



## Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)

### What is an ETA?

An ETA is equivalent to a visa, but with no stamp or visa label in your passport. You can apply for an ETA via the internet ([www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au)), or through most travel agents or airlines. There is no need for you to visit an Australian overseas mission to submit an application, however you can apply through an Australian overseas mission if you wish. The ETA is issued electronically and when you arrive at an airport for check-in on a flight to Australia, the airline check-in staff can electronically confirm that you have authority to board the flight to Australia.

### Types of ETA

There are three different types of ETAs:

**976** - Tourist (Short Validity) ETA      **977** - Business (Short Validity) ETA      **956** - Business (Long Validity) ETA

All three ETAs allow multiple entries into Australia for a maximum stay of up to three months from the date of each entry into the country.

### How much do ETAs cost?

*Subclass 976 and 977* (Short Validity) ETAs allow you to travel to Australia as often as you need within a specified period (12 months or the expiry date of your passport - whichever is earlier) from the date the ETA is granted. These ETAs do not attract an Australian immigration visa application charge. Please note, however, that VFS Global (VFS) will still charge a service fee to process the application for you.

*Subclass 956* (Long Validity) Business ETA allows you to enter Australia on multiple occasions during the life of your passport. This ETA attracts an Australian immigration visa application charge. Please contact VFS for the current charge amount. VFS will charge a service fee on top of the immigration charge.

### Am I eligible?

You are only eligible to apply for an ETA while you are outside of Australia. To apply, you must also hold one of the listed ETA-eligible passports. Travellers holding the following passports may apply for an ETA:

Andorra	Greece	Malta	Sweden
Austria	Hong Kong SAR	Monaco	Switzerland
Belgium	Iceland	Netherlands	United Kingdom*
Brunei	Ireland	Norway	United States Of
Canada	Italy	Portugal	America
Denmark	Japan	San Marino	Vatican City
Finland	Liechtenstein	Singapore	
France	Luxembourg	South Korea	
Germany	Malaysia	Spain	

\*Only British Citizens and British National (Overseas).

Further information regarding Australian visas is available on the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship website: [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au).

Please Note: The Australian High Commission, Pretoria, reserves the right to request further information at any time, if deemed necessary.

**PLEASE SEE & COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET  
AND HAND IN WITH YOUR ETA-ELIGIBLE PASSPORT.**

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## ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

- Please tick which type of ETA you are applying for (**tick one only**)\*
- 976  Tourist (Short) ‘✓’ Here
- 977  Business (Short)
- 956  Business (Long)
- Did you apply for an ETA via the Internet, an airline or travel agency, and were told you must contact an Australian Embassy? Yes
- No

*If yes, do not complete the rest of this checklist and ask VFS to refer you directly to the Australian High Commission.*

### Subclass 976 and 977 (Short Validity) ETAs

- You hold an ETA-eligible passport (see list of nationalities overleaf).
- Your ETA-eligible passport is valid for at least 6 months.
- Your ETA-eligible passport is enclosed with this checklist.
- A photocopy of the biodata page of your current valid passport.
- If you are an **exchange student or attending school in Australia for more than 4 weeks**, a chest examination is required from an Australian approved panel radiologist (see list at <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm>)

**OR**

### Subclass 956 (Long Validity) ETA

- You hold an ETA-eligible passport (see list of nationalities overleaf).
- Your ETA-eligible passport is valid for at least 6 months.
- A copy/print out of bank transfer receipt showing payment of the applicable fees. Current fees can be found at [www.vfs-au.co.za](http://www.vfs-au.co.za).
- Your ETA-eligible passport is enclosed with this checklist.
- A Photocopy of the biodata page of your current valid passport.

*\* Please note, while there is no Australian visa application charge for short validity ETAs, VFS will charge a service fee for ALL ETA applications lodged and processed by VFS.*

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

**Signed:**..... **Date:**.....

**Print Name:**.....