



Application for a Working Holiday visa

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Who should use this form?

Applicants applying for a Working Holiday visa.

Purpose of the program

The Working Holiday Maker program aims to promote international understanding. It provides opportunities for resourceful, self-reliant and adaptable young people to holiday in Australia and to supplement their funds through incidental employment.

Who is eligible?

Australia currently has reciprocal working holiday maker arrangements with the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, Japan, the Republic of Ireland, the Republic of Korea, Malta, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (HKSAR), Finland and the Republic of Cyprus which allow young passport holders of those countries to apply for a working holiday visa in Australia.

Australia is currently negotiating working holiday maker arrangements with a range of additional countries. To see whether an arrangement has been established with your country, check Fact Sheet 49 on the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs' (DIMIA) website: www.immi.gov.au or check with an Australian Government office.

To be eligible for the grant of a Working Holiday visa, you must:

- be aged between 18 and 30 years at the time of application;
- hold a valid passport of an arrangement country;
- have no dependent children;
- have not previously entered Australia on a Working Holiday visa (on a passport of any country);
- meet health and character requirements; and
- be outside Australia at the time of visa grant.

To be granted a Working Holiday visa, you must also agree that:

- your main reason for coming to Australia is to holiday (*any work should be incidental to supplement funds*);
- you will not undertake studies or training for more than three months; and
- you will leave Australia at the end of your authorised stay.

How do I apply?

An application for a Working Holiday visa CANNOT be lodged in Australia.

Completed application forms may be sent by mail, accompanied by the appropriate visa application charge. Do not send cash with your application. Address details for each Australian Government office overseas can be obtained from the DIMIA website.

Passport holders of the United Kingdom, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and the Republic of Ireland can apply at any Australian Government office outside Australia. As a rule, passport holders of other arrangement countries must apply at an Australian Government office in the country which issues their passport.

A limit may be imposed on the number of visas granted. This limit is reviewed annually. Please check with the Australian Government office as to whether the limit on the number of visas granted has been reached.

Electronic Working Holiday visa

Applicants for a Working Holiday visa may also be eligible to apply directly through DIMIA's website for an electronic Working Holiday visa. Electronic working holiday visa applicants are required to pay the visa application charge by credit card.

Applicants who are granted an electronic Working Holiday visa enter Australia with no visa label in their passport. They are required to attend the nearest DIMIA office after arrival in Australia and present their current passport to have a visa label placed in it as evidence of their work rights. There is no charge for this service.

Applications should be made through DIMIA's website at www.immi.gov.au using form 1150E *Application for an electronic working holiday visa*.

Is there a charge for the visa?

Yes. Details of visa application charges can be obtained from the DIMIA website under form 990i *Charges*. Please ensure that you choose the latest form 990i from the selection, in order to obtain up-to-date charges. The Australian Government office is also able to provide you with information on charges.

Is an interview necessary?

You may be interviewed so that the aim of the Working Holiday Maker program can be explained and an assessment made of your likely contribution to the program.

Do I need a return ticket?

Yes, or be able to show that you have sufficient funds for a return or onward fare.

You should also provide evidence (*eg bank statement or savings book*) of sufficient funds, ie A\$5000, for the initial stage of your holiday.

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Do I need to have a medical examination?

All applicants are required to meet health criteria. Formal health examinations will be required in certain circumstances:

- A chest x-ray (*using form 160*) will be required
 - if you are a resident of, or have spent in the last 5 years more than 3 consecutive months in, a country or countries considered to be of a very high risk in terms of tuberculosis. For a list of very high risk countries, please see form 1163i *Health requirement for temporary entry to Australia* or visit the website of the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application;
 - if you are likely to enter an Australian hospital or health care area (*including nursing homes*);
 - if you are likely to be engaged in an Australian child care centre (*including preschools or creches*), as either an employee or trainee; or
 - if you are likely to work or study in a classroom environment for more than 4 weeks.
- A chest x-ray (*using form 160*) and a medical examination (*using form 26*), including any specialist reports, will be required if there is an indication you may not meet the health requirement.

Examinations are conducted by "panel doctors". A list of panel doctors can be obtained by visiting the website of your nearest Australian Government office. Two passport-sized photographs will be required for any medical or x-ray examination.

Failure to submit the appropriate documentation at the time of application may result in delays in the processing of your visa.

For how long is the visa valid?

A Working Holiday visa gives you 12 months to travel to Australia from the date the visa is granted and allows you to stay in Australia for 12 months from the date you first enter Australia.

Can I travel into and out of Australia on my Working Holiday visa?

Yes, you can. However, if you depart Australia during your 12 month stay, you are not able to 'top up' or recover, in any way, the period of time spent outside Australia.

Important: For example, you arrive in Australia on 1 January 2003. Your Working Holiday visa is valid until 1 January 2004. On 1 May 2003 you depart Australia, returning on 1 July 2003. Your Working Holiday visa still expires on 1 January 2004. **You cannot, under any circumstances, have your visa extended to account for the time you spent outside Australia.**

What are the work conditions?

