



TOURIST VISA – SOUTH AFRICAN PASSPORTS

Visa for stay of up to 12 months

- Tourist visas are intended for visitors seeking to enter Australia for the purpose of tourism or other recreational activities. They do not permit the applicant to engage in work or business activities.
- A single-entry or multiple-entry visa may be issued, depending on the needs and circumstances of the applicant. This is entirely at the discretion of the decision maker.
- Attached is an application checklist to assist you in lodging a tourist visa application. Please complete and submit this checklist along with a completed and signed application form 48R.
- **Previous travellers to Australia** – If you are aged between 18 and 74 years old, have previously travelled to Australia within the last 10 years, you usually need only submit a completed application form, evidence of payment of the application charge, passport photo and your passport. See checklist below for more details.
- **Persons with no travel history to Australia** – If you have never travelled to Australia, you must provide all the additional documentation listed overleaf.
- Applications can only be processed quickly if all appropriate supporting documentation is provided at the time of lodgement. *Due to the high volume of visa applications received, a decision may be made on the information available without requesting further documentation, therefore it is in your interests to submit all required documentation.*
- **Visa application charge** – Please contact VFS for acceptable payment options and current immigration visa application charge amounts. VFS will charge a service fee above the visa application charge.
- Please note that an airline ticket is not a visa requirement and does not in itself lead to a visa being granted. **You should not make unalterable or non-refundable travel arrangements until you have confirmation you have been granted a visa. There is no guarantee your visa will be granted.**
- Further information regarding Australian visas is available on the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship website: www.immi.gov.au.

Please Note: The Australian High Commission, Pretoria, reserves the right to request further information at any time, if deemed necessary. All supporting documentation must be in English, or accompanied by a certified translation

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

With your completed and signed application form 48R you **must** include the following:

- Current Valid Passport with at least 6 months validity **PLUS** a photocopy of your passport biodata page.
- A recent (no older than 6 months) passport-sized photograph of yourself
- Payment of the Australian Government Visa Application Charge. Advice on how to pay this charge can be found at www.vfs-au.co.za **OR** if the Visa Application Charge has been paid to an office of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in Australia, the original pink copy of the receipt must be submitted.
- Have you travelled to Australia within the last 10 years? (**If yes, no other documents are required**, unless you are under 18 years old, 75 years or older, intend staying longer than 3 months, intend visiting a hospital/patients, or have been charged with or convicted of any offences – see ‘Additional Documentation Checklist’ over page.)

‘✓’ Here

Yes

No

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

‘✓’ Here

➤ Evidence of funds. Either **ORIGINAL or CERTIFIED COPIES** of bank statements showing a history of savings of at least 3 months prior to date of visa application. The statements must show the account holder’s name, account number and current account balance; **OR** Bank statement for the past 3 months of the person/s who will be supporting you while in Australia as well as a letter or email from them stating their willingness to do so (**NOTE:** Internet statements, ATM statements, term or investment accounts will not be accepted)

➤ An original letter from your employer confirming your employment and leave dates (must be on company letterhead) **OR** evidence of enrolment at a school, college or university.

If you are 75 years or older:

➤ An original assessment from an Australian approved panel doctor stating you are fit to travel (see list of panel doctors at <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm>). *Note: a fit to travel assessment is valid for 6 months, so should only be obtained within 6 months of proposed date of travel. An assessment is valid for one visa only.*

➤ Evidence of travel or medical/health insurance which, at a minimum, covers emergency medical treatment in, and medical evacuation from, Australia. The evidence must include the name/s of the persons covered, period of coverage, which events are covered, the coverage amount and confirm that the coverage applies in Australia. The insurance needs to cover the full period of your intended visit to Australia.

If you are under 18 years old:

➤ Original or certified copy of your full birth certificate, showing your name and the full names of both your biological mother and your biological father.

➤ If either parent/guardian is not travelling with you, a fully completed form 1229 **OR** an original certified letter from the non-travelling parent/guardian authorising you to travel to Australia. If you are travelling without both parents then both parents must provide written consent for your travel. The letter must specify the dates of travel as well as who will be caring for you while in Australia. If one parent/guardian is deceased – a certified copy of their death certificate is required to evidence this.

Other:

➤ If you have been **charged with or convicted of any offences** in any country, a police certificate from the police authorities in the relevant country (no older than 12 months). If you have **served in the armed forces** (army, navy, air-force, reserves) in any capacity in the last 10 years, a discharge certificate indicating the period you served and the date of discharge.

➤ If you intend staying in Australia **longer than 3 months**, or **visiting a hospital/patients for any period**, a chest examination and x-ray from an Australian approved panel radiologist (see list at <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm>). If you are **visiting a school/classroom for more than 3 months** you are also required to undertake a physical examination with an approved panel doctor.

❖ *If you are travelling with a family member who holds a valid visa, or is an ETA or e-Visitor eligible passport holder, a certified copy of their passport and visa is required.*

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE PROVIDED ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR A DECISION TO BE MADE ON MY VISA APPLICATION

Signed:..... **Date:**..... **Print Name:**.....