



Temporary Activity Visa (subclass 408)

Application Checklist (Thailand and Laos)

Who should apply for a Temporary Activity Visa Subclass 408?

This visa allows you to come to Australia on a temporary basis to participate in one or more specified activities at the invitation of an organisation that is lawfully operating in Australia. Activities include:

- **Entertainer:** to work in the entertainment industry in film, television or live productions in either a performance or behind-the-scenes role, such as directing, producing and other production roles.
- **Invited participant:** for people who are invited for stays up to 3 months by an organisation operating in Australia to participate in a specific cultural or social event or events. For example, conferences, sporting, religious and other community events. *More information is provided below.*
- **Researcher:**
 - to participate or observe in an Australian research project after being invited to do so.
 - to undertake a research activity at an Australian tertiary or research institution related to your field of study.
- **Religious worker:** to be a full-time religious worker, serving the religious objectives of a religious institution in Australia.
- **Special program:** to participate in an approved special program that provides opportunities for youth exchange, cultural enrichment or community benefits.
- **Sport:**
 - play, coach or instruct or adjudicate under contract to an Australian sporting club or organisation
 - participate in a high-level sports training program
- **Exchange:** to work in a skilled position under a reciprocal staff exchange arrangement to:
 - give participants an opportunity to experience another culture
 - enhance international relations
 - broaden participants' experience and knowledge.
- **Superyacht crew:** to be employed as a superyacht crew member on board a superyacht in Australia.
- **Domestic worker (executive):** to work full time in the household of certain senior foreign executives.
- **Australian Government endorsed event:** to participate in a government endorsed major event.

You might be able to get this visa if you:

- intend to stay in Australia for **three months or less** and apply from outside Australia, and you have the support of an organisation or individual in Australia who has responsibility for the events or activities being undertaken who passes the **support test**
- intend to stay in Australia for **more than three months** and you are sponsored by an approved sponsor for this visa who passes the **sponsorship test**
- meet the requirements of the activity type in which you are applying for this visa
- have adequate financial support for you and your family while you are in Australia
- have adequate arrangements for health insurance while you are in Australia
- meet health and character requirements and genuinely intend to remain temporarily in Australia to do the work or activity specified in your application.

This fact sheet provides information on the **Invited Participant activity type** which is processed by Bangkok Office. For information on other Activity Types, see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408>.

Invited Participant Activity Type

You can apply under the Invited Participant Activity type of this visa if you intend to stay for three months or less and have been invited by an Australian organisation or participate in social and cultural activities associated with community-based events, for example:

- sports competitors (and their support staff including managers, medical staff, coaches, referees, officials) participating in events, touring as part of an overseas sports team or undertaking a training programme
- ministers conducting religious services or engaging in other religious activities as a guest of an Australian religious institution
- religious workers at a religious event
- academics engaging in lectures, workshops or research activities invited by a tertiary academic institution
- public speakers or lecturers
- speakers, presenters and exhibitors at trade fairs, expos, exhibitions, conferences, workshops or seminars
- entertainers attending specific promotional events (but not performing)
- artists engaging in the creation of visual art, or holding exhibitions of their work
- authors at a writers festival presenting work in front of an audience
- dance choreographers conducting dance workshops which includes a closing performance (non-ticketed)
- persons participating as competitors in non-sporting competitions, such as dance competitions, music competitions, online gaming competitions, student competitions.

I am taking my family with me; can they be included in my application?

All family members who will come with you or who will join you later in Australia must be:

- included in your visa application (even if they will join you later in Australia)
- sponsored if your stay in Australia is for more than 3 months (your sponsor must agree, in writing, to sponsor your family members).

Members of your family unit must be able to show that they have access to adequate means of support for their stay and meet health and character requirements.

Members of your family unit can apply for this visa as either a combined applicant (included in your application) or as a subsequent applicant (at a later time, separate from your application). Applications can be made using [ImmiAccount](#). Subsequent applicants should apply using the Temporary Activity, International Relations or Training Visa (Subsequent Entrant) (403,407,408) form in [ImmiAccount](#).

Your family cannot enter Australia before you. When your visa ends, your family must leave Australia with you or stay after you finally depart.

Your family must:

- intend to remain members of your family unit.
- maintain adequate health insurance while they are in Australia
- not become involved in activities disruptive to, or violence threatening harm to, the Australian community or a group within the Australian community.

Your family can work or study in Australia while their visa is valid.

We will tell you if there are any other conditions they must comply with when you are granted the visa.

