



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Application for a student visa with permission to work

Form

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Life in Australia – Australian values

The Australian Government encourages people to gain an understanding of Australia, its people and their way of life, before applying for a visa to live in Australia. As part of this application every person aged 18 years or over must declare that they will respect Australian values, as outlined below and obey the laws of Australia.

Australian values include respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, freedom of religion, commitment to the rule of law, Parliamentary democracy, equality of men and women and a spirit of egalitarianism that embraces mutual respect, tolerance, fair play and compassion for those in need and pursuit of the public good.

Australian society also values equality of opportunity for individuals, regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.

It is also important to understand that English is the national language.

Further information is contained in the *Life in Australia* booklet, however, you are not required to read the booklet. The booklet is available in a wide range of languages. If you would like a copy of the booklet it can be obtained from www.immi.gov.au

About this form

Important – Please read this information carefully before you complete your application. Once you have completed your application we strongly advise that you keep a copy for your records.

Integrity of application

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the visa and citizenship programs. Please be aware that if you provide us with fraudulent documents or claims, this may result in processing delays and possibly your application being refused.

Applying online

The department offers a number of convenient internet services for student visa applicants. **From April 2008, all eligible student subclass 570–576 visa holders will include permission to work as part of the initial student visa grant.** If you currently hold a student visa that is subject to condition 8101 and wish to apply for permission to work, use this form or apply online www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/students

If you are not eligible to apply online, complete this form in ENGLISH in BLOCK LETTERS.

You can only apply using this form if you are in Australia.

In order to complete this form you must first read these notes and information form 1160i *Applying for a student visa*, which is available from the department's website

www.immi.gov.au/allforms/

To help you lodge your application and communicate with the department while your application is being processed you should read the information for 1025i *Making and processing visa applications*, which is available from the department's website.

The application may be decided solely on the basis of information provided in this application. If you need more space to answer any question, write the details on a separate sheet, sign it and attach it to the application form. You must provide documentary support for your application and submit these documents when you lodge your application. Failure to provide all documentation may result in your application being refused. A decision on your application will be made on the basis of all the information you provide, your circumstances and the legal requirements which apply. If your circumstances change in any way after you make the application you must inform us of the new circumstances.

If you are currently the holder of a student subclass 570–576 visa and your application for permission to work is successful, you will be granted a new visa in the same subclass as the visa you currently hold. If you are currently the holder of a student subclass 560, 562 or 563 visa and your application for permission to work is successful, you will be granted a visa in the subclass that is appropriate to the education sector in which the principal visa holder is studying.

If your application for permission to work is not successful, but you nevertheless continue to meet the requirements for a student visa, then:

- if you currently hold a 570–576 visa you will be granted a new student visa of the same subclass to continue studying at your existing education provider;
- if you currently hold a 560, 562 or 563 visa you will be granted a new visa in the subclass that is appropriate to the education sector in which the principal visa holder is studying.

If your application for permission to work is not successful and you do not continue to meet the requirements for grant of a student visa, then your application may be refused.

Applicants who provide false or misleading information may either have their applications refused, or their permission to remain in Australia cancelled.

Visa conditions

You must comply with all of your visa conditions. Your conditions are outlined in information form 1160i *Applying for a student visa* which is available from the department's website.

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Residential address

You must tell the department the address of where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Evidence of commencement of study

To be granted a student visa with permission to work you **must** include satisfactory evidence from your education provider which demonstrates that you have commenced your course of study. Generally, the completed declaration by your education provider (below) will be sufficient evidence that you have commenced your course. If your education provider is unable to assist you with the declaration, please discuss this matter by calling 131 881, or visiting an office of the department, before lodging your application. Permission to work cannot be granted unless the decision maker is satisfied that you have commenced studies.

Note: AUSAID and Defence students must also have the support of their sponsoring agency to be granted permission to work.

Visa Application Charge

Your completed application form (together with the correct Visa Application Charge) should be lodged at an office of the department in Australia.

Payment must accompany your application and is generally not refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

Fees may be subject to adjustment at any time. Visa Application Charges may be subject to adjustment on 1 July each year. This may increase the cost of a visa.

To check the Visa Application Charge, see form 990i *Charges* available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm or check with the nearest office of the department.

Method of payment

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods of payment.

Visa validity

If you are granted a new student visa on the basis of this application, your new visa can only allow the same period of stay in Australia as the student visa which it replaces. If you already hold a student visa and wish to apply for further stay in Australia as a student you must apply on form 157A *Application for a student visa*.

Options for receiving written communications

You may authorise another person to receive all communications, both written and electronic, about your application with the department. You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

To do this you will need to complete Question 21 *Options for receiving written communications* and form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*. For an explanation of what a migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient can do please read the sections below.

