



VISITOR/TOURIST VISAS (form 48R) – REQUIREMENTS

A valid application should have the applicable visa application charge, a completed form 48R and a passport size photograph of each applicant. It is in the interest of the applicant to ensure that ALL the documentation detailed on this list is provided at the time of lodgement of your application.

For information on the the visa application charge see

<http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm>

Please note that this office will only accept payment in cash for US Dollars and Kenya Shillings at the counter. Payment in US Dollars being sent by courier, should be made by International bank draft made payable to Australian High Commission and the draft should be drawn on a bank in New York. Personal cheques and credit cards are NOT acceptable. THE APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

Please note that the counter hours are 9am-11am, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.

The processing time for this visa is up to 10 Working Days

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please provide originals and certified copies of the required documents. All original documents provided in support of the application will be returned to the applicant upon finalisation of the application. Documents that are issued in languages other than English must be accompanied with an official English translation.

- ◆ A valid passport for the period of your stay in Australia.
- ◆ **If you are employed:** - a letter from your employer with details of your income, length of your contract/employment, amount of leave and if your employment will continue on your return from Australia.
- ◆ **If you are a student** :- evidence of your enrolment at your school/college or university.
- ◆ **All applicants aged below 18 years of age and who are not travelling with both parents** must provide a statutory declaration from the non-travelling parent/guardian giving permission to travel to Australia. Certified copies of parents'/guardian's national identity cards or passports must be provided.
- ◆ Evidence of funds available to you such as original and certified copies of bank statements. If the intended travel is being supported by a third person or organisation, an undertaking by that person or organisation to provide the funds must be provided.

- ◆ A signed letter of authorisation for this office to verify any bank statements provided in support of the application. The letter of authorisation should be issued and signed by the account holder of the bank statements provided. Alternatively, the account holder should complete and sign the attached authorisation letter to enable this office to verify the bank statements provided in support of the application.
- ◆ If anyone in Australia is paying for your ticket, providing you with funds or maintaining you while in Australia, they need to send evidence of funds (i.e. bank statements) to this office.
- ◆ Evidence of your incentives to return to your home country; examples of evidence can be land/assets/bank statements, evidence of employment/business registration, and evidence of remaining family members in form of birth certificates/marriage certificate.
- ◆ **If you intend to visit a close relative or friend in Australia**, please provide full name of your relatives or friends you intend to visit giving details of their dates of birth, a letter of invitation and what is being provided for you in Australia i.e. accommodation, spending money, fare, food and any other costs.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION UNDERTAKES VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION.

VISITORS OVER 70 YEARS – FITNESS TO TRAVEL

Australian law requires that visitors to Australia meet a certain standard of health to be granted a visa. Applicants aged over 70 will be required to attend an Australian Government appointed doctor with a medical pro-forma which will be issued to you when you lodge your application. You will be required to provide an additional **passport-size photograph**. The results of your tests will then be forwarded directly to this office by the doctor.

The doctor will assess whether you:

- ◆ are fit to travel to Australia unaccompanied and without assistance; and
- ◆ are able to depart Australia at the end of your authorised stay without assistance

You are also required to provide with your application, evidence that you have medical insurance cover for the length of your stay in Australia.

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL REQUIREMENT FOR SOME APPLICANTS

If you are intending to stay in Australia for longer than **3 months**, you will be required to undergo a medical and x-ray examination with an appointed Australian Government doctor in your country of residence. Please supply 2 additional passport size photographs with your application for this purpose (3 in total). You will be advised when your medical forms are ready for collection.

Send your application for processing to:

**Immigration Section
P.O. Box 39765
NAIROBI**

RETURN OF PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

Applicants residing outside Nairobi must make arrangements with a courier company to ensure the safe return of their documents. Where an applicant does not make any arrangement for the return of their documents, the Australian High Commission will return the documents via a courier company or through a post office at the applicant's expense. No responsibility shall be taken after the documents are given to the post office or the courier company.

..... Bank
P. O. Box
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Date:

Dear Madam/Sir,

RE: VERIFICATION OF BANK STATEMENTS

I (*Full name*) ID No.

Of account number held at.....branch,

..... bank, confirm that I have given my bank statements to
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to present with their visa application. I would like to sponsor them for their purposes in
Australia.

I agree to the bank authorities' disclosure of information to the Australian High
Commission to confirm the authenticity of the bank statements submitted to them.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards

..... (*Full name*)

..... (*signature*)