What if I want to extend my stay in Australia?

You cannot extend this visa after you arrive in Australia. If you would like to spend longer periods in Australia, you should consider other visa options.

Can I work on a Temporary Activity Visa Subclass 408 – Invited Participant Activity Type?

This visa allows you to stay in Australia for a period of up to three months to participate in the specific activity or event that you have been invited to attend.

How do I lodge my application?

Online lodgement

You can lodge your application online through ImmiAccount, which you can access via <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>.

If you lodge your application online through [ImmiAccount](#), you **must** upload all supporting documents into the system **at the time** of lodgement.

Biometrics collection

Most applicants lodging visa applications in Thailand, regardless of nationality, need to attend in person to provide their biometrics (fingerprints and a digital facial photograph) as part of the visa application process. The collection of biometrics is conducted at an AVAC in Bangkok or Chiang Mai. Please take your original passport with you. For further information on biometrics, see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>.

Bangkok	Chiang Mai
The Trendy Office Building 28th floor, Sukhumvit Soi 13, Klongtoey-Nua, Wattana, Bangkok 10110 (NANA BTS station, exit 3)	Siriphanich, 191 Huaykaew Road, Suthep, Muang, Chiang Mai (opposite MAYA Lifestyle Shopping Centre)
Telephone: 02 118 7100 Email: info.auth@vfishelpine.com	Telephone: 02 118 7100 Email: info.auth@vfishelpine.com
Further information on the Australia Visa Application Centres in Thailand, please see: www.vfsglobal.com/Australia/Thailand	

How much will this visa cost?

There is a charge for this application. This will not be refunded if your application is unsuccessful, or if you decide to withdraw your application after you have lodged it.

VFS Global will charge fees for biometrics collection in addition to the scheduled fee charged by the Australian Government for visa applications.

For Australian Government fees, see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-pricing-estimator>

For VFS Global fees, see: www.vfsglobal.com/Australia/Thailand

How long will it take?

Global visa and citizenship processing times will be updated monthly, providing you with an indicative timeframe for processing applications. Processing times are impacted each month by changes in application volumes, seasonal peaks, complex cases, and incomplete applications. Processing times include applications lodged online and by paper.

For current processing times, please visit: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times>

Please note that we are unable to provide any updates on the progress of your application if it is within the global processing time.

Do not make arrangements to travel to Australia until you are advised in writing that you have been granted a visa. We are unable to expedite visa applications on the grounds of pre-booked travel commitments.

Should I provide original documents?

Do not provide original documents unless specifically requested. You should provide 'certified copies' of original documentation. Documents not in English must be accompanied by accredited English translations. 'Certified copies' are copies authorised, or stamped as being true copies of originals, by a person or agency recognised by the law of the country in which you currently reside.

For further information on certifying translating documents see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/on-paper/certified-copy>

What if my circumstances change after I lodge my visa?

If there are any changes in your circumstances following lodgement of your application, you are obliged to inform us about them. You may use Form 1022 Notification of Changes in Circumstances for this purpose.

What will help me get my application processed faster?

You should ensure you lodge a complete application with all relevant information and supporting documents. A decision on your application may be made without further requests for information.

Note: the Visa Application Charge (and any other associated service fees) will not be refunded if a decision is made to refuse to grant the visa because you did not satisfy the criteria for grant of the visa.

Do I need to have a health examination?

Generally, applicants for this visa are not required to have a medical examination. A medical may be requested if you:

- are likely to enter a hospital or health care area, including nursing homes, for any purpose
- are over the age of 75
- present any indications you may not meet the health requirement
- wish to stay in Australia for 6 months or more.

The Department uses an online health system to record your health examination results and conduct your health assessment. Generally, medical examinations can be conducted only after a visa application has been validly lodged with the Embassy. After the application is lodged, the case officer will provide you with a "Health Assessment" letter (by email, mail or fax). The Panel Physician will need to see this letter as part of the medical examination process and you should take the letter with you when you go to the Panel Physician for your examination.

Medical examinations must be undertaken by a doctor from a list of approved doctors provided by the Department of Home Affairs. A list of these doctors is on the Department's website: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations/list>.

Do I need to provide police clearances?

You may be requested to provide police clearances, depending on your circumstances. If requested, applicants need to provide police clearance certificate(s) from every country the applicants (if aged 16 years and over) have resided in for a total of 12 months or more during the last 10 years. For instructions on obtaining a certificate from an overseas government or law enforcement authority, refer to the relevant country information on our website: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/contact-us/offices-and-locations/list>.

