As the travel validity date can vary, you should check the travel validity date on your visa label or visa grant letter.

An application for a Business (Short Stay) visa can only be made outside Australia.

How to apply

Applications for a Business (Short Stay) visa can be made at an Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate using this form.

Service Delivery Partners (SDP) provide visa application services in some countries. For more detailed information and to check if an SDP is available in your country, check the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) website

www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas

Application checklist

With your application you must include:

- if you require a visa label affixed to your passport you must include your passport for processing. However, if you are being evidenced at an alternate immigration overseas mission or you are able to travel label free, please include a 'certified true' copy of your passport biodata and visaed pages with this application. The passport must be valid for at least the duration of your intended visit to Australia;
- your passport or copy of relevant pages as necessary;
- the Visa Application Charge, if applicable;
- you may authorise another person to receive all written communications about your application with the department. To do this, you will need to complete Part G *Options for receiving written communications* and form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*;
- details of how you want your passport returned. The department does **not** recommend return of passports by ordinary mail. Your passport can be returned by:
 - registered mail (please included a passport sized envelope with your address and sufficient postage for registered mail); or
 - ordinary mail (please included a passport sized envelope with your address and sufficient postage); or
 - courier (please check with the office where you wish to lodge your application regarding courier arrangements).

Additional documentation checklist

You should be aware that under the *Migration Act 1958*, decision-makers are not obliged to request additional information from the applicant before making a decision on a visa application. It is therefore recommended that you submit the following documentation with your application:

- evidence that there is a need for you to be in Australia for business purposes eg. a letter from your employer detailing the reasons for your visit and your proposed duties, a letter of invitation from the host organisation in Australia, an itinerary with contact details of the business parties **or** conference registration details;
- evidence that you have adequate funds for your personal support during your stay in Australia eg. bank statements, letter from your financial institution concerning your financial position **or** access to funds;
- evidence that your business background is relevant to the nature of your proposed business in Australia eg. evidence of educational qualifications, evidence of current employment position and your role during the visit, details of any previous contacts with Australian business people or organisations, documentation indicating that the company is an actively operating business (business registration certificate, annual report).

Visa Application Charge

There is a non-refundable application charge which should accompany most applications.

- Where required, the application cannot be processed until this charge has been received.
- The fee is not refundable if a visa is not granted

To check the Visa Application Charge (VAC), see form 990i *Charges* available from the Forms section of the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm or check with the nearest office of the department.

Method of payment

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods of payment.

Outside Australia

Before making a payment outside Australia, please check with the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application as to what methods of payment and currencies they can accept and to whom the payment should be made payable.

Residential address

You must provide the address of where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address in your application will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Health insurance

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

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 recommended 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.

Who can you include in this application?

You can include in this application any family members who will accompany you on your visits to Australia. Family members include spouse and unmarried dependent children.

Conditions

- You must answer all questions on this form honestly and completely. False or misleading information may lead to refusal or cancellation of your visa, or penalties while in Australia.
- Although your intended business activities may vary from one visit to another, condition 8112 (which is imposed on all 456 visas) prohibits the visa holder from undertaking any work in Australia that might otherwise be carried out by an Australian citizen or resident. Any work undertaken should be an emergency, very short-term, not ongoing and highly specialised. To check if any proposed work satisfies the requirements of condition 8112, you should contact the nearest office of the department.
- If you are granted a **Business (Short Stay)** visa, the **8503 – No Further Stay** condition may be applied after an assessment of your application. This condition means that the holder of the visa on which the condition is imposed will not, after entering Australia, be entitled to be granted any other visa¹, while the holder remains in Australia.

Options for receiving written communications

You may authorise another person to receive all communications, both written and electronic, about your application with the department. You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To do this you will need to complete Part G *Options for receiving written communications* and form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*. For an explanation of what a migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient can do please read the sections below.

To change or end the appointment of your migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient you must promptly advise the department in writing. You can do this by using form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*.

Authorised recipient information

An authorised recipient is someone you appoint to receive written communications about your application with the department.

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.

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

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.

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.

Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (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.

Exempt agents

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, child, adopted child, parent, brother or sister);
- a sponsor or nominator for this visa application;
- 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.

Further information on migration agents

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

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

About the information you give in this form

The department 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 will be used by the department for assessing your eligibility for a visa to travel, enter and remain in Australia and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act, for example, to assist migrants with settling in Australia, to monitor the conduct of migration agents, or for ensuring compliance with 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.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to Federal, State and Territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (by cancellation for breach of visa condition for example) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

The information provided on this form, including any information on your health, will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa and may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, State and Territory Health agencies and examining doctor(s).

Form 1163i *Health requirement for temporary entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. This form is available from offices of the department or from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in the form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from offices of the department or from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

The department has authority under the *Migration Act 1958* to collect a range of personal identifiers from non-citizens, including visa applicants, in certain circumstances. For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

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Consent to communicate electronically

The department 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 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.

Home page

www.immi.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



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1 Over what period do you wish to visit Australia?

