

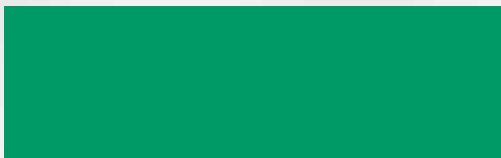
ETAS

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORITY

**Information for
ETA Holders**



A U S T R A L I A



What is an ETA?

The Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) is an electronically stored authority to travel to Australia for a short stay.

- **It removes the need for a visa label or stamp in a passport.**

If you are granted an ETA, you will not have any evidence placed in your passport. The record of your authority to travel is stored electronically on a computer system operated by Australian Immigration. Airlines and travel agents have access to this system to confirm that you can enter Australia.

- **It is available through participating airlines and travel agents.**

You may arrange your visit to Australia and apply for an ETA at the same time, simply by asking the agent for an ETA.

Alternatively, you can apply for ETA (Visitor) and ETA (Business Entrant – Short Validity) online at

www.immi.gov.au

- **ETAs can normally be obtained in a matter of seconds.**

You are advised to apply for your ETA at least 2 weeks before your proposed date of travel.

What types of ETAs are there?

There are 3 different types of ETAs that you can apply for:

- **ETA (Visitor) (subclass 976);**
- **ETA (Business Entrant – Short Validity) (subclass 977);**
or
- **ETA (Business Entrant – Long Validity) (subclass 956).**

ETA (Visitor)

This ETA is designed for people who are outside Australia and want to visit Australia for holidays, tourism, recreation, and informal studies or training.

ETA (Business Entrant)

These ETAs are designed for business people who are outside Australia and want to visit Australia for short-term business purposes, including:

- attending educational or business related meetings, seminars, conventions, conferences, or networking;
- informal studies or training.

Short-term work is only permitted in strictly limited circumstances.

What do I need to know about ETAs?

If you hold an ETA, you:

- must not engage in any studies or training for more than 3 months;
- may be required to pass a chest x-ray examination if you are at least 11 years of age and you intend to study in a class-room environment for a period greater than 4 weeks;
- must be free from tuberculosis at the time of travel to, and entry into, Australia;
- must not have any criminal convictions, for which the sentence or sentences (whether served or not) are for a total period of 12 months duration or more, at the time of travel to, and entry into, Australia;
- must comply with any work condition on your ETA (see below).

Note: You may not be permitted to enter Australia unless you are in good health and have no criminal convictions.

Can I work on an ETA?

If you hold an ETA (Visitor):

- you must not work while in Australia.

If you hold an ETA (Business Entrant):

- you must not engage in work in Australia that might otherwise be carried out by an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.

Work is generally not allowed, however, you may be allowed to engage in limited work if for example it is highly specialised and non ongoing.

Generally, people seeking paid employment in Australia should apply for the Business (Long Stay) visa (subclass 457), or other appropriate class of visa.

How long is my ETA valid for?

- You are only allowed to stay in Australia for a maximum of 3 months on each arrival.
- If you hold an ETA (Visitor) or an ETA (Business Entrant – Short Validity), your ETA will generally be valid for multiple visits to Australia for 12 months from the date of issue.
- If you hold an ETA (Business Entrant – Long Validity), your ETA will generally be valid for multiple visits to Australia for the life of your passport.

Further Information

For further information, contact your nearest Australian visa office or www.immi.gov.au