



TOURIST VISA – SOUTH AFRICAN PASSPORTS

Visitor 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 69 years old, have previously travelled to Australia within the last 10 years and complied with all visa conditions, you need only submit a completed application form, evidence of payment of the application charge, passport photo and your passport.
- **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 their acceptable payment types 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 travel arrangements until such a time as you have confirmation you have been granted a visa.
- 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:

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| ➤ Current Valid Passport with at least 6 months validity. | ‘✓’ Here
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ A recent (no older than 6 months) passport-sized photograph of yourself. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ A bank issued cheque for the applicable fee made payable to ‘Australian High Commission’. Current fees can be found at www.vfs-au.co.za . | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ Have you travelled to Australia within the last 10 years? (If yes, no other documents are required, unless you are under 18 years old, over 70 years old, intend staying longer than 3 months or have been charged with or convicted of any offences – see over the page.) | Yes <input type="radio"/>
No <input type="radio"/> |
| ➤ A photocopy of the biodata page of your current valid passport. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 & 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 certified letter from them showing 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 70 years or over:

- 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 only valid for 6 months, so should only be obtained within 6 months of proposed date of travel.*

- 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 permission to travel to Australia. If you are travelling unaccompanied by either of your parents/guardians, 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. **OR** 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 for any period**, a chest examination from an Australian approved panel radiologist (see list at <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm>).

❖ **If you are travelling with a family member who holds a valid visa, or is an ETA 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:.....