



## Visa Information

This document is intended to provide you with information on obtaining the correct visa to enter Australia to attend the Global Eco Asia-Pacific Tourism Conference however it is a guideline only. We strongly recommend you visit the web pages as outlined in the document and determine which visa is most suitable for the purpose of your visit. Alternatively you can contact the nearest Australian Consulate or High Commission who will be able to advise you.

We strongly recommend that you **commence the visa process as soon as possible** so that possible delays won't prevent you from attending the conference.

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## 1.0. ETA (Business entrant) subclass 977

<http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/956-977/>

### 1.1. What does an ETA let me do? ETA (Business Entrant – short validity) subclass 977

You can stay in Australia for up to three months on each visit within a 12 month period from the date of grant, or for the life of the passport if it is less than 12 months (single or multiple entries).

### 1.2. How much will an ETA cost? ETA(Business Entrant – short validity) subclass 977

There is no visa application charge. A service charge of \$20 applies.

### 1.3. When do I need to Apply for an ETA?

You are advised to apply for your ETA as soon as you have registered for the conference however **at least** four weeks before your proposed date of travel.

### 1.4. How to apply?

ETA eligible passports – apply online (<https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/>)

If you hold a citizen passport issued by one of the countries or regions listed below, you can apply for an ETA online while outside Australia.

- 🍷 Brunei
- 🍷 Canada
- 🍷 Hong Kong (SAR)
- 🍷 Japan
- 🍷 Malaysia
- 🍷 Singapore
- 🍷 South Korea
- 🍷 United States of America

**Note:** European passport holders who are eligible to apply for an ETA through a travel agent, airline or specialist service provider should apply for an eVisitor, if applying online.

ETA eligible passports – apply through service providers





If you hold a citizen passport issued by one of the countries or regions listed you can apply for an ETA through a travel agent, airline, specialist service provider or an Australian visa office outside Australia.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Andorra</li> <li>🍷 Austria</li> <li>🍷 Belgium</li> <li>🍷 Brunei</li> <li>🍷 Canada</li> <li>🍷 Denmark</li> <li>🍷 Finland</li> <li>🍷 France</li> <li>🍷 Germany</li> <li>🍷 Greece</li> <li>🍷 Hong Kong (SAR)</li> <li>🍷 Iceland</li> <li>🍷 Ireland</li> <li>🍷 Italy</li> <li>🍷 Japan</li> <li>🍷 Liechtenstein</li> <li>🍷 Luxembourg</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🍷 Malaysia</li> <li>🍷 Malta</li> <li>🍷 Monaco</li> <li>🍷 The Netherlands</li> <li>🍷 Norway</li> <li>🍷 Portugal</li> <li>🍷 Republic of San Marino</li> <li>🍷 Singapore</li> <li>🍷 South Korea</li> <li>🍷 Spain</li> <li>🍷 Sweden</li> <li>🍷 Switzerland</li> <li>🍷 Taiwan</li> <li>🍷 United Kingdom – British Citizen</li> <li>🍷 United Kingdom – British National (Overseas)</li> <li>🍷 United States of America</li> <li>🍷 Vatican City</li> </ul> |
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**Note:** A Hong Kong Document of Identity (HKDI) cannot be used to apply for an ETA. Residents of Hong Kong require a citizenship passport to apply for this visa.

Holders of Taiwan passports in Taiwan can apply through an approved ETA travel agent in Taiwan or the Australian Services office in Taipei. Holders of Taiwan passports outside Taiwan can apply for an ETA at their closest Australia visa office.

### 1.5. Visa obligations

You must only intend to visit Australia temporarily for business purposes.

**Example:** attending educational or business related meetings, seminars, conventions, conferences or networking.

#### Conditions:

You must comply with your ETA conditions while in Australia. A breach of these conditions may result in your ETA being cancelled and you may have to leave Australia.

- 🍷 You must not engage in work in Australia that might otherwise be carried out by an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident
- 🍷 Work is generally not allowed, however, you may be able to engage in limited work if for example it is highly specialised and non ongoing (generally less than six (6) weeks).





**Note:** To fill an ongoing position or if your main reason for coming to Australia is to work, you should apply for a Business (Long Stay) subclass 457 visa or another appropriate visa.

- 🕒 You must not engage in any studies or training for more than three months
- 🕒 You must be free from tuberculosis at the time of travel to, and entry into, Australia.
- 🕒 You must not have any criminal convictions, for which the sentence or sentences (whether served or not) are for a total period of 12 months duration or more, at the time of travel to, and entry into, Australia.

**Note:** ETA holders are no longer required to pass a chest x-ray examination even if they intend to study in a classroom environment for a period greater than 4 weeks.

## 1.6. Processing time

In most cases your ETA Visa will be approved within 24 hours, however it is recommended to organise your visa as soon as you have registered for the conference **at least 4 weeks prior** to the conference.





