

Subclass 600 - Visitor Visa: Tourist (apply in Australia) Stream FACT SHEET

The purpose of this visa is to allow people to travel to Australia for tourism or business purposes, or to visit family, on a temporary basis. The minimum requirements for the Tourist stream of this visa are set out below:

TOURIST STREAM

For people travelling to Australia for a holiday or to visit family or friends.

As the visa applicant, you must:

- genuinely intend to visit Australia for a holiday, to see family and/or friends, or for other purposes that are not related to business/work or medical treatment
- have access to sufficient funds to cover your costs whilst you are in Australia
- meet the relevant health and character criteria (this could include a requirement to obtain health insurance for the period of your stay in Australia)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have provided the required information and supporting documents, we will prepare and lodge your visa application with the Department of Home Affairs (Department). The main criterion is that you meet the requirements referred to above.

If you are in Australia when your application is lodged, you must be in Australia when your visa is granted. Conversely, if you are outside Australia when your application is lodged, you must be outside Australia when your visa is granted.

Visa Validity Period

Should your application be approved, you will be granted a temporary visa, allowing you to travel to Australia on a short-term basis. Depending upon your particular circumstances, you will be granted either a single entry visa (allowing you to enter Australia once, for a specified length of time) or multiple entry visa (allowing you to enter Australia multiple times for short periods whilst your visa is valid e.g. stays of up to 3 months at a time over a 12-month period).

NOTE: If you are the **parent of an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen**, you MAY be granted an extended Visitor visa, which could be valid for up to 5 years.

If you are eligible for this extended visa, you will be allowed to stay in Australia for up to 12 consecutive months per visit (though there is an added restriction that you must spend no more than 12 months in Australia in any given 18-month period). In addition, you must have health insurance covering the entire period of your stay in Australia, and you will not be permitted to apply for another visa whilst in Australia.

Visa Conditions

There are several conditions that apply to Visitor visas. In particular, **visa holders** MUST NOT:

- work or provide services to any business/organisation in Australia, or sell goods or services to the public whilst in Australia (unpaid genuine volunteer work MAY be permitted)
- study for more than three months in Australia

Other conditions may also be imposed by the Department in certain cases, including the requirement that the visa holder not apply for any further visas whilst in Australia.

PLEASE NOTE: We estimate that it may take several weeks to prepare and lodge your application, with the time taken largely dependent on how promptly you (and your sponsor, if applicable) provide us with the necessary supporting information and documents.

The time that it takes the Department to process your application is dependent upon its processing time service standards, and may also vary due to a number of other factors, including the complexity of your case, perceived risk factors and processing priorities. Please contact us for current information regarding likely processing timeframes for this type of application.

Migration Plus Estimate of Fees and Charges for a Subclass 600 - Visitor Visa - Tourist (apply in Australia) Stream

FEES			
A. Department Fees	Amount	Department Surcharge 1.01%†	Total
Visa Application Fee – Applicant IN AUSTRALIA*	\$370	\$4	\$374
Visa Application Fee – Applicant OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA	\$145	\$1	\$146
B. Our Professional Fees	Amount	GST	Total
Base Professional Fee	\$1500	Plus GST	\$1650

† The Department applies a surcharge to application fees paid by credit/debit card or PayPal. The surcharge is a percentage of the application fee, and is based on the payment method used.

The applicable surcharge for our payment method (PayPal) is 1.01% of the relevant application fee. The exact amount will be calculated at the time of lodging your application, and you will be asked to confirm the total before paying the balance of your fees. Please note that the surcharge amount may be rounded to the nearest dollar, in accordance with our payment policy.

* The Department may require payment of an additional \$700 fee for any applicant who is in Australia at the time of application, and has previously applied for a temporary visa whilst in Australia. We will need to assess your visa application history to determine whether or not this fee is payable.

The professional fee quoted above is indicative for preparation of a standard application. Additional charges apply for services such as medical reports, police clearances and translations of any documents that you provide that are not written in English. This quote for our fees to prepare a subclass 600 - Visitor visa application is valid for 3 months.

This Fact Sheet contains **general information only**. We strongly recommend that you seek specific guidance from us that is relevant to your circumstances before taking any further action.

Do you have additional questions regarding the subclass 600 - Visitor visa? Please feel free to contact us by email at visa@migrationplus.com.au, or by phone on +61 7 40412620.