



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and
Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Application for a Working Holiday visa

Form

1150

Please Note: any reference in this form to 'country' refers to 'foreign country' which is defined in paragraph 22(1) (f) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* as any country (whether or not an independent sovereign state) outside Australia and the external Territories.

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, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (HKSAR), Finland, the Republic of Cyprus, France, Italy and Taiwan. An arrangement with Estonia will come into effect in early 2005.

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 3 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, the Republic of Ireland, France, Italy and Belgium can apply at any Australian Government office outside Australia. Most Working Holidaymaker-eligible passport holders are able to apply for a Working Holiday visa anywhere outside Australia. Applicants who hold a valid passport from Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malta, Germany and the Republic of Cyprus, must apply in the country of their passport. Taiwanese and the HKSAR passport holders (including British National Overseas passport holders) must apply in Taiwan and Hong Kong respectively.

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.

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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.

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 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 and Ireland)
www.ahc-ottawa.org	(Canada)
www.austgov.fr	(France and Belgium)
www.italy.embassy.gov.au	(Italy)
www.australia.or.jp	(Japan)
www.australia.or.kr	(Korea)
www.australian-embassy.de	(Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Norway, Sweden and Finland)
www.australia.org.hk	(HKSAR)
www.australia.org.tw	(Taiwan)
dima-malta@dfat.gov.au	(Malta)
dima-the_hague@dfat.gov.au	(Netherlands)
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.

Authorisation of a person to receive written communications

You may authorise another person to receive all written communications about your application with DIMIA. That person will be known as your authorised recipient. To do this you will need to complete **Part D Options for receiving written communications** and **Part E Authorised recipient details** in this form. The authorised recipient will need to sign at **Part F**. You can only appoint one authorised recipient at any time. DIMIA will communicate with the most recently appointed authorised recipient.

DIMIA is required under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* to send to your authorised recipient any written communications relating to your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. DIMIA will only send to your authorised recipient information which you are entitled to receive.

If you decide to change the authorised recipient that you have nominated after you have lodged your application, you must promptly advise DIMIA in writing of the details of that person. You may use form 1231 *Appointment of authorised recipient* for this purpose.

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Authorisation of a migration agent to act on your behalf

If you have a migration agent acting on your behalf in relation to your application you need to complete **Part D Options for receiving written communications** and **Part G Migration agent details**. The migration agent will need to sign at **Part H**.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising DIMIA to send to that agent any written communication about your application that would otherwise have been sent to you.

You will be taken to have received any documents sent to that agent as if they had been sent to you.

When you provide details of the migration agent please make sure you give the agent's 7-digit migration agent registration number (MARN) and the agent's full name.

If you change your migration agent or end his/her appointment after you have lodged this application you must promptly advise DIMIA by using form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent*, which is available on the DIMIA website or from your migration agent. You should also notify the agent of this, preferably in writing.

Appointing a migration agent to act on your behalf includes authorising DIMIA to:

- discuss your application with your agent and seek further information via your agent; and
- send to your agent any written communication about your application that would otherwise have been sent to you. This means your migration agent will be your authorised recipient for written communication under section 494D of the *Migration Act 1958* and you will be taken to have received any documents sent to the migration agent as if they were sent to you.

DIMIA will communicate with your agent about your application, including your personal information such as health, police checks, financial viability and personal relationships. If your agent authorises it, this communication may take place by e-mail. DIMIA will only send to your agent information which you are entitled to receive.

In some situations DIMIA staff will need to speak with you directly, rather than your migration agent, for example, if you are applying for a visa DIMIA may interview you about your personal circumstances relevant to the visa application. In some situations DIMIA staff will also send documents to you directly (such as your passport) instead of sending these to your agent, but will inform your agent that it has done so.

If you have appointed a migration agent to act for you, you are still responsible for the accuracy of information and supporting documentation that you provide to your agent so that your agent can provide it to DIMIA.

Using a migration agent

You are not required to use a migration agent. However, if you intend to use a migration agent you are advised to use a registered migration agent.

Under Australian law, anyone who uses knowledge of migration procedures to offer immigration assistance to a person wishing to obtain a visa to enter or remain in Australia must be registered.

A list of registered migration agents is available from the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) website www.themara.com.au

You can contact the MARA at:

PO Box Q1551
QVB NSW 1230
AUSTRALIA

Phone: 61 2 9299 5446

Facsimile: 61 2 9299 8448

Email: themara@themara.com.au

Registered migration agents are bound by the Migration Agents 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 should contact the MARA. You can also download a copy of the complaint form from the MARA website.

