



AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Visa and Citizenship Section

## Visiting Australia

This is a general guide only. For more information on visitor and business visitor requirements, or to download forms see the website <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/index.htm>.

### Visitors and tourists

Visitor visas are available to persons who intend a genuine short-term visit to Australia. These are not intended for persons who wish to work or remain permanently in Australia. Visas are available with a stay of up to 12 months, depending on the reason for your visit and your ability to support yourself during your stay in Australia. Visa requirements include:

- Completed and signed **Form 48R**
- Your original passport, or **a copy of your passport**, two recent passport photographs and visa application fee in UAE Dirhams (exact cash, or demand bank draft drawn on a UAE bank).
- Telephone number and full address details of any relatives/contacts in Australia.
- Evidence of adequate funds to support yourself whilst in Australia (eg. statement of bank account showing transactions for the past 3 to 6 months).
- A letter of employment confirming your period of employment, salary and approved period of leave (if you are a self-employed business owner, provide current business licence and plans in place for the business while you are overseas).

### Online tourist visas

Check your eligibility to lodge online, see: <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/eligible-passports.htm>

### Sponsored visitors

Applications for persons sponsored by family in Australia must now be lodged in Australia. For more information see <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/visiting-family/679/index.htm>.

### Visa processing requirements

To assist in processing your visa application, please ensure that you provide complete information at time of lodgement. Processing times vary, but generally a decision should be available two weeks after the application is received in the Australian Consulate-General Dubai. We will not respond to status enquiries within this time. If you submit an application through an Australian Visa Application Counter you can track the status of your application on [www.vfs.ae](http://www.vfs.ae).

Please provide certified English translations of all Arabic-language supporting documents. Originals of all photocopied documents may be requested.

### Business visitors

Business visas are provided for visitors to undertake business - for example, attend a conference or training session, business negotiations, an exploratory business visit, establishing a business. Visa requirements include:

- Completed and signed **Form 456**
- Your original passport, or **a copy of your passport**, two recent passport photographs and visa application fee in UAE Dirhams (exact cash, or demand bank draft drawn on a UAE bank).
- Copies of business invitation and contact details of relatives/business associates in Australia.
- Statement of bank account showing transactions for the past 3 to 6 months, or a statement of support from the business contact in Australia, or your employer.
- Letter from your employer confirming your position, period of employment, salary and dates of business leave. If you are a self-employed business owner, provide current business licence and arrangements.

### Specific additional requirements

*If you are a student*, attach a registration record for the current year from your school or university, or for the next academic year if you are applying during summer vacation.

*If you are under 18 years of age*, provide your parents' (or guardians') consent for leaving the country, certified by a Justice of the Peace.

*If you are a parent taking a child under 18 years of age with you*, you must provide the written consent of the other parent, certified by a Justice of the Peace, allowing the child to leave the country and travel to Australia.

*If you are over 70 years of age*, your doctor must fill form "Proforma for Offshore Applicants Aged 70 and Over" to indicate that you are in good health and fit to travel by air. Also attach overseas health insurance covering your period of stay in Australia (to be submitted upon request).

*If you will be visiting a hospital or health care facility for any reason*, you will need to have an x-ray and, in some circumstances, a medical examination (for more information see form 1163i at [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)).