To change or end the appointment of your migration agent or exempt agent or authorised recipient you must promptly advise the department in writing. You can do this by using form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient*.

Authorised recipient information

An authorised recipient is someone you appoint to receive written communications about your application with the department.

All written communication about your application will be sent to your authorised recipient, unless you indicate that you wish to have health and/or character information sent directly to you.

The department will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient as you may only appoint one authorised recipient at any time for a particular application.

Migration agent information

A migration agent is someone who can:

- advise you on the visa that may best suit you;
- tell you the documents you need to submit with your application;
- help you fill in the application and submit it; and
- communicate with the department on your behalf.

If you appoint a migration agent, the department will assume that your migration agent will be your authorised recipient, unless you indicate otherwise.

Your migration agent will be the person with whom the department will discuss your application and from whom it will seek further information when required.

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act professionally in their clients' lawful best interests.

Immigration assistance

A person gives immigration assistance to you if he or she uses, or claims to use, his or her knowledge or experience in migration procedure to assist you with your visa application, request for ministerial intervention, cancellation review application, sponsorship or nomination.

In Australia a person may only lawfully give immigration assistance if he or she is a registered migration agent or is exempt from being registered. Only registered migration agents may receive a fee or reward for providing immigration assistance.

If an unregistered person in Australia, who is not exempt from registration, gives you immigration assistance they are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted.

Migration agents in Australia

Migration agents in Australia must be registered with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) unless they are exempt from registration.

Migration agents outside Australia

Migration agents who operate outside Australia do not have to be registered. The department may give some overseas agents an ID number. This number does not mean that they are registered.

Note: Some Australian registered migration agents operate overseas.

Exempt agents

The following people do not have to be a registered migration agent in order to provide immigration assistance, but they must not charge a fee for their service:

- a close family member (spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, brother or sister);
- a sponsor or nominator for this visa application;
- a member of parliament or their staff;
- an official whose duties include providing immigration assistance (eg. a Legal Aid provider);
- a member of a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organisation.

Further information on migration agents

Information on migration agents, including a list of registered migration agents, is available on the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

You can also access information about migration agents on the department's website www.immi.gov.au

Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. If you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Australian Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958*. The information collected will be used for assessing your eligibility for a student visa.

The information collected might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, superannuation, review of decisions and registration of migration agents.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to federal, state and territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (for example, by cancellation for breach of visa condition) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia. In addition, the relevant education provider(s) may be told whether or not your visa has been granted.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by the department of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information* gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed. This form is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/, from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

The department is authorised under the *Migration Act 1958*, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies who may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of other countries. These exchanges include the sharing of personal identifiers, including a facial image and fingerprint data collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographic data and immigration history to the other agency. The purpose of such disclosure would be to determine if you are presenting to the department and the other agency under the same identity and making similar claims.

For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Review rights

Only the decision to refuse to grant a visa is reviewable.

Home page www.immi.gov.au

General enquiry line Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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About your family

14 How many people are included in this application?

15 Give details of all members of your family unit who are included in this application. Members of the family unit may include your spouse or de facto partner and any dependent children of you or your spouse or de facto partner who are unmarried and have not yet turned 18 years of age.
(If more than one family member, please attach a separate sheet)

Name

Relationship

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

Give the visa label number of last Australian visa granted.

Visa label number V <

If granted a visa without a label, please provide the 13-digit visa grant number, as shown on the letter notifying you of the grant of the visa.

Visa grant number

16 Have you attached evidence that the student has commenced their course?

No The education provider must complete the details in the box below

Yes

Education provider details

to be completed by an authorised education provider officer

Name of education provider

Transaction Reference Number (TRN)

eCoE code or

Provider CRICOS code* *provide CRICOS codes only if

Course CRICOS code* CoE code is unavailable

Course start date DAY MONTH YEAR

Course finish date

The following declaration must be signed and dated by an authorised education provider officer

I confirm that the student named on this form has commenced their course.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date DAY MONTH YEAR

Stamp

(for verification purposes education providers should use their official stamp on this form)

Assistance with this form

17 Did you receive assistance in completing this form?

No Go to Question 21

Yes Please give details of the person who assisted you

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Address

 POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
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Mobile/cell

18 Is the person an agent registered with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)?

No

Yes Go to Question 21

19 Is the person/agent in Australia?

No Go to Question 21

Yes

20 Did you pay the person/agent and/or give a gift for this assistance?

No

Yes

Options for receiving written communications

21 All written communications about this application should be sent to:
(Tick one box only)

Myself All written communications will be sent to the address for communications that you have provided in this form.

OR

Authorised recipient You must complete form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent or exempt agent or other authorised recipient* and attach it to this application form. Form 956 is available from the department's website

OR

Migration agent **OR**

Agent exempt from registration

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