



THIS INFORMATION FORM tells you about applications for further stay in Australia, if you are:

- a visitor in Australia and wish to remain as a visitor for a further period; or
- a student or a temporary resident (including a working holidaymaker) and wish to remain in Australia as a visitor for a further period.

Australia welcomes visitors. Under certain circumstances a visitor, student, working holidaymaker or temporary resident in Australia may be granted a further temporary stay in Australia as a visitor. Each application is considered on its merits.

Is the grant of a further stay as a visitor permitted...

...if I am a visitor?

To be granted a further stay as a visitor you must:

- have complied with conditions attached to your current visitor visa; and
- be able to meet the criteria for a further visitor visa; or have compelling personal reasons for seeking to extend your stay; and
- you must be of good health and character.

If the total period of stay exceeds 12 months there must be exceptional circumstances for seeking to extend your stay.

There may be conditions attached to your current visa which prevent the grant of a further visa in Australia. You will have been advised of these conditions at the time the visa was granted.

...if I am an overseas student or temporary resident?

To be granted a further stay as a visitor you must:

- have complied with the conditions of your student or temporary resident visa; and
- be able to meet the criteria for a visitor visa.

...if I am a working holidaymaker?

To be granted a further stay as a visitor you must:

- have exceptional reasons for seeking to extend your stay as a visitor;
- have complied with the conditions of your working holiday visa; and
- be able to meet the criteria for a visitor visa.

What visa do I apply for?

There are 2 visitor visa classes:

(A) Tourist visa, class TR, subclass 676

This visa can be applied from outside Australia (offshore) or in Australia.

Visa validity

A tourist visa allows a stay of up to 12 months. A stay beyond 12 months is **ONLY** granted where 'exceptional' circumstances exist.

It may be granted for a single entry or multiple entries within a specified period.

Generally a Tourist visa (subclass 676) allows a stay in Australia of 3 months or 6 months and is valid for multiple visits within 12 months from the date of grant.

It should be noted, however, under Australia's migration regulations, decision-makers may grant a tourist visa permitting the visa holder to travel to and to remain in Australia for a specified period that they see as appropriate. In some circumstances the stay period granted may be less than the stay period requested by the applicant.

For more detailed information check the *Visiting Australia* website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/visit.htm

(B) Medical treatment

This class is for medical treatment, either elective or emergency. Any person accompanying you must also apply for a medical treatment visa. This class includes the following subclasses:

- 675 Medical treatment (short stay) – for stay of 3 months or less.
- 685 Medical treatment (long stay) – for stay of more than 3 months.

How do I apply for a visitor visa?

- Applications for a further stay in Australia as a tourist may be made via the internet or at an office of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (the department) or by mail depending on the length of the total stay period.
- An application for a total stay of up to 6 months from the date the applicant last entered Australia on an Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor) or a Tourist visa (subclass 676) can be made over the internet. Further information is available on the department's website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/visit.htm
- An application for a total stay of more than 6 months can be made at an office of the department. To apply you complete a form 601 *Application for further stay as a visitor* and either mail it with your passport to an office of the department in Australia or present the form with your passport to a counter officer at the department. Forms are available upon request from any office of the department in Australia.

For more details on visa lodgement options check the *Visiting Australia* website at www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/visit.htm

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Processing fee: A fee is payable by each passport holder for the application for a further visa. The payment of this fee does not guarantee that your application will be approved. It is an administrative cost only and is not refundable. For further information, see form 990i *Charges*.

Each passport holder must lodge a separate application and fee. Children included in a passport are covered by the application of the passport holder.

What conditions apply?

A visitor visa in Australia is granted on condition that you must not undertake employment during your period of stay as a visitor, unless you have been granted permission by the visa officer.

The visa is also granted on the basis that you are not completing a course of study or undertaking a new course.

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

A breach of these conditions can lead to your visa being cancelled.

Do I need 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.

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.

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 B (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.

Authorisation of a person to only receive written communications

You may authorise another person to only receive all written communications about your application with the department. That person will be known as your authorised recipient. To do this you will need to complete the sections of the form with the heading *Options for receiving written communications* and *Authorised recipient details* in this form. The authorised recipient will need to sign at the section *Authorised recipient consent*. You can only appoint one authorised recipient at any time. The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient.

