



Visitor visa (subclass 600)

Tourist stream (apply outside Australia)

This visa stream lets you visit Australia as a tourist, to go on a cruise or to visit family and friends.

Overview

Stay

Up to 12 months

Cost

From AUD190.00

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool](#)

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With this visa you can

- visit family or friends
- be here as a tourist, for a cruise, or for purposes other than business or medical treatment

See all conditions (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=600-29B>)

[Check your eligibility \(#Eligibility\)](#)

You must

- intend to come to Australia to visit only
- have enough money for your stay in Australia
- not work in Australia
- you must be outside Australia when you apply and when we decide your visa

Help with your visa

If you are getting help with your visa, before you pay someone, read information on [Who can help with your visa application](#) (</help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview>). [Ask a question](#)

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With this visa you can

- visit family and/or friends
- be here as a tourist, for a cruise or for any purpose except business or medical treatment

You can study or train for up to 3 months on this visa. But if your main reason for travelling to Australia is study, a [student visa](#) ([/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500](#)) might be more appropriate.

You can't work.

Cruise

You will need a visa if you enter Australia during a cruise.

If your cruise is a round trip cruise, the time you spend on the cruise counts as time spent in Australia. We do not consider you to have left Australia. A round trip cruise will not reset your stay period on your visa.

Ask your cruise operator or travel agent if we consider your cruise to be a round trip cruise.

How long you can stay

This is a temporary visa.

You can stay for the period or dates specified on the visa grant letter. We determine the length of your visa on a case by case basis. Things we might consider when determining your stay period include:

- how long you want to stay
- why you want to stay in Australia

We might not grant the length of stay you want.

We can grant this visa with a single entry or multiple entry.

If we grant you a visa with multiple entry, you can leave and return to Australia on the visa while it is valid.

Generally, we grant a stay period of 3 months. We might grant a stay of up to 12 months in certain circumstances.

Consider the [Visitor visa \(subclass 600\) Frequent Traveller stream \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/frequent-traveller-stream\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/frequent-traveller-stream) if:

- you hold a passport from the People's Republic of China and
- you travel to Australia frequently.

Parents of Australian citizens or permanent residents

If you are the parent or step-parent of an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and you meet all the visa criteria, we may grant you a visa that is valid for more than 12 months.

We consider these applications on a case-by-case basis.

If we grant you a visa that is valid for more than 12 months you might be able to enter Australia multiple times while the visa is valid. You can't stay in Australia for more than 12 months in total in any 18 month period. You must also have made adequate arrangements for health insurance.

If you want to stay longer than 12 months on each visit you might be eligible for a [Sponsored Parent \(Temporary\) visa \(https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/sponsored-parent-temporary-870#Overview\)](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/sponsored-parent-temporary-870#Overview).

Stay longer

You can't stay in Australia longer by extending this visa. You must apply for another visa in Australia.

You can apply for a new visa if your current visa does not have a condition that prevents further stay, such as condition 8503 - No Further Stay. We can [waive a no further stay condition \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/waivers-and-permissions/no-further-stay-waiver\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/waivers-and-permissions/no-further-stay-waiver) in limited circumstances.

If you want to stay longer or permanently in Australia you will need to apply for a visa that allows this.

[Explore your visa options \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder).

Include family

You can't include family members in your application.

Each family member, including those listed on your passport, must submit a separate application.

Cost

This visa costs from AUD190.00 for each applicant.

You might also have to pay other costs for:

- health checks
- police certificates
- biometrics

To work out what your visa will cost use the [Visa Pricing Estimator \(/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=600-29B\)](/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=600-29B). The estimator does not take into account the other costs.

Apply outside Australia

To be eligible for this visa, you must be outside Australia when you apply and when we decide your application.

See other [eligibility requirements \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas#Eligibility\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas#Eligibility).

Processing times

For an indication of processing times for this visa, use the [visa processing time guide tool \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times\)](/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times). This will show the processing times for recently decided applications. It is a guide only and not specific to your application.

Your obligations

You must comply with all visa conditions and Australian laws.

Learn more about [visa conditions \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=600-29B\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=600-29B).

Health insurance

You are liable for all your healthcare costs while you are in Australia. Insurance can help limit your financial liability. To cover any unexpected medical treatment you might need in Australia, we strongly recommended you take out [adequate health insurance \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health/adequate-health-insurance).

Learn more about [health insurance for overseas visitors \(https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm\)](https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm).

Some countries have a [reciprocal healthcare agreement with Australia \(https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/reciprocal-health-care-agreements/when-you-visit-australia\)](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/reciprocal-health-care-agreements/when-you-visit-australia).

In some circumstances, we might grant your visa with Condition 8501 – Maintain adequate health insurance.

Travel

Check if you have multiple entry, or single entry, in [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview) or your visa grant letter.