From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

 to

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

2 Are you seeking to travel to Australia:

on one occasion

on multiple occasions Provide details

Part A – Your details

3 Give your details as shown in your passport

Family name

Given names

Other names you are, or have been, known by
(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

Name in your own language or script *(if applicable)*

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4 Sex Male Female

5 Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

If you are 70 years or over, you will be asked to undergo a health assessment and show that you have medical insurance to cover your intended stay in Australia. Please contact your nearest 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 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

7 Marital status

Married Separated Never married
 Engaged Divorced
 De facto Widowed

8 National Identity Number *(if applicable)*

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PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach 2 recent photographs of yourself AND each person included in your passport and travelling with you.

9 Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Date of expiry

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

10 Of which countries are you a citizen?

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11 Current occupation

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12 Your employment details

Are you: Employed Self-employed

Employer's/business name

Address

 POSTCODE

Telephone number (AREA CODE)

Position you hold

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

YEARS

MONTHS

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13 Your current residential address

Note: A post office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.

POSTCODE

14 Address for correspondence

(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

POSTCODE

15 Your contact numbers

Office hours (AREA CODE)

After hours or mobile/cell (AREA CODE)

16 Do you agree to the department communicating with you by fax, e-mail, or other electronic means?

No

Yes ► Give details

Fax number (AREA CODE)

E-mail address

Part B – Business activities

17 Describe your intended principal business activity in Australia

Australian business contact

Contact person

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Business name *(if applicable)*

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Telephone number (AREA CODE)

Address

POSTCODE

18 Will you be in paid employment in Australia?

No

Yes ► Provide details of your employment in Australia

Occupation

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Employer's name

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Contact person

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Telephone number (AREA CODE)

Part C – Health

19 In the last 5 years, have you, or has any member of your family unit included in this application, visited or lived outside your country of usual residence for more than 3 consecutive months?

No

Yes ► Give details

20 Do you, or does any member of your family unit included in this application intend entering an Australian hospital or healthcare facility (including nursing homes) for work, training, treatment or visiting?

No

Yes ► Please provide full details.

If insufficient space, attach an additional statement.

21 Do you intend to work in an Australian preschool-aged child care centre (including preschools and creches) as an employee or trainee?

No

Yes ► Please provide full details.

If insufficient space, attach an additional statement.

22 Have you, or has any member of your family unit included in this application:

- ever had, or currently have, tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a person who has, or has had, active tuberculosis?
- ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

No

Yes ► Please provide full details.

If insufficient space, attach an additional statement.

23 Do you intend to work as a doctor, dentist or nurse during your stay in Australia?

No

Yes

24 During your proposed stay in Australia, do you, or does any member of your family unit included in this application, have or expect to incur medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up for:

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blood disorders • cancer • heart disease • hepatitis B • HIV infection, including AIDS • kidney disease, including dialysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liver disease • mental illness • pregnancy • respiratory disease that has required hospital admission • any form of surgery • any other health concerns? |
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No

Yes ► Please provide full details.

If insufficient space, attach an additional statement.

25 Do you require assistance with mobility and/or care in Australia or overseas?

No

Yes ► Give details of the care/mobility concerns that apply to you and how they are addressed.

26 Do you intend performing medical/dental/nursing procedures (eg. as a practising/trainee doctor, dentist, nurse etc.) during your stay in Australia?

No

Yes ► Give details of medical/dental/nursing procedures you may be involved with in Australia.

Part D – Character

27 Have you, or has any member of your family unit included in this application, ever:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been convicted of a crime or offence in any country (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been charged with any offence that is currently awaiting legal action? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been acquitted of any criminal offence or other offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been removed or deported from any country (including Australia)? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • left any country to avoid being removed or deported? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been refused a visa for Australia or another country? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been excluded from or asked to leave any country (including Australia)? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • committed, or been involved in the commission of war crimes or crimes against humanity or human rights? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to Australian national security? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had any outstanding debts to the Australian Government or any public authority in Australia? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • been involved in any activity, or been convicted of any offence, relating to the illegal movement of people to any country (including Australia)? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • served in a military force or state sponsored/private militia, undergone any military/paramilitary training, or been trained in weapons/explosives use (however described)? | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of the above questions, provide all relevant details. *If insufficient space, attach an additional statement.*

Part E – Accompanying family members

Family member includes your spouse and unmarried dependent children.

- 28** Are there any family members who are to be included in this application (including those shown in your passport)?

No ► Go to Part F

Yes ► Give details of accompanying family members at Question 29

- 29** Give details of each family member who is included in this application (including those shown in your passport, if they are accompanying you).

Provide details as shown in the person's passport.

Each person must sign the form where indicated below. If the person is too young to sign, the parent or guardian may sign on their behalf.

By signing, they are making the same declaration as at Part H.

Accompanying family members

1. Family name

Given names

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR / / Male Female

Relationship to main applicant

Place of birth

Country(ies) of citizenship

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

Signature of this person

Date DAY MONTH YEAR / /

2. Family name

Given names

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR / / Male Female

Relationship to main applicant

Place of birth

Country(ies) of citizenship

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

Signature of this person

Date DAY MONTH YEAR / /

3. Family name

Given names

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR / / Male Female

Relationship to main applicant

Place of birth

Country(ies) of citizenship

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Date of expiry DAY MONTH YEAR / /

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as shown in your passport

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

Signature of this person

Date DAY MONTH YEAR / /

