

Visa Requirements to visit Australia

Australia is a very tourist-friendly country, and the visa requirements are much less stringent than other countries. In most countries, the Australian government does not require you to visit an Australian embassy and the application can be processed online.

There are three types of tourist visa, and which one is most suitable for you is dependent on your nationality.

1. Electronic Travel Authority Visa (subclass 601)

Applicable countries: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong (SAR of China), Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Portugal, Republic of San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan (excluding official or diplomatic passports), The Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vatican City

This visa allows you to visit Australia as many times as you want, for up to a year, and stay for three months each visit. There is a fee of AUD\$20 for application.

All ETA-eligible passport holders must apply for an ETA using the Australian ETA app. To apply, you should download the Australian ETA app from the Apple store

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/australianeta/id1527982364>

or the Google Play store (Android)

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.homeaffairs.eta&hl=en_AU&gl=US

A step-by-step guide on how to apply is provided here:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/supporting/files/australian-eta-app-industry-guidance.pdf>

2. eVisitor (subclass 651)

This visa is available to passport holders from a number of European countries, including all European Union countries.

Applicable countries: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican City

This is a free visa for multiple visits to Australia for tourism or business purposes for up to three months at a time within a 12-month period. This cannot be extended.

The visa is the same as the Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601) as mentioned above however it can be applied for online and is free.

You must be outside Australia when you apply. The Australian Government will let you know, in writing, when you have been granted you the subclass 651 visa. 90% of applications are processed within one day.

This visa class requires that have enough money to support yourself while you are in Australia and leave Australia at the end of your stay.

Applications can be made on the following link:

<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>

After you have applied, the Australian government will let you know when they have received your application. If you don't receive an email from them within 12 hours of applying, check your application status by logging back into the link above.

3. Visitor Visa Tourist Stream (subclass 600)

The Visitor visa allows you to visit Australia, either for tourism or business purposes. **It is open to all other nationalities** not listed above.

Generally, a period of stay of up to three months is granted. The cost is AUD\$195 and it must be applied for outside of Australia. 90% of these types of visas are processed within 25 days of receipt of application.

You will need to provide the pages of your current passport showing your photo, personal details and passport issue and expiry dates. You should also provide a national identity card, if you have one. You will need English translations of any documents submitted.

You may be asked to provide proof you have enough money for your stay and to leave Australia, such as itemised personal bank statements for a 3-month period, pay slips, term deposits, credit card statements. You must also have a return flight booked and paid for.

Sometimes a request is made for a letter of support for your application. In this case the IBSA would be able to provide a formal Invitation To Compete letter for the World Tour Finals.

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The Australian government will let you know their decision on your visa application in writing. They will tell you:

- your visa grant number
- the date your visa starts
- your visa conditions

Keep a copy of their decision with you when in Australia.