Using an agent exempted from registration

Only registered migration agents can provide 'immigration assistance' for a fee or gift. However, certain people, such as officials, parliamentarians, diplomats, are able to provide immigration assistance as exempted agents so long as they do not receive a fee or gift.

If you wish to appoint an exempted agent you must complete form 956 *Appointment of migration agent or exempted agent* and attach it to this application form.

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.

About the information you give

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 eligibility for a visa to migrate to Australia.

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.

Relevant information about you will be disclosed to Federal, State and Territory police to assist in your location and possible detention in the event that you become an unlawful non-citizen. You will become an unlawful non-citizen if your visa ceases (by cancellation for breach of visa condition for example) or expires and you do not hold another visa authorising you to remain in Australia.

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure by DIMIA of the information you provide in this form is governed by the *Privacy Act 1988* and, in particular, by the 11 Information Privacy Principles. The information form 993i *Safeguarding your personal information*, available from DIMIA offices, gives details of agencies to which your personal information might be disclosed.

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.

DIMIA has authority under the *Migration Act 1958* to collect a range of personal identifiers from non-citizens, including visa applicants, in certain circumstances. For more detailed information you should read information form 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which is available from the DIMIA website <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/index.htm>

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* also relates to your personal information. Under this Act you can apply for access to documents containing your personal information. You or someone authorised to access information on your behalf can apply to do this at any DIMIA office in Australia. There is no fee for accessing your own information. If you are overseas, you must also provide the Australian mission overseas with an address in Australia to which copies of personal records can be sent. More information on how to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act is given on the form 424 *Request for access to documents*.

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

Home page **www.immi.gov.au**

DIMIA enquiry line Telephone **131 881** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This number is available only in Australia. If you are outside Australia, please contact your nearest Australian mission.

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

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Part A – 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

5 Place of birth

Town/city

Country

6 Marital Status

7 Details from your passport

Passport number

Country of passport

Date of issue

Date of expiry

Issuing authority/
Place of issue as
shown in your
passport

8 Identity number (if applicable). For example, national identity card, social security card.

9 Usual occupation

10 Qualifications

11 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

12 Address for correspondence

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

POSTCODE

13 Your telephone numbers

Office hours

After hours

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

No Yes Give details

Facsimile number

E-mail address

15 Do you have any dependent children?

No Yes

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

No Yes Give details

Name

Place of application

Visa label number

Or, if granted a visa without a label, please provide the 13-digit visa grant number, as shown on the letter notifying the applicant of the grant of the visa.

Visa grant number

Date of entry to Australia

17 Date of proposed travel

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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18 Have you provided evidence (eg. bank statement or savings book) of sufficient funds for the initial period of your stay in Australia?
No Yes

19 What type of employment do you intend to seek?

Part B – Health details

20 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

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Country(s)

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Date From

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Name

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21 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.

22 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

23 During your proposed stay in Australia, do you have, or 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
• any other health concerns
No
Yes Please give full details

24 Do you require assistance with mobility and/or care?
No
Yes Give details of the care/mobility concerns that apply to you and how they are addressed.

25 Do you intend performing medical/dental/nursing procedures (eg. as a practising/trainee doctor, dentist, nurse etc.) during your stay in Australia?
No
Yes Give details of medical/dental/nursing procedures you may be involved with in Australia.

26 Do you hold health insurance to cover your stay in Australia?
No
Yes

Part F – Authorised recipient consent

31 As the authorised recipient 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

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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E-mail address

32 Signature of authorised recipient

Date

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Part G – Migration agent details

33 Provide the details requested below about the migration agent who is authorised to act on your behalf and to receive all written communications about this application.

Migration Agent Registration Number (MARN)

7 DIGITS						
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Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

Given names

Business or company name

Postal address

POSTCODE

Telephone number or daytime contact

Office hours

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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Mobile phone

Part H – Migration agent consent

34 As the migration agent 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

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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E-mail address

35 I understand and accept that I am the person appointed by the applicant to receive all written communications and act as his/her migration agent.

Signature of migration agent

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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Part I – Declaration

36 I declare that:

- the information on this form is correct;
- I have read the notes at the front of this application, and am aware of the conditions that will apply to my visa and that I am required to abide by them;
- I have not previously entered Australia as the holder of a working holiday visa (on a passport of any country);
- any employment is incidental to my holiday in Australia and the purpose of working is to supplement my holiday funds;
- I will not undertake employment for more than 3 months with one employer.

Signature of applicant 1

Date

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Signature of applicant 2

Date

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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