The main purpose of your visit should be to holiday and travel. Although you may stay for a maximum of 12 months in Australia, you should not work for the full period of your stay. As a Working Holiday visa holder you are not permitted to work for longer than 3 months with the one employer. You are not permitted to extend your employment beyond 3 months with any one employer through the use of business affiliates and/or sub-contracting arrangements or employment agencies. In practical terms, this means that you cannot work for longer than 3 months in the same position, in the same location, doing the same work.

If you are found to be working beyond the approved period, you may have your visa cancelled and be required to leave Australia.

Where can I find information on rates of pay and conditions?

If you require such information, you should contact the nearest office of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in Australia. Alternatively, general information on wages and conditions can be obtained through their internet address which is: **www.wagenet.gov.au**. The wages and conditions of a Working Holiday visa holder should be consistent with Australian standards.

Please note that if you intend to work in your occupation in Australia you should be aware that registration or licensing may be required. This applies particularly to the health professions. You should contact the relevant assessing body to ascertain if you need to obtain registration or licensing in Australia. See form 1121i *Skilled Occupations List* for contact numbers.

Do I need health insurance?

Yes, it is recommended that you take out private health insurance to cover yourself in Australia unless there is a reciprocal health insurance arrangement between Australia and the country which issues your passport. Enquiries about the possible existence of such arrangements should be made when you apply.

Can I change to another visa?

You can apply for another visa while you are in Australia if you meet the requirements for another visa. Working Holiday visa holders are able to meet the criteria for grant of a visitor visa to enable a longer stay in Australia only if **exceptional** circumstances exist.

Is there anything else I should know about the visa conditions?

The Working Holiday visa conditions outlined above are noted on the visa. A breach of these conditions may result in cancellation of your visa and you may be required to leave Australia. If you require further information about the conditions, please contact any DIMIA office.

Where can I get more information?

Ring the DIMIA enquiry line on 13 1881 for the cost of a local call. This number is available in Australia only. Outside Australia please contact the nearest Australian Government office. Many Australian Government offices have their own e-mail addresses or websites where you can obtain information on the Visa Application Charge and Working Holiday visa requirements. These include:

www.australia.org.uk	(United Kingdom)
www.australia.org.uk	(Ireland)
www.ahc-ottawa.org	(Canada)
www.australia.or.jp	(Japan)
www.australian-embassy.de	(Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland)
www.australia.org.hk	(the HKSAR)
dima-malta@dfat.gov.au	(Malta)
dima-the_hague@dfat.gov.au	(Netherlands)
dima-seoul@dfat.gov.au	(Korea)
dima-nicosia@dfat.gov.au	(Cyprus)

General information (*including website and e-mail addresses of other Australian Government offices*) can also be obtained on the DIMIA website: **www.immi.gov.au**

How to apply

Who should use this form?

Refer to the eligibility criteria on page 1.

Visa application charge

There is a prescribed charge which must accompany each application. The application will not be valid unless the charge has been received. If the application is unsuccessful there is generally no provision to refund the charge.

Before you make your payment, please contact the Australian Government Office where you intend to lodge your application to find out what methods of payment can be accepted at that office.

Step 1

Make sure you have a passport which is valid for your intended stay in Australia.

Step 2

Complete the application form.

Please use a pen, and write neatly in English using BLOCK LETTERS.

You must provide the address of 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.

Step 3

Lodge your application form, passport, charge and attachments (if required) at the nearest Australian Government office.

Your application can be lodged personally or by your representative, or sent by mail. Address details for each Australian Government office can be found on the DIMIA website: www.immi.gov.au

If you wish to change any details after you lodge your application, or if you wish to withdraw it, please contact the office where you lodged the form.

What happens next?

Your application will be considered and you may be asked to provide additional information to enable a decision to be made.

You will be advised in writing whether your application has been approved or not. If your application is refused, you will be given a reason for the decision.

About the information you give in this form

DIMIA is authorised to collect information provided on this form under Part 2 of the *Migration Act 1958* 'Control of Arrival and Presence of Non-Citizens'. The information provided will be used for assessing your visa application and for other purposes relating to the administration of the Migration Act.

The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, review of decisions, and registration of migration agents.

The information on this form, including the results of any tests for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa. A positive HIV **or other** test result will not necessarily lead to a visa being denied. Your result(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, State and Territory Health agencies.

Form 1163i *Health requirement for temporary entry to Australia* provides additional information on Australia's visa health requirements. This form is available at DIMIA offices or via the internet at www.immi.gov.au

Form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from DIMIA offices, gives details of agencies to which your information might be disclosed.

Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication

You may authorise another person to act on your behalf in connection with your application in dealings with DIMIA. If so, you will need to complete form 956 *Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication* which is on the last page of this form.

Nominating a person to act on your behalf includes authorising that person to receive any communication relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. You will be taken to have received any communication about your application sent to that person as if they were sent to you.

Use of a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent to assist you with your application. However, in the event you wish to use a migration agent, a list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) or the offices of DIMIA.

