



Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)

An ETA allows you to travel to Australia:

- ✓ as a tourist - for example, to cruise or have a holiday
- ✓ to visit family or friends
- ✓ as a business visitor - for example, make general business or employment enquiries, or take part in a conference.

General requirements:

- Have a passport from an eligible country
- Be a genuine visitor and only intend to stay in Australia temporarily
- Meet the conditions and stay period attached to your visa
- Meet our health and character requirements.

How long can you stay

Visit Australia as often as you wish in a 12-month period. Stay up to 3 months each time you enter Australia.

Family members

You cannot include family members in your application. Each family member, including those listed on your passport, must submit a separate application through the ETA app.

Apply

You can only apply for an ETA using the Australian ETA app, which can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store (Apple) or Google Play store (Android).

You must be outside Australia when you apply for the ETA and when we decide on your application.



More information

For more information, scan the QR code below or visit immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#HowTo



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Applying for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)

1

Apply for the ETA – Download the AustralianETA app

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You can then click on the Apple Store (Apple) or Google Play store (Android) link to download the ETA app.



2

Start your new ETA application

Once the app is downloaded you need to read and 'Agree' to the terms and conditions of using the app. You will also need to set a passcode.

To start the ETA application click on 'New ETA' and complete all required fields, making sure the details match your passport.

Each person must submit a separate ETA application.

3

Scan your passport and read the ePassport chip

The location of ePassport chips can differ between countries - you may need to try the front cover, the back cover, or inside the document.

4

Answer all the ETA questions correctly

Read each question carefully before answering.

Also, make sure you confirm biographic information, take your photo, verify your email address and profile, and pay the AUD20 service fee.

5

Check your emails for confirmation of your ETA application

Check your emails for confirmation of the ETA you have submitted or for any requests for further information.

If you receive a request for further information, make sure you:

- read the letter carefully and click on the link in the letter "submit an online form through ImmiAccount"
- log in or create your ImmiAccount
- follow the steps to complete your ETA application by clicking the "next" button
- Attach your passport to your ImmiAccount.

ETA eligible passports

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong (SAR of China), Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Portugal, Republic of San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan (exc official or diplomatic passports), The Netherlands, United Kingdom—British Citizen, United Kingdom—British National (Overseas), United States of America and Vatican City.



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- as a business visitor.

If you are here for business, you can:

- make general business or employment enquiries
- investigate, negotiate, enter into or review a business contract
- conduct activities as part of an official government visit
- take part in a conference, trade fair or seminar.

If you are here for business, you can't:

- work for or provide services to a business or organisation operating in Australia
- sell goods or provide services to the general public.

If you want to do short-term work in Australia, consider applying for a temporary work visa.

See the case studies on page 2 to help you decide if the ETA is the best visa option for you.

You must:

- have a valid passport from an ETA eligible country
- apply using the Australian ETA app
- be a genuine visitor and only intend to stay in Australia temporarily
- meet our health and character requirements
- meet the conditions and stay period attached to your ETA.

How long you can stay

The ETA is a temporary, multiple-entry visa. It is valid for travel to Australia for either 12 months, or for as long as your passport is valid, whichever is shorter. You can remain in Australia for up to 3 months each time you enter Australia. You can leave and re-enter Australia as many times as you wish while the ETA is valid.

Family members are not included

You cannot include family members in your application. Each family member, including those listed on your passport, must submit a separate application.

Apply

To apply for an ETA, download the Australian ETA app for free from the [Apple Store \(Apple\)](#) or [Google Play store \(Android\)](#). A travel industry representative, for example a travel agent, can also [apply for an ETA on your behalf](#).

You must be outside Australia:

- when you apply for the ETA
- when a decision is made on your application.

Fees

There is an application service fee of AUD20 for using the Australian ETA app. There is no Visa Application Charge.

Scenario 1

- James is an academic employed by a London university who will be visiting Australia for 7 days to attend a conference at a university. He will not be paid by the Australian university.
- Is an ETA appropriate for this purpose? Yes.
- James is able to obtain an ETA to travel to Australia and attend the conference because he will not be receiving payment from the Australian university.

Scenario 2

- Akari is planning on taking a 10 week trip to Australia to visit family. She will then return home to work, but wants to come back to Australia 6 months later for her friend's wedding.
- Is an ETA appropriate for this purpose? Yes.
- Akari is able to obtain an ETA to travel to Australia to visit family or friends. Within the 12 month period she can leave and re-enter Australia as often as she likes, as long as each stay is for no longer than 3 months and remain a genuine tourist.

Scenario 3

- Davu is a musician who has been contracted by an Australian entertainment promoter to perform at a number of ticketed events in Australia.
- Is an ETA appropriate for this purpose? No.
- Davu would not be eligible for an ETA as he would be paid for performing. He should consider applying for a Temporary Activity (Entertainment Activities) visa, see immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/entertainment-activities

Scenario 4

- Rae is a well-known YouTuber who is being paid to come to Australia to vlog and write social media content on tourist activities Down Under.
- Is an ETA appropriate for this purpose? No.
- Rae should apply for the Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa which allows for travel to undertake highly specialised non-ongoing work, see immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-400

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