

# VISITOR VISA – TOURIST STREAM SUBCLASS – 600 ONLINE APPLICATION CHECKLIST PHILIPPINES

This visa stream lets you visit Australia as a tourist, to go on a cruise or to see family and friends. For more information on Visitor Visas, see: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas#About">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas#About</a>

# How to use this checklist

- 1. Use this checklist to ensure that you have included all necessary documentation to support your claims.
- 2. Ensure that your application form is completed including residential address, signature and date.
- 3. Include this completed checklist when you lodge your visa application form and supporting documentation.

#### Other important information

Please be aware that the decision on your visa application may be decided based on the information and documentation included with your application at time of lodgement.

Visit the following page for global processing times: <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times</a>

To ensure that your visa application is finalised in a timely manner we strongly encourage applications with all supporting documentation to be included at time of lodgement.

# Form and Visa Application Charge (Fee)

- 1. Form 1419 Application for a Visitor Visa Tourist Stream completed in English <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/search?k=1419">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/search?k=1419</a>
- 2. Visa application charge.

  To estimate the cost of your visa, visit: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=600-298">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-pricing-estimator?visa=600-298</a>

# If you would like to authorise someone to act on your behalf, please submit

- 1. Form 956 Advice by a migration agent/exempt person of providing immigration assistance https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/956.pdf
- 2. Form 956A Appointment or withdrawal of an authorised recipient <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/956a.pdf</a>

# **Your Identity**

- 1. Copy of your passport including the photo page of your passport and any pages with amendments, endorsements, visas and entry / exit stamps.
- 2. One (1) passport-sized photo (head and shoulders only against a plain background).
- 3. Birth certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

# Documents to show you are a Visitor

# **Employed**

• Employment certificate indicating length of employment and annual salary <u>and</u> bank statement showing salary credits for the last three (3) months.

#### Self-Employed

• Business tax return for the last two (2) Years and bank deposit slip as evidence of tax payments.

# If you are visiting relatives or friends, provide all documents below:

(1) letter of invitation from your relative or friend in Australia;

- (2) a copy of the biopage of their passport;
- (3) evidence of your relationship to your relative or friend; and,
- (4) evidence that they have the necessary funds to support your intended stay.

# Documents to show your financial capacity

- 1. Bank certificate showing the average daily balance for the last three (3) months; and
- 2. Bank statement/s showing account transactions for the last three (3) months.

# Minor Applicants (Below 18 Years of Age)

- 1. Birth certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). If birth certificate is late registered, a copy of hospital records where the applicant was born duly certified by the hospital is required.
- 2. Evidence of Enrolment at school, college or university.

NB: A Travel Permit from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) does not constitute consent. Minor applicants are required to provide documents below.

- For children travelling with one parent:
  - Duly accomplished Form 1229 by non-travelling parent, <u>and</u> parent's contact information and valid government-issued ID with signature.
- For children travelling with someone other than a parent:
  - 1. Duly accomplished Form 1229 by **both parents**, **and both parents**' contact information and valid government-issued ID with signature; **and**,
  - 2. Duly accomplished Form 1257 by the person who will be responsible for you in Australia and valid government ID.

#### See:

Form 1229 Consent form to grant an Australian visa to a child under the age of 18 years

https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Forms/Documents/1229.pdf

Form 1257 Undertaking Declaration

https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Forms/Documents/1257.pdf

# **AUSTRALIAN VISA REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. **Accomplished online application form.** No need to print anything. You will be filling this out after creating an account. The form has 20 pages, so completing it can take a while, but it's easy.
- 2. Passport-size photo. Soft copy.
- 3. Copy of passport info page. Scanned. Must be clear.
- 4. Evidence of financial status and funding for visit. Any or all of the following:
  - Personal bank statement
  - ITR or tax document
  - Payslips
  - Title deed
  - Retirement pension book
- 5. **Evidence of Applicant's Previous Travel.** You may be asked to provide scanned copies of the pages of your OLD and CURRENT passports that have entry and exit stamps and visas. Not all applicants are required to submit this.
- 6. **Evidence of current employment or self-employment.** For employees, it can be any or all of the following:
  - Certificate of employment, explaining your role in the company
  - Evidence of leave

