



**Australian Government**

**Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs**

**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 do not need to lodge a visa application prior to their departure
- 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
- The appropriate visa must be obtained prior to arrival in Australia

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

For participants 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
- No need to go to an Australian overseas visa office

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

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

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

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\$70.00
- Details of how you want your passport returned enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope
- Complete Part G of the form if you are authorising another person to act and receive communication on your behalf

You can obtain the form for the subclass 456 from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' 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 will need a Tourist Visa (subclass 676). You 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)

**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 Multicultural Affairs' website [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au) or through participating airlines & travels agents overseas.
- If you are not from an ETA eligible country: apply for a Tourist Visa (subclass 676). You can obtain the form via the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' website at [www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/apply-person.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/apply-person.htm).