The department is required under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) to send your authorised recipient any written communications relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. The department will only send your authorised recipient information which you are entitled to receive. For example, if you are a visa applicant and have a sponsor, your authorised recipient will not receive personal information about your sponsor, unless your sponsor also appointed the same authorised recipient.

If you decide to change your nominated authorised recipient, after you have lodged this application, you must promptly advise the department in writing. You may use form 1231 *Appointment of authorised recipient* for this purpose **OR** form 922 *Notification of address or change of address for Business skills visa holders*, if you are a Business visa holder.

Authorisation of a migration agent to act on your behalf

If you have a migration agent acting on your behalf in relation to your application, you need to complete the sections of the form with the heading *Options for receiving written communications* and *Agent details*. The migration agent will need to sign at the section *Agent consent*.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising the department to:

- discuss your application with the agent and seek further information from them; and
- send your agent written communications about your application that would otherwise have been sent to you.

Note: Your migration agent will be your authorised recipient for written communication under section 494D of the Act and you will be taken to have received any documents sent to them.

If you change your migration agent or end his/her appointment, after you have lodged this application, you must promptly advise the department in writing, preferably by using form 956 *Appointment of migration agent*, which is available on the department's website or from your migration agent.

The department will communicate with your agent about your application, including your personal information such as health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. If your agent authorises it, this communication may take place by e-mail or fax.

The department will only send to your agent information which you are entitled to receive. For example, if you are a visa applicant and have a sponsor, your agent will not receive personal information about your sponsor, unless your sponsor has also appointed the same agent.

In some situations, the department's staff will need to speak with you directly, rather than your migration agent - for example, if you are applying for a visa the department may interview you. In some situations, the department's staff will also send documents to you directly (eg. passport) instead of to your agent, but it will inform your agent that it has done so.

If you have appointed a migration agent to act for you, you are still responsible for the accuracy of information and supporting documentation that you give to your agent so that your agent can provide it to the department.

When you provide the details of your migration agent please make sure you include their 7-digit:

- migration agent registration number (if they are a registered migration agent); or
- offshore agent ID number (if they have been allocated one by the department).

Note: Agents who operate overseas do not need to be registered. They may however, have been allocated an ID number by the department.

Using a migration agent

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 in the lawful best interests of their clients and act professionally.

A list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website: www.themara.com.au

You can contact the MARA at:

E-mail: themara@themara.com.au

PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230
AUSTRALIA

Telephone: 61 2 9299 5446

Fax: 61 2 9299 8448

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 should contact the MARA. A copy of the complaint form is available from the MARA website.

Restrictions on giving immigration assistance

In Australia, anyone (including a lawyer) who uses knowledge of migration procedure to offer immigration assistance to a visa or cancellation review applicant, sponsor or nominator, must be registered, unless exempted from registration requirements by law. There are serious criminal penalties under Part 3 of the Act for breaching the law – including possible imprisonment if the unregistered person asks for, or receives, a fee or reward for their services.

Using an agent exempted from registration

Certain people, such as officials, parliamentarians, diplomats, close family members (ie. only your spouse, child, adopted child, parent, brother or sister), sponsors and nominators, are able to provide you with immigration assistance as long as they do not ask for or receive a fee or reward. If you wish to appoint an 'exempted agent', you must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent* and attach it to this application form.

Applications for multiple visas

If you are a dependant applicant (eg. the spouse of a primary applicant) and you wish to appoint a different migration agent to the primary applicant, you must fill out a separate form 956 *Appointment of migration agent*, or advise the department in writing. Otherwise, the agent appointed by the principal applicant will have the authority to act for all persons included in the application.

Notification of giving immigration assistance

Under section 312A of the Act, a registered agent has a duty to notify the department when lodging an application on behalf of a client, or within 28 days of commencing to act on behalf of a visa applicant. This notification can be done, by completing, and your agent signing, the relevant sections of this application form.

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 Commonwealth 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

DIMIA enquiry line

Telephone **131 881** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This number is available only in Australia. If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.