For self-employed individuals or business-owners, any or all of the following will be accepted:

- Business registration documents
- Finance sheets (profits and losses)

For students

- Certificate of enrolment
- 7. Family Register and Composition Form.
  - Form 54 (Family Composition)
  - PSA Birth Certificate
  - Marriage Certificate. If your current last name is different from your last name in your birth certificate.
- 8. Evidence of Planned Tourism Activities in Australia. (For Tourist Stream ONLY)
  - Day-to-day itinerary (daily schedule showing the places you will visit and things you will do). Sample itinerary here.
- 9. Evidence of Business-Related Reason for Travel. (For Business Stream ONLY.) It can be any or all of the following:
  - Conference registration
  - Details of previous contacts with Australian company or organization
  - Letter from employer explaining the reason for traveling
- 10. **Group Tour Details.** If you're visiting Australia as part of a group tour, submit any or all of the following:
  - Group Itinerary
  - Letter from company or institution organizing the tour
  - Group tour participants list
- 11. Visa Fee. As of July 2019, the fee is AUD 145. Credit card, debit card, PayPal, and UnionPay are accepted.

# **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- NOT ALL of the above are required. Some are labeled REQUIRED while others are tagged RECOMMENDED. So technically, not all of these are required. But I still strongly encourage you to submit as many listed documents as you can.
- On the list above, I keep on writing "ANY or ALL of these documents" under some categories. Why? Because in theory, you can submit just one item per document type. But of

- course, the more relevant documents you upload, the higher your chances of your application being approved.
- Some documents don't apply to everyone. I tried changing some answers to check if it would affect the list of requirements and I found that it did. Therefore: The list of requirements vary depending on your answers to the questions in the form. For example, when I applied for myself and my mom, I wasn't required to submit proof of travel history but my mom was.
- The following file types are accepted: jpg, bmp, png, pdf. PDF files must NOT be encrypted. Zip files are not allowed.
- The size of each file must not exceed 5MB. If it's bigger than that, you will need to reduce the size. If your PDF files are still over, recreate your files with Adobe Distiller and set to "lowest file size." Jpeg files can be set to only 96 DPI (dots per inch).

Here are additional documents that are not required but I believe can help your application go smoothly. (I submitted the following for my first application.)

- 1. **Cover Letter.** This isn't required, but it would help you a lot if you upload a letter explaining why you want to visit. Make sure that the letter summarizes and supports everything else you're submitting. Remember, there will be no interview so it is best to let them know what you plan to do in Oz. We have a sample here: <u>AUSTRALIAN VISA COVER LETTER.</u>
- 2. Roundtrip flight and hotel booking. You are actually discouraged to book flights and hotels before you're granted a visa (so your money won't go to waste should your application be denied), but in our case, we already had confirmed bookings so we thought we might as well submit them. This might be helpful if you snagged low fares via seat sale. But if you don't have tickets yet, don't book. Wait for your visa before making flight arrangements.

I know friends who also submitted their latest **credit card statement**. This is to show them that you have additional source of travel funds. I have a credit card but didn't submit mine.

Again, if your trip is sponsored by a family member, apply for a visa under Sponsored Family Stream. Unfortunately, we haven't experienced it so we don't know the details. But from what I know, you will need to have the following on top of the other requirements.

- 1. **Letter of invitation.** Only if you're visiting a friend or relative. Best if you have photos with that friend and relative showing that you really know each other.
- 2. **Identification Documents of Sponsor.** If you declare that your trip will be paid for by someone other than yourself.
- 3. Evidence that your sponsor in Australia can financially support your trip. If you declare that your trip will be paid for by someone other than yourself.

Your sponsor might also be required to pay a bond.