## 2.0. eVisitor

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/evisitor/>

### 2.1. What does an eVisitor let me do?

You can stay in Australia for up to three months on each visit within a 12 month period from the date of grant.

### 2.2. How much will an eVisitor cost?

eVisitor applications are free, there is no application charge or service fee.

### 2.3. How to apply?

eVisitor eligible passports - [http://www.immi.gov.au/e\\_visas/evisitor.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/evisitor.htm)

An eVisitor is an electronically stored authority for travel to Australia. You can apply for an eVisitor online and do not need to visit a departmental office. You will not receive a stamp or label in your passport, however you will be provided with a confirmation email for your records.

The list below shows eligible passports. These are citizen passports issued by the following countries.

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| ☉ Andorra        | ☉ Lithuania                        |
| ☉ Austria        | ☉ Luxembourg                       |
| ☉ Belgium        | ☉ Malta                            |
| ☉ Bulgaria       | ☉ Monaco                           |
| ☉ Cyprus         | ☉ The Netherlands                  |
| ☉ Czech Republic | ☉ Norway                           |
| ☉ Denmark        | ☉ Poland                           |
| ☉ Estonia        | ☉ Portugal                         |
| ☉ Finland        | ☉ Romania                          |
| ☉ France         | ☉ Republic of San Marino           |
| ☉ Germany        | ☉ Slovak Republic                  |
| ☉ Greece         | ☉ Slovenia                         |
| ☉ Hungary        | ☉ Spain                            |
| ☉ Iceland        | ☉ Sweden                           |
| ☉ Ireland        | ☉ Switzerland                      |
| ☉ Italy          | ☉ United Kingdom - British Citizen |
| ☉ Latvia         | ☉ Vatican City                     |
| ☉ Liechtenstein  |                                    |





## 2.4. Visa obligations

You must comply with your eVisitor conditions while in Australia. A breach of these conditions may result in your eVisitor being cancelled and you may have to leave Australia.

### Conditions:

- ☉ You must not engage in any studies or training for more than three months.
- ☉ You must be free from tuberculosis at the time of travel to, and entry into, Australia.
- ☉ You must not have any criminal convictions, for which the sentence or sentences are for a total period of 12 months duration or more (whether served or not), at the time of travel to, and entry into, Australia.

If any of the above conditions apply to you we suggest you contact your nearest Australian visa office before lodging an eVisitor application.

*If you apply for an eVisitor for business purposes, you must not:*

- ☉ Work in Australia except in strictly limited circumstances, for example if the work is highly specialised and non ongoing
- ☉ Undertake work in Australia that can be done by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

## 2.5. Processing time

Most applications will be finalized within a few minutes after you complete your online application and you will be notified by email within 24 hours.

Where additional information is required by the processing office to finalize the application they will notify you by email; the processing standard for these applications is 2-10 working days.

***We recommend that you apply at least 4 weeks before you intend to travel to Australia.***





### 3.0. Business (short stay) Visa (subclass 456)

<http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/456/>

#### 3.1. What does a Business (short stay) Visa subclass 456 let me do?

If you are granted this visa, you can:

- ☉ Attend to business activities in Australia including conferences, business negotiations or exploratory business visits
- ☉ Be allowed to engage in limited work, if for example it is highly specialised and non-ongoing
- ☉ Enter Australia once or on multiple occasions during the visa validity period
- ☉ Stay in Australia for up to three months from the date of each entry
- ☉ Bring your partner or dependent children to Australia.

#### 3.2. How much will this visa cost?

You may be required to pay a visa application charge. This charge is usually not refunded if your application is unsuccessful.

#### 3.3. Who is this visa for?

This visa is available to all passport holders who want to visit Australia for business purposes. No sponsorship is required.

Certain business visitors will also be eligible to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) or an eVisitor.

You can not apply online for Business (Short Stay) Visa (Subclass 456).

#### 3.4. How to apply?

Eligible passports - [http://www.immi.gov.au/e\\_visas/evisitor.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/evisitor.htm)

#### 3.5. Visa obligations

You must comply with the following obligations while in Australia on this visa.

Validity:

- ☉ You are only allowed to stay in Australia for a maximum of three months on each arrival
- ☉ You must leave Australia before your visa expires







- 🕒 You cannot apply to stay longer in Australia on a further visa of this type
- 🕒 The dates of your visa validity period will be specified on the visa label and in the visa grant notification letter
- 🕒 You can be granted single or multiple entries to Australia.

#### Conditions:

If you are granted this visa, you are not able to:

- 🕒 Work in Australia except in strictly limited circumstances, if for example the work is highly specialised and non ongoing
- 🕒 Undertake work in Australia that can be done by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Your visa may be granted with a 'No further stay' condition. If your visa is subject to this condition, you will not be able to apply for any other visa (except for a Protection visa) while you remain in Australia.

### 3.6. Processing time

The usual processing time for this type of visa is one month; however, this will differ depending on your and other circumstances. We strongly recommend that you commence your visa application **at least 3 months before** your departure date.

