



## Australian Government

### Department of Immigration and Citizenship

## BUSINESS VISITOR VISA INFORMATION (General Guide Only)

- All travellers to Australia must have a valid visa before boarding their plane; they cannot apply for a visa on arrival. (NB: The only exception is New Zealand and Norfolk Island passport holders who will be issued a visa on arrival in Australia and normally do not need to lodge a visa application prior to their departure, unless there are character or health concerns).
- Participants require either a Short Validity Business ETA or a Business (Short Stay) Visa (including those holding diplomatic passports).
- These visas are intended for visits of up to 3 months.

### Subclass 977 - Business (Short Validity) ETA (Electronic Travel Authority)

For passport holders from one of these countries:

Andorra	Iceland	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Italy	Singapore
Brunei	Japan	South Korea
Canada	Liechtenstein	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Finland	Malaysia	Switzerland
France	Malta	Taiwan *
Germany	Monaco	UK **
Greece	Netherlands	USA
Hong Kong (SAR)	Norway	Vatican City

\* Taiwan passport holders can be processed for an ETA only if resident in and applying in Taiwan.

\*\* UK (British National Overseas) passport holders can apply for an ETA only if resident in and applying in Hong Kong (SAR).

You can apply for an ETA:

- Available via the internet at [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au) (in most cases online visa processing takes 20 minutes with an internet service charge of AUD\$20.00)
- Also available through participating airlines & travel agents overseas (service charge may apply)
- No stamp or label in the passport

*Please note that, in some instances, ETA is not automatically granted and you may be referred to the nearest Australian visa office of your current place of residence.*

### Subclass 456 - Business (Short Stay) Visa

For participants not from an ETA country, you should apply for a subclass 456 visa:

- You are advised to **apply for a visa at least 4-6 weeks in advance** of your intended date of travel
- Complete application form 456
- Apply at an [Australian overseas visa office](#)
- Issued as a label into your passport

With the completed form 456, you must also include:

- Your valid passport (which must be valid for the duration of your visit)
- Visa Application Charge of AUD\$75.00 (free for European Union Member States)
- Details of how you want your passport returned enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope

You can obtain the form for the subclass 456 from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website:

[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf)

### Accompanying Children

Children under 18 years of age who are travelling on their own will need a Tourist Visa (subclass 676). All children must include a consent form signed by the non-accompanying parent/s or legal guardian/s if the child is travelling:

- alone
- with only one parent or legal guardian

You can obtain the consent form from:

[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1229.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1229.pdf)

All visa applicants must demonstrate that they meet all legislative requirements for a visa grant.

**Health Requirements:** Please be aware that you may be asked to undergo medical and/or x-ray examination  
[www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1163i.pdf](http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1163i.pdf)

### Bringing family members, guests and friends

- If you are from an ETA eligible country: apply for a visitor ETA (subclass 976) via the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au) or through participating airlines & travel agents overseas.
- If you are not from an ETA eligible country: spouse and unmarried dependent children may be included in the subclass 456 visa application. Guests and friends may apply for a Tourist Visa (subclass 676). You can obtain the form via the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website at [www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/apply-person.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/apply-person.htm).