

Please note that there are important changes that came into effect on 19 November 2016

To find the most appropriate visa for the activity you plan to undertake in Australia, you may wish to use the department's [Visa Finder](#)

**Temporary Work - Highly Specialised stream (sub class 400) visa and
Temporary Activity – Invited Participant (sub class 408) visas**

These visas can ONLY be lodged ONLINE. The embassy cannot accept paper applications lodged after 19 November 2016

Who can apply for a short stay Temporary Work – Highly Specialised stream (Subclass 400) visa

A short stay Temporary visa – Highly Specialised stream (Subclass 400) is for people who want to travel to Australia to do short-term, highly specialised, non-ongoing work or activity at the invitation of an Australian organisation. A stay period of up to three months is allowed.

You can apply for a Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) visa (subclass 400) in the Highly Specialised stream if you are, for example:

- a specialist / contractor invited for a short-term activity or work
- journalists and media persons to cover specific events, **not** taking part in a production to be shown to or intended for an Australian audience.
- Sports teams of national level taking part in competitions
- a 'nanny' employed by an overseas family and accompanying underage child/ren

To apply for Subclass 400 visa in Highly Specialised stream, you must be able to show that:

- you have personal attributes or an employment background relevant to the work or activity
- you have the support of the organisation which invited you to Australia
- you will not study a course in Australia that leads to a formal qualification

Who can apply for a short stay Temporary Activity – Invited Participant stream (Subclass 408) visa

You can apply for a Temporary Activity – Invited Participant stream (Subclass 408) visa if you are, for example:

- a person participating in non-sporting competitions
- a sports person participating in specific short-term events (for example, a tennis player participating at the Australian Open)
- persons directly supporting sport persons/team, such as: managers, medical staff and coaches.
- persons integral to the event, such as: referees, officials, umpires.
- a public lecturer
- a specialist giving master classes
- Sports teams of national level taking part in competitions may also apply for Subclass 400 visa in the Highly Specialised stream.

Examples of the types of events can include workshops, master classes, sporting events, competitions (not necessarily sporting), conferences and religious gatherings.

You can also apply for this visa to:

- direct, produce or have any other role in a production (concert, film, festival etc) that **will not be shown** in Australia
- come to Australia for a promotional activity, for example:
 - an actor visiting Australia for a red carpet premiere
 - a rock band in Australia for a promotional tour but no performances.

A stay period of up to three months is allowed.

If you intend to undertake workplace-based training, you can apply for the [Training \(Class GF\) \(subclass 407\)](#).

If you intend to perform as an entertainer in Australia, or direct, produce or take any other part in a production that will be **shown, broadcast or performed in Australia** (including theatre, film, television, radio, concert or a recording). You can apply for the [Temporary Activity visa \(subclass 408\) in the Entertainment stream](#) if you want to come to Australia to do these activities.

For further information about these visas, including more information on who can apply and the visa conditions, see the information on the website of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) www.border.gov.au to determine which type of visa class you should apply for.