



# Visa options for Events such as Conferences, Trade Fairs, Seminars or Expos

All visitors must have a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia (other than New Zealand passport holders who will normally be granted a Special Category visa on arrival, provided they meet health and character requirements; and permanent residents of Norfolk Island who may be granted a Permanent Resident of Norfolk Island visa on arrival).

The appropriate visa will depend, amongst other things, on the purpose for visiting Australia.

## Visa options

The passport which you hold determines whether you are eligible to apply online, or need to lodge a paper based application.

Depending on your eligibility, you may be able to apply for one of the following visas:

- Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400)
- Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601)
- eVisitor visa (subclass 651)
- Visitor (Business Stream) visa (subclass 600).

The **Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400)** is the appropriate visa for those intending to undertake one or more of the following roles/activities:

- People involved in the organisation or delivery of the event
- Speakers, presenters or delegates who are being paid (including appearance fees) for their participation eg. professional motivational speakers or VIPs paid to attend as delegates
- A role/activity that would normally be remunerated
- Independent journalist, correspondent or reporter for an overseas news organisation who will **not** be taking part in film, television or other productions that will be broadcast in Australia
- Exhibitors engaged in retail activities (sale of goods or services directly to the general public).

More information is available on the department's website.

See: [www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/400.aspx](http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/400.aspx)

**Note:** If you will be taking part in film, television or other productions that **will be broadcast in Australia**, you should apply for the Temporary Work (Entertainment) visa (subclass 420).

See: [www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/420.aspx](http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/420.aspx)

If you are planning to visit Australia to participate in a business event such as a conference, trade fair or seminar or expo, and you are not being paid by an organiser for your participation in the event, you may be eligible for an **ETA (subclass 601), eVisitor visa (subclass 651) or Visitor (Business Stream) visa (subclass 600)**, as long as you:

- do not work for or provide services to a business or organisation in Australia
- do not sell goods or services to the public

You may also be eligible for one of these visas if you are undertaking a genuine unpaid volunteer role, but only if an Australian resident would not otherwise be paid to do that type of work (you can be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses such as meals and accommodation).

See: [www.immi.gov.au/Visit/Pages/Visit.aspx](http://www.immi.gov.au/Visit/Pages/Visit.aspx)

More information on ETA, eVisitor visa and Visitor (Business Stream) visa is available on the department's website.

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## More information

See **Visa Application Requirements factsheet** for things to consider before lodging a visa application.