If you are required to provide an Australian police clearance certificate, you must complete the Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Police Check application form which is available at the AFP National Police Checks page on the AFP website: <https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks>.

About your visa

We electronically record all visas issued to non-citizens providing them permission to travel, enter and/or remain in Australia. The Australian Government does not provide visa labels.

When you receive your Australian visa you are issued with a visa grant notification letter that explains the conditions of your visa including period of validity and entry requirements. You should retain this for your own reference and may wish to carry it with you when you travel as it contains important information about your visa. The information contained within the visa grant notification letter will help you check your visa details online using the Department's Visa Entitlement Verification Online service, known as [VEVO](#).

Can I ask another person to deal with the Department on my behalf?

Australian privacy law prevents the Department from responding to enquiries from people not authorised by the visa applicant. This includes the person providing support to the application. If you want to authorise another person to be able to discuss your application with this office, or receive correspondence about your application, you must do so in writing. If you have not advised of an authorised recipient appointment in your visa application form you can:

- Submit a completed Form 956 or 956A which **must be** signed by the both applicant and authorised person, or,
- Advise the Department in writing (for example, by email or letter) and include the name and address of the authorised recipient.

For further information on appointment an authorised recipient visit: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview>

For more information on appointing a Migration Agent visit: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/using-a-migration-agent>

Application Document Checklist

You must provide all relevant documents when you apply. Some documents could take time to obtain. You should have them ready and submit them when you apply. We can make a decision using the information you provide when you lodge your application. It is in your interest to provide as much information as possible with your application.

This application document checklist details the information and supporting documents (personal, health and character) required to assist with the lodgement of a complete application.

You may also need to provide additional information if the Department requests it.

If you lodged online, you should submit (upload) additional documentation online via your ImmiAccount. To attach documents to your application, please login to your ImmiAccount, find the application details page and click on the Attach Document button on the right hand side of the screen. **The maximum size for each file you attach is 5MB.** Additional information regarding the attachment process can be found here: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/applying-online-or-on-paper/online>

Checklist

- Online application form for a Temporary Activity (subclass 408) visa.
 - For anyone included in the application who is 18 years of age or older and is not your partner: Form 47A - *Details of child or other dependent family member aged 18 years or over.*
- Visa Application Charge.
- A clear photocopy of your passport biodata page (the page with your photo), along with all stamped pages in your passport. Your passport should be valid for the total period of your stay in Australia, or for a minimum of 6 months
- One recent passport sized photograph (45mmx35mm), no more than six months old, of you this should be of the head and shoulders only against a plain background. Print your name on the back of your photograph.
- Copy of your National Identification Card
- Evidence of family (copy of House Registration Certificate, family book or similar), employment and other ties to your country of usual residence
- Evidence that you have adequate fund or access to adequate funds to support yourself, (and any family members travelling with you) during the period of intended stay, for example, a current bankbook, bank statement or a letter of financial support from your employer.

Participating in a cultural or social event

- Letter of invitation from the inviting organisation in Australia that includes the event name, the dates of the event, your role or duties, and the role of the inviting organisation in the event.
- If you are applying as an amateur sports participant or assisting an amateur participant or team: your invitation to the event including this information.

Applicants under 18 years of age

Where children under 18 years of age intend to travel to Australia, their non-accompanying parent(s) or person(s) with parental responsibility (anyone who can lawfully determine where the child/children is/are to live) may be required to sign a consent form to give permission for the child/children to be granted an Australian visa for the purpose of travel to stay temporarily or permanently in Australia. If one parent, or person(s) with parental responsibility, has lawfully been made solely responsible for making decisions as to where the child/children is/are to live, then only that parent or person needs to sign the consent form.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-listing/forms/1229.pdf>.

Applicants may need to provide:

- Form 1229 to be completed by both parents (or persons with parental responsibility), with evidence of their signatures (ie bio-data pages of passport or other document containing evidence of their signature).
- If Form 1229 cannot be signed by both parents (or persons with parental responsibility), the following should be included:
 - Evidence of sole custody, or permission from the relevant court authority permitting removal of the child from Thailand or Laos for example:
 - A court order from Thailand or Laos permitting the removal of the child, or
 - A Por Kor 14 covering the custodial circumstances of the applicant, or
 - Death certificate, or
 - Divorce certificate with memorandum covering the custodial circumstances of the applicant.

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