



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Multicultural Affairs

Visiting Australia Study Option

Form

999i

THIS INFORMATION FORM tells you about visiting Australia and studying during the visit.

Visitors can undertake any course of study for a maximum of 3 months, subject to paying fees and meeting other requirements as set out below.

What can a visitor study?

A visitor can study any course including recreational courses, tailored to the specific requirements of the individual, such as English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS), business courses, computer training courses or units which can be credited to a degree, diploma or trade certificate either within or outside Australia.

Children who are visiting Australia can attend primary or secondary school, provided attendance does not extend beyond 3 months. Admission to the school, and any fees payable, are matters for the department of education in each State or Territory and the school.

What are the limitations?

Visitors to Australia who wish to study:

- do not have access to Australia's subsidised student health cover;
- are not able to study for more than 3 months;
- are generally not able to change status to a student in Australia; and
- have no work rights.

Charge

There is a non-refundable charge which must accompany each application. To check the visa application charge, see form 990i *Charges* available from the forms section of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (the department) website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/990i.htm or check with the nearest office of the department.

Method of payment

In Australia

To make a payment, please pay by credit card, debit card, bank cheque or money order made payable to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. Debit card and credit card are the preferred methods of payment.

Outside Australia

Before making a payment outside Australia, please check with the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application as to what methods of payment they can accept.

Health requirements

Visitors intending to study may be required to undergo health checks if they are likely to enter a classroom environment for more than 4 weeks or if their circumstances are considered to be of 'special significance'.

Your health may be of 'special significance' if:

- you are likely to enter a hospital or health care area (including nursing homes) for any purpose;
- you are likely to be spending time in an Australian child care centre (including preschools or creches); or
- there are indications you may not meet the health requirements.

Residential address

You must provide the address where you intend to live while your application is being dealt with. Failure to give a residential address in your application will result in your application being invalid. A post office box address will not be accepted as your residential address.

Health insurance

It is recommended that you take out health insurance for you and your family for the period of stay in Australia. You will not be covered by Australia's national health scheme, unless you are covered by a reciprocal health care agreement.

Vaccinations

If it is your intention to enrol your child in an Australian school or childcare centre (creche or preschool) during your visit to Australia, you are strongly encouraged to carry certification of your child's vaccination status.

Vaccination is recommended against polio, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), Haemophilus influenzae hypo (Hib), and Hepatitis B.

Certification may be sought at time of enrolment.

Note: Vaccination against rubella is also recommended for women of child bearing age.

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Consent to communicate electronically

The department may use a range of means to communicate with you. However, electronic means such as fax or e-mail will only be used if you indicate your agreement to receiving communication in this way.

To process your application the department may need to communicate with you about sensitive information, for example, health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. Electronic communications, unless adequately encrypted, are not secure and may be viewed by others or interfered with. If you agree to the department communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by the department for the purpose for which you have provided them, unless there is a legal obligation or necessity to use them for another purpose, or you have consented to use for another purpose. They will not be added to any mailing list.

The Commonwealth Government accepts no responsibility for the security or integrity of any information sent to the department over the internet or by other electronic means.

If you authorise another person to receive documents on your behalf and they wish to be contacted electronically, their signature is required on the form to indicate their consent to this form of communication.

Can a visitor extend their stay to continue studying?

No. Visitors are not permitted to extend their stay in Australia to either complete a course of study or start a new course. This emphasizes the need to complete any study within 3 months of arrival. People who intend to undertake long-term study in Australia should apply for a student visa.

Authorisation of a person to receive written communications

You may authorise another person to receive all written communications about your application with the department. To do this, you will need to complete the sections of the form with the heading *Options for receiving written communications* and *Authorised person details*. The authorised person will need to sign at the section *Authorised person details*. You can only appoint one authorised person at any time.

If you nominate an authorised person, the department will send to that person any written communications relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that person as if they had been sent to you.

If you decide to change the authorised person that you have nominated after you have lodged your application, you must promptly advise the department in writing of the details of that person.

Authorisation of a migration agent to act on your behalf

If you have a migration agent acting on your behalf in relation to your application, you need to complete the sections of the form with the heading *Options for receiving written communications* and *Migration agent details*. The migration agent will need to sign at the section *Migration agent details*.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising the department to send to that agent any written communication about your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that agent as if they had been sent to you.

When you provide details of the migration agent, please make sure you give the agent's 7-digit migration agent registration number (MARN) and the agent's full name.

If you change your migration agent or end his/her appointment after you have lodged this application, you must promptly advise the department by using form 956 *Appointment of a migration agent*, which is available on the department's website or from your migration agent. You should also notify the agent of this, preferably in writing.

Using a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you use a migration agent, the department encourages you to use a registered migration agent. Registered agents are bound by the Migration Agents Code of Conduct, which requires them to act in the lawful best interests of their clients and act professionally.

A list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

You can contact the MARA at:

E-mail: themara@themara.com.au

PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230
AUSTRALIA

Telephone: 61 2 9299 5446

Fax: 61 2 9299 8448

The MARA investigates complaints against registered migration agents and may take disciplinary action against them. If you have a concern about a registered migration agent, you should contact the MARA. A copy of the complaint form is available from the MARA website.

Home page **www.immi.gov.au**

General enquiry line Telephone **131 881** during business hours in Australia to speak to an operator (recorded information available outside these hours). If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.