

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DILI

IMMIGRATION OFFICE

Medical Treatment Visa Application Checklist

- **THIS VISA IS FOR ALL PERSONS WISHING TO UNDERGO MEDICAL TREATMENT IN AUSTRALIA, AND THOSE WHOSE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR TRAVEL IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR SUCH PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA**
- **EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES, YOU SHOULD APPLY AT LEAST 3 WEEKS AND NOT LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE YOU INTEND TO TRAVEL**
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PROVIDE ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW WHEN YOU LODGE YOUR MEDICAL TREATMENT VISA APPLICATION.**
- IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS, DELAYS WILL BE EXPERIENCED IN PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION, AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN YOUR APPLICATION AT THAT TIME.
- EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES, DOCUMENTS MUST BE ORIGINALS OR COPIES CERTIFIED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR NOTARY. UNCERTIFIED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- **IF THE APPLICATION RELATES TO A GENUINE MEDICAL EMERGENCY, PLEASE ADVISE THE VISA OFFICE IMMEDIATELY**

All applicants:

- If you are intending to stay in Australia for **3 months or less**, there is no charge. If you are intending to stay in Australia for **more than 3 months**, you will need to pay the **VISA APPLICATION CHARGE**. See <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm> for current application charges.
- FORM 48ME** - For short or long stay Medical Treatment visa application - please ensure all questions are answered and the form is signed
- A valid *signed* **PASSPORT**, valid for your planned period of stay in Australia

If you are the person seeking medical treatment:

- Letter from referring doctor in East Timor stating what medical condition applies and what treatment is required.
- Letter from a doctor or hospital in Australia setting out the nature of the treatment they will provide, and where and for what period treatment will take place. If organ transplantation will or may occur, this must be stated. If there will be a consultation following which a decision will be made about the course of treatment, the letter should state what those likely courses of treatment will be, and the duration.
- A letter from the medical facility or hospital administrator agreeing to accept the patient for the required period, setting out the **maximum** likely treatment costs, and indicating whether **they** are satisfied that proper arrangements have been made to meet these costs.
- If treatment will be undertaken at a **public hospital or public medical facility**, a letter from the hospital administrator (**not the treating doctor**) stating that no Australian resident would be disadvantaged by the proposed treatment.
- Evidence that you have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the medical treatment**, as well as all other costs associated with your treatment and stay in Australia, such as bank statements, insurance papers, etc. **If your medical treatment is being supported by an institution or government, you will need to present a letter of support from that office.**
- If you are 11 years of age or older, an X-Ray form 160** completed by the radiologist on duty at the Dili Hospital. If under 11, a **completed form 26**.

If you are an escort or other accompanying family member

- Evidence that your relative is obtaining medical treatment in Australia** – copy of their visa, or letter from the doctor or hospital in Australia.
- EVIDENCE OF FUNDS** that you have to support yourself whilst in Australia such as a support letter from a sponsoring organization. Otherwise, savings, financial support from relatives, etc.
- Evidence of accommodation arrangements** in Australia, such as a hotel booking, support from friends, relatives etc.
- If you are **70 years of age or over** you will be required to undergo medical examination to determine your fitness to travel.
- If you are **70 years of age or over** you must provide a evidence that you have **HEALTH CARE COVER** for the entire period of your stay in Australia

Traveling Children

If you are a child aged **under 18 years of age**, or if a child under 18 is included in your application, you must provide:

- ◆ child's **CIVIL BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (Baptismal Certificates are generally not accepted), and
- ◆ if the child is travelling without both parents, the non-travelling parent(s) must provide **WRITTEN CONSENT FOR THE CHILD TO TRAVEL** to Australia along with identification.

- **Chest X-rays: All applicants PLEASE NOTE:** If you are **11 years of age or older** you will be required to undergo a chest x-ray.
- X-rays are done at the Dili Hospital, using X-ray report form 160. The hospital may charge a fee for this service. You should bring the completed X-ray report along with the original X-ray film to the Visa Office, where you will be advised whether the X-ray needs to be referred to Australia or not. There is a fee levied by the doctor who checks X-rays, which must be paid before the grant of any visa.
- Referral of X-rays to Australia: This is done in some cases where further examination of the X-ray or the opinion of a doctor in Australia is required. In urgent medical transfers, this is done with fax and telephone by visa office staff, and takes about ½ hour. In non-urgent cases, the report and X-ray is sent by bag to Australia, and clearance can take up to two weeks.

Assessing your application:

Every effort is made to process applications as quickly as possible. Except in emergencies, you should apply **AT LEAST 3 weeks and not less than 48 hours** before you intend to travel. **Delays will be experienced** if you do not provide all the required documentation at the time you apply.

- If you want to work in Australia, you should discuss this with the Visa Officer.**