

Average Processing Times

Australian High Commission Pretoria

The table below lists the average processing times for various types of Australian visa and citizenship applications in Pretoria. The average processing times show the standard this office aims to achieve with a majority of its applications.

The processing times apply from the date that a valid and complete visa application is received by the Australian High Commission. This does not include the time an application is with VFS Global before it is received by the Australian High Commission. The average processing times also do not include any periods that a visa application is held by your travel agent or visa application lodgement agent before it is submitted to the Australian High Commission.

The average processing times are indicative only and will depend on the individual circumstances of the application. We cannot guarantee an application will be finalised within these timeframes.

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Subclass	Name	Average Processing Time for a Valid and Complete Application
Visitor (Tourist and Business) and Transit Visas		
676 ₁	Tourist	10 working days
456 ₁	Business (Short Stay)	5 working days
675 ₁	Medical Treatment (Short Stay)	2 weeks
685 ₁	Medical Treatment (Long Stay)	2 weeks
976	ETA (Visitor)	1 working day
977	ETA (Business – Short Validity)	1 working day
956	ETA (Business – Long Validity)	1 working day
771 ₁	Transit	10 working days
₁Note: Visitor Visa applications from some non-South African passport holders (including from West and East Africa) may take approximately 20 working days		
Temporary Residence		
411	Exchange	4 weeks
417	Working Holiday	2 weeks
419	Visiting Academic	4 weeks
421	Sport	4 weeks
428	Religious worker	4 weeks
570 to 580	Student and Student Guardian	Refer to Student Visa Application Checklist

Partner Migration*		
309/100	Partner	3 to 6 months
309/100	Spouse (lodged prior to 1 July 2009)	3 to 6 months
310/110	Interdependent (lodged prior to 1 July 2009)	3 to 6 months
300	Prospective Marriage	3 to 6 months
Child Migration*		
101	Child	6 months
102	Adoption	6 months
117	Orphan Relative	6 months
445	Dependent Child of a provisional visa holder	6 months
Other Family Migration*		
114	Aged Dependent Relative	8-12 months
115	Remaining Relative	8-12 months
116	Carer	8-12 months
* Applications from West Africa across all family migration categories have an average processing time of 12 months		
Resident Return Visas		
155	Five Year Resident Return	2 weeks
157	Three Month Resident Return	2 weeks
159	Provisional Resident Return	2 weeks
Citizenship		
N/A	By descent (under age of 25)	10 working days
N/A	All other situations (may need to be referred to Australia)	8 weeks

Enquiring on your application

Where possible, we will endeavour to answer your enquiries within seven working days from receipt of your message. However, please note that answering emails and telephone enquiries for applications lodged within average processing times takes time away from assessing applications. For this reason, responses to routine enquiries may take a longer period.