If you have multiple entry, you can travel outside Australia and return while your visa is valid.

If you have single entry and you leave Australia, you have to apply for another visa to return.

Visa label

We will digitally link your visa to your passport. You will not get a label in your passport.

Eligibility

Meet our health requirement

You must meet our [health requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health).

Meet our character requirement

You must meet our [character requirement \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

Pay your debts to the Australian government

If you owe the Australian government money, you must have paid it back, or have arranged to pay it back.

Have enough money

You must have, or have access to, enough money to support yourself while you are in Australia.

Be a genuine visitor

You must only intend to:

- stay temporarily in Australia
 - obey any condition and stay period attached to your visa
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Best interests of the child

We might not grant this visa if it is not in the best interests of an applicant under 18.

Meet all these criteria? Check how to apply in our [step by step \(#HowTo\)](#) guide.

Step by step

Step 1

Before you apply

Check your passport

You need a valid passport or other travel document for this visa. If you plan to get a new passport, do this before you apply.

Organise health examinations

You can complete your health examinations before you apply or you can wait until we tell you to have them.

Find out the [examinations you might need \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health) and how to arrange them.

Get help with your application

Only some people can help you with your application. If you appoint someone to give you immigration assistance they must be:

- a [registered migration agent \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent)
- a [legal practitioner \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-legal-practitioner), or
- an [exempt person \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/exempt-person).

You can appoint anyone to [receive documents \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/authorised-recipients) on your behalf relating to your visa matter.

Step 2

Gather your documents

Include as much information as possible to support your application. This includes English translations of your documents.

We may decide your application without requesting further information from you.

Follow these instructions to ensure you submit a complete visa application

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information.

See what happens if you [can't prove your identity or don't provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Identity documents

Provide the pages of your current passport showing your photo, personal details and passport issue and expiry dates.

Also provide:

- a national identity card, if you have one
 - proof of change of name, if applicable, such as:
 - a marriage or divorce certificate
 - change of name documents from an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, or the relevant overseas authority
 - documents that show other names you have been known by
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Genuine visitor documents

Provide as much proof as you can to show you are visiting Australia as a temporary visitor only. This could include:

- proof you have enough money for your stay and to leave Australia, such as:
 - itemised personal bank statements for a 3 month period
 - pay slips
 - audited accounts
 - tax records
 - term deposits
 - credit card statements
- a letter from your relative or friend in Australia, inviting you to visit. The letter could state:
 - their relationship to you
 - the purpose of your visit and length of stay
 - if you will be staying with them

If this person will be paying for your stay, provide proof of their funds.
- your plans while in Australia
- proof that you have reasons to return home such as:

- a letter from your employer stating you plan to return to your job
- proof that you study at a school, college or university in your home country
- proof that you have immediate family members in your home country
- proof that you can return home
- proof that you own a house or other major assets in your home country

Character documents

Provide any military service record or discharge papers, if applicable.

We may ask you to provide a [police certificate \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/character).

Tell us you are getting help

To nominate someone to:

- receive your correspondence, use [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf)
- provide immigration assistance, use [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956.pdf).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview).

Additional documents for applicants requesting a longer visa

If you are requesting a longer visa, tell us in your application. This includes parents and step-parents of Australian citizens or permanent residents.

Provide us with further information about the reason for your request.

For example, proof that your child is an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Additional documents for applicants under 18

If you are under the age of 18, you should provide a copy of your birth certificate showing the names of both parents. If you can't provide a birth certificate, provide one of the following:

- identification pages of a family book showing the names of both parents
- identification pages of an identification document issued by the government
- identification pages of a court-issued document that proves your identity
- identification pages of a family census register

If somebody other than your biological parents has legal guardianship over you (for example, adoptive parents or a court-appointed guardian), you must provide proof of their legal guardianship.

Provide adoption papers or parental court orders, if applicable.

Anyone with a legal right to decide where you live, and who is not travelling in Australia with you, must complete either:

- [Form 1229 - Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years \(276KB PDF\)](#) ([/form-listing/forms/1229.pdf](#))
- a statutory declaration giving their consent for the child to visit Australia on this visa

Include a document with the signature and photo of the person who completed, or declaration, such as a:

- passport
- driver's licence

In addition to consent information, if you're not staying with a relative or legal guardian, provide [Form 1257 - Undertaking declaration \(211KB PDF\)](#) ([/form-listing/forms/1257.pdf](#)). The person you're staying with must sign the form.

Prepare your documents

Translate

Have all non-English documents translated into English.

Translators in Australia must be accredited by the [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters](#) (<https://www.naati.com.au/>).

Translators outside Australia do not have to be accredited. But on each translation, they must include their:

- full name
- address and telephone number
- qualifications and experience in the language they are translating

These details must be in English.