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230
AUSTRALIA

Fax: +61 2 9299 8448

Website: www.themara.com.au

Registered migration agents are bound by the Migration Agent's Code of Conduct and generally charge for their services. 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 can contact the MARA.

Under Australian law, anyone who uses knowledge of migration procedures to offer advice or assistance to a person wishing to obtain a visa to enter or remain in Australia must be registered. If you intend to use a migration agent you are advised to use a registered migration agent.

Consent to communicate electronically

DIMIA 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 DIMIA 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 DIMIA communicating with you by electronic means, the details you provide will only be used by DIMIA 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 DIMIA 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.

Application Checklist

This checklist is provided for your assistance. It is not a requirement of your application. However, please note that processing of your application will be delayed if you do not provide all the required information and documents at the time of lodgement.

TICK when completed.

Check the website or e-mail the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application to determine the medical requirements for grant of a Working Holiday visa.

With your application you must include:

The medical information or evidence required by the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application

Your passport, valid for your period of intended stay in Australia

The application charge

Evidence of sufficient funds for your initial stay in Australia and onward fare

Separate these information pages from the application form and keep them for future reference.



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Your details

1 Your full name

Family name

Given names

2 Have you been known by any other names?

(including name at birth, previous married names, aliases)

No

Yes Give details

3 Sex Male Female

4 Date of birth

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

5 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

6 Marital Status

7 Passport details

Passport number

Passport expiry date DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

8 Country of citizenship or country of passport

9 Identity number (if applicable). For example, national identity card, Social Security card.

10 Usual occupation

11 Qualifications

12 Current residential address

Note: A Post Office box address is not acceptable as a residential address. Failure to give a residential address will result in your application being invalid.

 POSTCODE

13 Address for correspondence

(If the same as your residential address, write 'AS ABOVE')

 POSTCODE

14 Your telephone numbers

	COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
Office hours	()	()	
After hours	()	()	

15 Do you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?

No

Yes Give details

Facsimile number COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER
() ()

E-mail address

16 Do you have any dependent children?

No Yes

17 Have you been granted a Working Holiday visa to Australia before?

No Yes Give details

Name

Place of application

Visa number **V** <

Date of entry to Australia DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

18 Date of proposed travel

DAY MONTH YEAR
/ /

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19 Have you provided evidence (eg. bank statement or savings book) of sufficient funds for the initial period of your stay in Australia?

No Yes

20 What type of employment do you intend to seek?

Health details

21 In the last 5 years, have you visited or lived outside your country of usual residence for more than 3 consecutive months?

No Yes ▶ Give details

Name

Country(s)

Date From

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Name

Country(s)

Date From

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22 Do you

- intend entering an Australian hospital (including nursing homes) for work, training, treatment or visiting?
- intend to work in an Australian preschool-aged child care centre (including preschools and creches) as an employee or trainee?
- intend to work or study in a classroom environment for more than 4 weeks?

No

Yes ▶ Please give full details. Attach the results of your chest x-ray, as required by the Australian Government office where you intend to lodge your application.

23 Have you:

- ever had, or do you currently have, tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a person who has, or has had, active tuberculosis?
- ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

No

Yes ▶ Please give full details

24 During your proposed stay in Australia, do you expect to incur medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up for:

- blood disorders
- cancer
- heart disease
- hepatitis B
- HIV infection, including AIDS
- kidney disease, including dialysis
- liver disease
- mental illness
- pregnancy
- respiratory disease that has required hospital admission
- any form of surgery

No

Yes ▶ Please give full details

25 Do you hold health insurance to cover your stay in Australia?

No

Yes



Authorisation of a person to act and receive communication

Authorisation by applicant or sponsor or Business Skills visa holder

I, (Family name)

(Given names)

(Date of birth) DAY / MONTH / YEAR

of (current residential address)

 POSTCODE

authorise the following person to act on my behalf in relation to (tick one box only)

my application OR
my sponsorship OR
any correspondence concerning my Business Skills visa (eg. monitoring and, where appropriate, cancellation)

in dealings with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA). This includes authorising DIMIA to send that person any communication, documents or notifications relating to my application or sponsorship or Business Skills visa that would otherwise have been sent to me.

Is this authorisation made in connection with an existing application?
No
Yes Give details of your existing application
Client number or file number or application receipt number
At which office was that application made?

Details of authorised person

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Authorised person's postal address

 POSTCODE

Telephone number COUNTRY CODE () () AREA CODE NUMBER

Migration Agent Registration Number (if applicable) 7 DIGITS : : : : : :

Signature of applicant or sponsor or Business Skills visa holder

Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR

Consent by authorised person for e-communication

As the authorised person named on this form, do you agree to DIMIA communicating with you by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means?
No
Yes Give details

Facsimile number COUNTRY CODE () () AREA CODE NUMBER

E-mail address

Do you require e-communication for: All communication OR All communication **except** the final decision

Authorised person's signature
Date DAY / MONTH / YEAR