

Visa Information for Travel to Australia

Do I require a visa?

ALL visitors to Australia must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia – except for New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements.

Visa options

If you are planning to visit Australia for a business event such as a conference, meeting or seminar, you need to apply for a business visitor visa. The passport, which you hold, determines whether you can apply online, or if you need to lodge a paper-based application. The following information will help you identify the right visa and application process applicable to you.

[1] eVisitor – Online Applications

See: www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/evisitor.htm

European Union (EU) passport holders, and some other European passport holders, are eligible to apply individually online for an eVisitor visa to travel to and enter Australia. For a conference event, the most appropriate visa is the eVisitor (Business stream) visa. Applications for eVisitor visas are free. Passport holders from the following countries can apply for an eVisitor visa online.

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

A separate online eVisitor (Tourist stream) application is required for each family member who holds a passport from an eligible country and wishes to travel with you to Australia, including children under the age of 18 who are included on your passport.

See: www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/evisitor.htm

[2] Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) – Online Applications

See: www.eta.immi.gov.au/

Passport holders from a number of countries are eligible to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to travel to and enter Australia. For a conference event, the most appropriate ETA is the ETA (Business Entrant) (Subclass 977). There is no visa application charge for ETA applications lodged online but a service fee of AUD20 is charged for use of the ETA website. Passport holders from the following countries can apply for an ETA online.

Brunei	Malaysia
Canada	Singapore
Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region) *	South Korea
Japan	United States of America

* A Hong Kong Document of Identity (HKDI) cannot be used to apply for an ETA. Residents of Hong Kong require a citizen passport to apply for this visa.

Further information on the business ETA can be found on the website.

See: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/956-977/

Each family member who holds a passport from an ETA eligible country and wants to travel with you to Australia must apply for their own ETA. This includes children under the age of 18 who are included on your passport. The most appropriate ETA for accompanying family members is the ETA (Visitor) (Subclass 976). Further information on the visitor ETA can be found on the website: www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/976/

See: www.eta.immi.gov.au/

[3] Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) – Via Travel Agent, Airline or Australian Visa Office

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Taiwan*
United Kingdom - British National (Overseas)

* Holders of Taiwan passports in Taiwan can apply through an approved ETA travel agent in Taiwan. Holders of Taiwan passports outside Taiwan should approach their closest Australian visa office.

We strongly encourage you to begin the application process in January 2013.

[4] Business (Short Stay) visa (Subclass 456) — Paper-based applications

All other passport holders, not listed above, need to submit a paper-based application for a Business (Short Stay) visa (Subclass 456).

For Form 456 Application for a Business (Short Stay) visa.

See: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf

To obtain the application document checklist for a Business (Short Stay) visa (subclass 456):

See: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/_pdf/456-checklist.pdf

To find the nearest Australian visa office to your current place of residence.

See: www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm

More information on this visa is available on the website.

See: www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/456/

This visa application can also include family members wanting to travel with you to Australia such as spouse and dependent children.

We strongly encourage you to begin the application process in January 2013.

If you require a letter for your visa application:

In some cases, it will be necessary for you to obtain a letter from us stating that you will be attending the ICDE conference. The process for requesting a visa letter is as follows:

1. Register for the conference.
2. Send us your request for a visa letter via email to reg@icde2013.org . Please include the following information:
 - Full name as it appears in your passport: Last name, First and middle names
 - Gender
 - Email address
 - Telephone number
 - Detailed postal address
 - Country of Passport; Passport Number; Passport Expiry Date
 - Current country of residence
 - Date of Birth
 - Are you an IEEE member? If yes, IEEE member number.
 - Will you be presenting at the conference? If so, the paper or session you will be presenting.
 - Proposed visit dates to Australia
3. We will email the letter as a PDF as well as put the visa letter in the mail usually within 5 business days.

We are only able to generate visa letters for paid attendees and organizing committee members, so it is important that you [register](#) for the conference before requesting a visa letter. If you have any questions, please contact reg@icde2013.org .