

## HOLIDAY CHECKLIST SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS (SUBCLASS 676)

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 travelers to Australia –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. The Australian High Commission reserves the right to request additional information if deemed necessary.

**Persons with no travel history to Australia** – If you have never travelled to Australia, you must provide all the additional documentation listed overleaf.

**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.

**Visa application charge exemption for EU passport holders** - If you are applying as the holder of a valid EU passport, you do not have to pay a visa application charge. Please refer to <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i/business-visits.htm> to see if your EU passport is exempt from paying the visa application charge. Please note that VFS will still charge a service fee to handle your application.

**If you are a crew member wishing to join a ship in Australia** – you must hold a valid Maritime Crew Visa ( MCV ) before applying for a transit visa to join your ship. For information on applying for a Maritime Crew Visa, please refer to <http://www.immi.gov.au/sea/mcv/>

Please note that your flight itinerary must show your onward travel as well as the duration of your stay in Australia for all transit periods. A paid flight ticket is not required. **There is no guarantee that you will be granted a transit visa so we recommend that you do not make unalterable or non-refundable travel arrangements.**

Applications can only be processed efficiently if ALL mandatory supporting documentation is provided at the time of lodgement. A decision may be made on the information available without requesting further documentation. **It is in your interest therefore to submit a complete application. If any additional documentation is subsequently requested from you by the Immigration decision-maker, or you provide extra documents of your own accord, you will be responsible for the costs of providing this additional information to the Post. If you choose to re-visit the Visa Application Centre to send this new information to the Post, you may be charged a courier fee for the additional handling and delivery of documents.**

**Note: All supporting documentation must be in English or accompanied by a certified translation.**

Attached is an application checklist to assist you in lodging your application. Please complete and submit this checklist along with a completed and signed application form. Please remember to include ALL mandatory supporting documentation.

Mandatory Requirements	Tick the documents you are submitting	Official use only
Form: 48R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment of the Australian Government Visa Application Charge. Advice on how to pay this charge can be found at <a href="http://www.vfs-au.co.za">www.vfs-au.co.za</a> <b>OR</b> if the Visa Application Charge has been paid at an office of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in Australia, a copy of the receipt must be submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current valid passport with at least 6 months validity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One recent passport - size photo for each person included in the application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you travelled to Australia within the last 10 years? <b>(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</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

offence - please see below.		
Evidence of funds. Either <b>ORIGINAL or CERTIFIED COPIES</b> 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; <b>OR</b> 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. ( <b>NOTE:</b> Internet statements, ATM statements, term or investment accounts <u>will not</u> be accepted) **	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER:</b>		
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 authorizing 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.  If you are travelling to Australia as an exchange student you are required to provide a letter from your school in South Africa as well as an invitation letter from the school in Australia.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IF YOU ARE 75 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER:</b>		
An original assessment from an Australian approved panel doctor stating you are fit to travel. See <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm">http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm</a> for list of approved doctors. <i>Please note: A fit to travel assessment is valid for 6 months and therefore should only be obtained within 6 months of your proposed date of travel. The assessment is valid for one visa.</i>  Evidence of travel or medical/health insurance that provides coverage in 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 would like a long validity visa – up to 1 year validity, multiple entry, stay of 3 months on each arrival. You are required to provide travel insurance for the whole year and a form 26. Please note a chest x-ray may be requested.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE:</b>		
If you have been charged with or convicted of any offences in any country, an original police clearance from the police authorities of the relevant country (no longer 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you are visiting a hospital/patients for any period, a chest x-ray and report from an Australian approved panel radiologist (see <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm">http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm</a> ) OR If you are travelling for more than 3 months and are above the age of 11 years, you will be required to undergo a chest x-ray at one of the Australian panel radiologists (see <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm">http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/index.htm</a> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*\* Internet or ATM Bank Statements will not be accepted. Funds MUST be available and not held in term or investment accounts and holder's name, account number, and available balance.

**\*\* 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.**

Note: The above is guide to the documents you should provide with your business (short stay) visa application. For a full list of all requirements and documents, please consult the website: <http://www.immi.gov.au/>

**I hereby acknowledge that:**

I have provided all mandatory documentation for a decision to be made on my visa application.

or

I have not provided information requested on this checklist and am aware that a decision may be made based on the information I have provided.

I also acknowledge that where the Post requests submission of further supporting documentation, or I provide documents of my own accord, I am responsible for any courier and document handling charges.

Note: Form must be signed by parent(s) or guardian if applicant is under 18.

**Applicant name:**..... **Signature:**..... **Date lodged:**...../...../.....

*Visa Application Centre Use Only*

*Processing officer name:*