



**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:

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*:

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>

**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).