



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 normally be issued a visa on arrival in Australia, unless there are character or health concerns, see: <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/fact-sheets/17nz.htm>).
- Participants (including diplomatic passport holders) require an eVisitor, Business (Short Validity) ETA or a Business (Short Stay) visa to come to Australia for business-related purposes.
- We strongly advise all participants to apply for a visa at least 6-8 weeks in advance of their intended date of travel.

Subclass 651 – eVisitor (available from 27 October 2008)

For passport holders from one of these EU and European ETA eligible countries who have an email address to communicate electronically with the Department:

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

You can apply online, free of charge, at: <http://www.immi.gov.au>

Subclass 977 – Business (Short Validity) ETA (Electronic Travel Authority)

For passport holders from one of these *ETA-eligible countries*:

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| 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 passport holders resident and applying in Taipei* |
| Germany | Monaco | UK - British Citizen |
| Greece | Netherlands | USA* |
| Hong Kong (SAR)* | Norway | Vatican City |

You can apply at participating airlines, travel agents or an Australian visa office overseas: <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm>

* You can apply online at: <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/>. A service charge of AUD\$20 applies.

NB: In some cases, applicants applying for online visas are referred to an Australian visa office for additional processing.

These visas are label-free and provide for a stay of up to 3 months in Australia within a 12 month period.

Subclass 456 – Business (Short Stay) Visa

For passport holders not from one of the above EU or ETA-eligible countries, you can apply as follows:

- on Form 456 *Application for a Business (Short Stay) visa*: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf>
- at an Australia visa office overseas: <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm>
- with your visa application charge of AUD\$100.00
- with the relevant documentation: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/pdf/456-checklist.pdf>

NB: There may be other ways in which to apply for this visa, please see: <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/456/how-to-apply.htm>

Participants must meet character requirements and may be asked to undergo medical and x-ray examinations, please see:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/character-requirements/index.htm> and <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/health-requirements/index.htm>

Bringing family members

- A separate eVisitor or ETA application is required for each family member who holds a passport from an EU or ETA-eligible country and wishes to travel with you to Australia, including children under the age of 18 who are included on your passport.
- A Business (Short Stay) visa application can include family members wishing to travel with you to Australia (eg spouse and unmarried dependent children).