You do not need to have any documents certified unless we ask you to.

Scan or photograph

Scan or photograph all documents (English and non-English) in colour.

The scans and photos must be clear and legible.

If a document is more than one page, save it all as one file.

Step 3

Apply for the visa

Provide accurate information

Provide accurate information.

See what happens if you [can't prove your identity or don't provide true information \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/providing-accurate-information).

Apply online

1. Log in or create an [ImmiAccount \(https://online.immi.gov.au/ola/app\)](https://online.immi.gov.au/ola/app).
2. [Attach documents \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).
3. [Submit family applications together \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).
4. [Pay the application fee \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online/how-to-pay). We will not process your application until you pay the fee.

Step 4

After you apply

We will let you know when we have received your application and documents.

There are other things you need to know and might need to do.

Travel

If you applied from outside Australia you must be outside Australia when we decide your visa. Do not arrange to travel to Australia until we let you know, in writing, that we have granted you the visa.

Biometrics

We will let you know if you need to provide [biometrics \(/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics\)](/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics).

Health examinations

If you didn't have health examinations before you applied for the visa, have them if we tell you to.

Attach more information

If you did not attach all documents when you applied, or if we ask you for more documents, attach them as soon as you can in ImmiAccount .

We may decide your application without requesting further information from you.

Mistakes on your application

Let us know as soon as you can if you made a mistake on your application.

Find out what to do if you made a mistake on your [online application \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online).

Help with your application

Let us know if you no longer want someone to:

- receive your correspondence - complete [Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient \(301KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf)
- provide immigration advice - complete [Form 956 Appointment of a registered migration agent, legal practitioner or exempt person \(308KB PDF\) \(/form-listing/forms/956.pdf\)](/form-listing/forms/956.pdf).

Upload your written notification or your forms to [ImmiAccount \(/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview\)](/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/overview).

For more information see [Who can help you with your application \(/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview\)](/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview).

Tell us if things change

Tell us if things change [\(/change-in-situation\)](/change-in-situation) after you submit your application but before we have made a decision.

Things you need to let us know about include:

- you want to withdraw your application

- changes to your phone number, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status
- the birth of a child

Step 5

Visa outcome

We will let you know our decision on your visa application in writing. We will tell you:

- your visa grant number
- the date your visa starts
- your visa conditions

Keep a copy of our decision with you when in Australia.

If we refuse your visa we will let you know in writing. We will tell you why we refused your visa and whether you have a right to a review of the decision.

When you have this visa

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- In Australia (*#haveThisVisa-index-1*)
- Leaving Australia (*#haveThisVisa-index-2*)

Coming to Australia

Before you travel

Check your travel documents

You must have:

- a valid visa to enter Australia
- a valid passport or other travel document

At the border

Complete an Incoming Passenger Card

Everyone who arrives in Australia must complete an [Incoming Passenger Card](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc))) ([https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-\(ipc\)\)](https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/crossing-the-border/at-the-border/incoming-passenger-card-(ipc))).

Using the SmartGate

A SmartGate is an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate](https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates) (<https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates>).

In Australia

What you must do on your visa

You must meet all visa conditions and obey Australian laws. See your conditions in [VEVO](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview) (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>) or your visa grant letter.

Learn more about [visa conditions](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=600-29B) (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=600-29B>) and how they work.

Tell us about a change in your situation

Things you need to let us know about include:

- changes to your phone number, email, address or passport
- changes to your relationship status
- the birth of a child

See how to let us know if there is a [change in your situation](/change-in-situation) (</change-in-situation>).

What you can do on your visa

This visa lets you:

- cruise or have a holiday
- visit family or friends
- study or train for up to 3 months

Volunteer work tourism schemes

You can't work in Australia on a Visitor visa, but you might be able to do volunteer work.

Travel on your visa

We grant the visa with either:

- single entry - if you leave Australia, you cannot re-enter Australia on the visa, or
- multiple entry - you can leave and re-enter Australia as many times as you want while the visa is valid

See how long you can stay

See when you must leave in [VEVO](/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview) (</visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>).

Stay longer

You can't stay in Australia longer by extending this visa. You must apply for a new visa if you want to stay longer. [See your options \(/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder\)](#).

Prove you have a visa

To prove you have a visa and show your conditions to someone, use [VEVO \(/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview\)](#).

Leaving Australia

Before you leave

Check your travel documents

You must have a valid passport or other travel document to leave Australia.

At the border

Departures SmartGate

We have an automated process that uses facial recognition technology and your ePassport. You might be able to leave the airport faster if you use [SmartGate \(https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates\)](https://www.abf.gov.au/smartgates).

After you leave

International Movement Record

To prove you have been to Australia, request your international movement records by completing a [Request for international movement records \(/help-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/request-international-movement-records\)](#) form.

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