



Travel Information

Visa Application Guidelines

The Electronic Travel Authority visa (ETA) is the quickest and advanced procedure to apply for entry. The Australian ETA is an electronically stored authority for short-term tourist visits or for business purposes; applications are usually processed instantly but can take within 2-3 days.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:

www.casinoaffiliateprograms.com/events/downunder

To apply for an ETA visa you must hold a passport from one of the following countries:

Andorra	Hong Kong	Luxembourg	Malaysia	USA
Austria	Iceland	Malta		Vatican City State
Belgium	Ireland	Monaco		
Brunei	Italy	Norway		
Canada	Japan	Portugal, Singapore		
Denmark	Korea	Spain		
Finland	Rep. of (South)	Sweden		
France	Liechtenstein	Switzerland		
Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom (excluding British Overseas Nationals)		
Greece				

FAQ

What do I need to make an application?

All you will need is your passport and credit card details. Click on any of the website links below to start the process.

Migration Expert

http://www.migrationexpert.com/australia/member/visitor_application.asp?fid=100036&utm_id=56&utm_term=Australian%20Eta&gclid=CLfkhNT-IJYCFQ6S1QodeyjVDw

Visa Bureau

http://www.visabureau.com/australia/eta.aspx?s_cid=20143973&gclid=CITM-N7-IJYCFQWR1Qoda2rxEg

Instant Travel Visa

<http://www.instanttravelvisa.co.uk/?gclid=COrgyPj-IJYCFQyN1QodFkLHEA>

Do I need a ticket before I apply for an ETA?

No. You do not need to arrange your flight to

Australia before applying for an ETA.

How does the airline know I have a visa to travel to Australia?

Airlines have access to the ETA database through their reservation systems. They will make an enquiry to determine your visa status when you check in for your flight.

What can I do if I am not eligible to apply for an ETA?

If you do not hold a passport that can be used to apply for an ETA then you will need to obtain an ETA at your travel agent, an airline office or at an Australian visa office. A full list of Australian visa offices can be found on the Department of immigration and citizenship or by clicking on the link below. <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

What happens when applications are not approved?

In these cases, you should finalise your application through the nearest Australian visa office. The locations and ETA contact procedures of these offices can be found on <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

I hold a UK British National (Overseas) (GBN) passport but cannot find my nationality on the options list?

Unfortunately, ETAs for holders of UK British National (Overseas) (GBN) passports are not available on the Internet at this stage. You will be able to apply for an ETA through the nearest Australian visa office. Your travel agent or airline office may also be able to arrange an ETA for you.

How long can I stay in Australia?

The ETA will allow you to stay in Australia for a maximum of three months on each visit.

What conditions apply to my ETA ?

The conditions applying to ETAs are:

Business meetings, or

A convention or conference.

You will not work in Australia.

You will not stay in Australia for more than three months.

You are in good health (including free from tuberculosis).

You have no criminal convictions.

You use the ETA within twelve months, or before the expiry date of your current passport (whichever comes first).

You should note that you must not overstay your visit to Australia, that is, you must depart Australia before your authorised stay period expires. If you do not, Australian law requires that you be detained and/or removed from Australia. Overstaying may also affect your ability to acquire another Australian visa, including an ETA, in the future. Where exceptional circumstances arise while you are in Australia, on an ETA, that require you to stay longer than three months, you must obtain another visa from an Australian visa office in Australia before the end of the three month visit period.

My children are included on their mother's passport.

How do I arrange ETAs for them?

Each child will need an ETA. You need to enter the passport details exactly as for the parent, replacing the name, date of birth, sex and country of birth with the children's details as they appear in the passport.



Facts for the Travelers

At a Glance

Few could deny the spectacular beauty of Sydney Harbour. Its rocky ridges and dozens of bays and coves have long been praised by visitors and residents. It was in this setting that the European settlement grew into the city we know today.

Sydney is a cosmopolitan city. From its beginning, it has been a home to people from all over the world. Many generations and cultures have left their mark in defining Sydney's evolution into one of the world's most diverse and exciting social centres, as well as a key player in the Asia-Pacific region.

Language

English

Population

5 million

Time Zone

GMT +11 hours (for the duration of CAP Down Under)

Measures

Metric System

Voltage

200/240 volts

Mobile Phones

GSM 900/1800/CDMA 800

Visas

All visitors to Australia require a visa-only New Zealand nationals are exempt. Visa application forms are available from Australian embassies, travel agents or the website of the Department of Immigration & Multicultural & Indigenous Affairs. Please note that there are several different types of visas. Be sure to arrange for the one most relevant to your travel status and plans. Visa Requirements from the Department of Immigration & Multicultural & Indigenous Affairs

Currency

The unit of money is the Australian Dollar (AU), made up of 100 cents. Credit cards are accepted in major hotels as well as shopping malls. 24-hour automated teller machines (ATMs) are widely available.

Taxes

A 10% Goods and Services Tax applies to most purchases. This tax is refundable to visitors with purchases in excess of \$300 per store made within 30 days before departing Australia and applies only to goods visitors take with them as hand luggage. Please note, however, that all prices in Sydney are inclusive of the GST tax. So, if you see an item with a sale price of \$50, you pay \$50, not \$55. Please call 1300 363 263 or visit www.customs.gov.au for further information.

Tipping

Tipping is not compulsory however it is acceptable to apply a gratuity for good service.

Bank Hours

9.30am to 4pm, Mon-Thur

9.30am to 5pm on Fridays

Some, but not all, banks are open 10am to 12pm on Sat

Office Hours

9am to 5.30pm, Mon through Fri

Shop Hours

9am to 5.30pm, Mon-Wed and Friday

9am to 9pm, Thur

9am to 5pm, Sat and Sun

Public Health

Health care in Australia follows Western traditions with advanced medical resources widely available. We do recommend, however, that all travellers be in good health prior to undertaking any strenuous travel.

Drinking water from the tap is safe throughout Australia. Bottled drinking water is also available in every hotel room.

Dress

Australia is known to be casual in its approach to living, although light suits and dresses are appropriate for business. However, the dress code for clubs is a bit more strict than other places - men are usually required to wear dress shoes and a collared shirt. Thongs and flip flops are generally not allowed for men or for women.

Weather

Sydney has an oceanic climate with warm summers and mild winters, and with rainfall spread evenly throughout the year. Expect temperatures ranging from 18C to 30C (65F - 86F) during the warmer months (Oct - Mar), and between 12C and 25C (50F - 63F) during the cooler months (Apr - Sep). However, like most other places around the world, Australia's weather can surprise you, so check the weather reports before you leave and try to pack accordingly! Also bear in mind that Australia is much more humid than most places in Europe and North America.

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